Using Brain Science Theory to Analyze the Unity between Language Input and Output: Methodology Improvement Substantiation

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Introduction. Based on the brain science theory of “how people learn” and in order to modernize the methodology of psycholinguistic research, this research used documentary analysis and addressed the standpoint that the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model can be subsumed into or superimposed on the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, and vice versa. Meanwhile, the phase of language input and output is analyzed on the basis of the two Models above. In the end, some implications arise so as to provide reference for prospective researchers and practitioners in psycholinguistics.

The aim of the study. The 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model are both widely applied, so a deliberate literature review to clarify the integration and the unity between them is conducted that expects to make some theoretical references inspired by the unity available to a wide range of linguistic teaching design and learning performance evaluation. The authors argue that the references interconnect teaching design and learning performance evaluation in light of language input and output and therefore help linguistic teachers/trainers with a whole and valid scheme at the very beginning of student learning, and this is the unity that also corresponds to Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick’s standpoint: «The end is the beginning».

Research methods. The study was conducted using the semantic differential scaling and the method of documentary analysis.

Results. A combination of brain science theory and Fractal Information Theory has verified initially how the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model subsume and superimpose in terms of the theoretical framework, i.e., the unity between a teaching theory and a learning performance evaluation theory. Such integration not only originates from the inherent unity verified by a thoughtful literature review but also receives theoretical support from interdisciplinary studies. Meanwhile, this integration is intertwined with language input and output in a psycholinguistic/neurolinguistic manner.

Conclusions. A primary investigation using brain science theory and other theories to analyze the integration between the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model shows the unity between both models. This investigation led to achieving the purpose of the study: modernizing the methodology of psycholinguistic research. With implementing the components/stages of language input and output as this article proposed, it is expected to be promising in extending and applying both models theoretically and practically in linguistics and other relevant areas in the future. As it comes to studies, it is recommended that the two Models be connected to analyze more teaching models and/or learning performance evaluation models for unity, inquire performance evaluation in collaborations with scenarios in practice, or even associate other disciplines under the implementation of Fractal Information Theory. A possible suggestion for psycholinguistic researchers is to design curricular and lessons based on the Unified Models (Figure 1 & 2) proposed in this study and evaluate instructional efficacy and student learning performance. Another potential research direction is to use each quadrant of the Unified Models and analyze related components in more specific language input and output phases: listening, reading, speaking, writing, and even smaller components in the four types of language.
skills. As it comes to practice, especially in psycholinguistics and/or other relevant disciplines, the key to apply the two target Models simultaneously depends on how to regulate respective quadrants/levels pro rata as well as the wholeness between them to simultaneously achieve «dynamic equilibrium» in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and «The end is the beginning» in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model.

**Key words:** psycholinguistics, brain theory, teaching, performance assessment, 4MAT, Kirkpatrick, language constructs, input/output.

**Introduction**

To achieve the purpose of the study, this article will incorporate the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model with the phase of language input and output into two Unified Models so as to modernize the methodology of psycholinguistic research.

Following the 4MAT System which classifies and defines various learning styles of learners by blending interdisciplinary theories of brain science, neurology, education, administration and psychology (Lin, 2016a; McCarthy, 1980, 2000), the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model advocates the emotional, mental and physical aspects as the fundamental components of teaching and learning through fractal theory along with the information processing paths in the brain (Caviness, 2007), and employs the concept of how people learn to enhance learning performance in the course of instruction (Czyż & Svyrydenko, 2019; Kalat, 2013; Lin, 2013, 2016a; Sousa, 2011a; Watson et al., 2019; Wolfe, 2010; Zull, 2002). The Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model – Reaction (Level 1), Learning (Level 2), Behavior (Level 3), and Results (Level 4) is the most acknowledgeable scale to assess performance after learning/training given to students/trainees which advocates that every and each teacher/trainer with efficacy should evaluate all of the activities in the course of teaching/training for effective learning performance evaluation (Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019; Sim, 2017).

Firstly, the study deliberately focuses on the two theories, the Caviness 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (Caviness, 2007) and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019), and elaborates their
Definitions of the Models and Theoretical Frameworks

In order to modernize the methodology of psycholinguistic research, the two target models implemented for analysis in this article are first introduced in this section before defining language input and output, followed by a description of Fractal Information Theory (FIT) used as the carrier of the two target models and the phase of language input and output.

1. 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model

The primary theoretical source of the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model is the 4MAT System (Caviness, 2007; Lin, 2013, 2016a; McCarthy, 2000). On the basis of Kolb’s concepts of the structure of learning, i.e., his Experiential Learning Model (Watson et al., 2019), the McCarthy 4MAT System employs the concepts of plane geometry to classify how one learns into 4 quadrants:

Quadrant one (Q1) as «the highly imaginative student who favors feeling and reflecting,» Quadrant two (Q2) as «the analytic student who favors reflecting and thinking,» Quadrant three (Q3) as
From the common-sense learner who favors thinking and doing» and Quadrant four (Q4) as «the dynamic learner who favors creating and acting» (Lin, 2013: 32; Lin, 2016a: 5; McCarthy, 1997: 46–48; McCarthy, 2000).

A combination of the McCarthy 4MAT System and the clockwise information processing direction in the brain (Zull, 2002) made by Caviness (2007) contributing to her teaching/learning steps of Q1–Q4 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model expects to give teachers of any field a foundation of brain science theory with regard to instructional activity design (Lin, 2016a). Q1 is the emotional aspect of learning that corresponds to the sensory integration zone (starting from the somatosensory cortex) in charge of information processing in the cerebral cortex; Q2 is the mental aspect of learning that corresponds to the conceptual integration zone (mainly the prefrontal cortex) in charge of information processing in the cerebral cortex; Q3 is the physical aspect of learning that corresponds to the motor integration zone (the motor cortex sends commands to the body) in charge of information processing in the cerebral cortex (Caviness, 2001, 2007; Lin, 2013, 2016a; Zull, 2002). Q4 is service learning that contributes learning results to others and is the end fruit of the whole brain (Caviness, 2007; Lin, 2013, 2016a). The 4 quadrants are stated as follows:

Quadrant 1: the Emotional aspect values the connection between what has been known and what is to be known for a learner with the importance of the incoming information explicitly defined, i.e., the meaning of that learning (Caviness, 2007). According to the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Models by Caviness (2007) and Lin (2013), the latter of whom names Q1 the Affective aspect, the authors also name Q1 the Affective aspect, or Affect (Lin, 2013, 2016a).

Quadrant 2: the Mental aspect values the content of learning. In such phase, it is common for a teacher to teach information in a one-way manner (Caviness, 2007). Following the Lin 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (2013), the authors also name Q2 the Cognitive aspect, or Cognition (Lin, 2013, 2016a).

Quadrant 3: the Physical aspect highlights drills of skills and explicit performance of what is learnt in reality (Caviness, 2007). In accordance with the Lin 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (2013), the authors also name Q3 the Behavioral aspect, or Behavior (Lin, 2013, 2016a).
The learning aspects subsumed by Q1, Q2 and Q3 are supported by other theories that agree to the affective, cognitive and skill-based types of learning results. As it comes to the discipline of organizational communication, the Inventory of Change in Organizational Culture classifies reaction to change into the affective, cognitive and behavioral respects (Driskill, 2019).

Quadrant 4: the Service Learning aspect in the Caviness 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model pinpoints how a learner conducts personal extension and application of what is learnt, conveys what has been learnt to others, and contributes to others (Caviness, 2007). This is named by Caviness «Disequilibrium» and by Lin «Balance & Disequilibration» equivalent to «dynamic equilibrium» or «disequilibrated equilibrium» respectively (Lin, 2013, 2016a).

2. Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model

The Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model published by Kirkpatrick in 1959 with Levels 1–4, Level 1: Reaction, Level 2: Learning, Level 3: Behavior, and Level 4: Results, is the most adopted evaluation model for the official training institutions acknowledged officially by the United States (United States, 2008) while some paper pinpoints its application to the education discipline as well (Reio et al., 2017).

Each level of the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model interlinks closely where each has its unique impact on the next inevitably (Hsiao, 2010). The authors annotate Levels 1–4 of the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model specifically as follows (Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019):

Level 1: Reaction

Reaction refers to how a learner perceives the course attended in person, i.e., the personal satisfaction or preference level. The evaluation core of Level 1 covers multiple respects including but not limited to the overall curriculum structure of teaching/training, the quality of the teacher, the anchors (goal anchoring), the theme arrangement, the content setting, the timeline planning, the instructional skills/techniques, the teaching hardware (instruments/materials), the ambient hardware (environment/equipment), administration/management and miscellaneous backup (administrative support); however, in this phase,
merely how a learner senses learning is inspected but how the content is comprehended or mastered remains unevaluated (Chen et al., 2012; Huang & Hsieh, 2011).

Level 2: Learning

Level 2 essentially evaluates how a student or a trainee performs in terms of the affective, cognitive and skill-based aspects where the affective results include attitude and motivation, the cognitive results include knowledge and strategies and the skill-based results include technique and operation; however, in this phase, merely how a learner performs after learning is inspected but how the content learnt is used remains unevaluated (Chen et al., 2012).

Level 3: Behavior

In accordance with Huang & Hsieh (2011), Level 3 evaluates how a student/trainee enhances any competence or behavior materially after attending the course with the following questions reviewed:

«Can their transfer of learning appear out of the evaluated teaching process? Can their attitude, knowledge or skills acquired in this Level be used in real life? Can their behavior be improved out of the evaluated learning process?».

It requires adequate time given to a learner for behavioral change (Huang & Hsieh, 2011; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006); however, in this phase, merely how a learner performs personally after learning is inspected but how individuals perform in non-individual circumstances (organizations/groups) remains unevaluated and this is to be evaluated in Level 4.

Level 4: Results

Level 4 evaluates the following questions:

«Can a learner acquire the attitude, skills and knowledge (Level 2) out of the learning process? Can Level 2 result in behavioral change (Level 3)? Can a learner perform for the organization (not for oneself)?» (Chen et al., 2012)

According to Hsiao (2010), a positive correlation between each evaluation level and its complexity is proven, so the higher the evaluation level is, the more complexity it has. Additionally, as aforementioned in Level 3, it requires adequate time given to a learner for significant performance (Chen et al., 2012).
3. Language Input and Output

Language input includes listening and reading, and language output entails speaking and writing (Sousa, 2011b). Language input processes in the following pathway:

«(acoustic/visual) analysis and decoding,» «(phonological/orthographic) coding,» «(auditory/visual) word form activated,» «lexicon recognizing word,» «syntactic and semantic networks activated,» and finally «concept formation» (Gazzaniga et al., 2002; Sousa, 2011b: 21–22, 89).

4. Fractal Information Theory (FIT) as the Carrier of How the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, and Language Input and Output Inter-Subsume

Fractal Information Theory (FIT) has the features as follows fitted to be the carrier to how the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, and language input and output inter-subsume (Agrawal et al., 2018; Caviness, 2007; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Sousa, 2011b). A fractal, geometrically a subset of a topology similar or identical to the original, appears the same even at different levels. Its conception means the unlimited replication or extension of self-similarity. As for its application, it can connect theories or make levels with similarities or identical conceptions correspond, subsume or superimpose (Agrawal et al., 2018; Caviness, 2001, 2007; Lin, 2016a).

Caviness (2001, 2007) employs Fractal Information Theory to relate different human learning levels. With a triangle as the architecture for the components to inter-subsume, Levels 1–3 of Learning, Parts 1–3 in Neuron, Parts 1–3 in Brain, and Parts 1–3 of Mankind are inter-imposed to form a successive expanding multi-triad. The aspects of the Caviness triad of learning are specified below (Caviness, 2007; Lin, 2013, 2016a; Kalat, 2013; Sousa, 2011a; Wolfe, 2010; Zull, 2002):

(a) Affective/Emotional: Dendrite in Neuron (the sensory integration zone at the neuron level) in charge of receiving information, Limbic system in Brain (in charge of emotions in the sensory integration zone at the brain level) and Heart of Mankind.

(b) Cognitive/Mental: Soma in Neuron (the conceptual integration zone at the neuron level) in charge of conveying information
or not, Cortex in Brain (the conceptual integration zone at the brain level), and Brain of Mankind.
(c) Behavioral/Physical: Axon in Neuron (the motor integration zone at the neuron level), Brain Stem in Brain (the motor integration zone at the brain level), and Body of Mankind.

Caviness (2007) relates the key components in Mankind, Brain and Neuron that interconnect in terms of their meanings: Heart (Affect), Brain (Cognition) and Body (Behavior) in Mankind; Limbic System (Affect), Cortex (Cognition) and Brain Stem (Behavior) in Brain; and Dendrite (Affect), Soma (Cognition) and Axon (Behavior) in Neuron (Lin, 2016a). As aforementioned in the nature of fractals, the fractal conception can be applicable for Mankind, Brain and Neuron as well: Mankind, Brain and Neuron identical to fractals appear the same even at different levels (Caviness, 2001, 2007; Lin, 2013, 2016a).

With Neuron, Brain and Mankind that conceptually interconnect and correspond, it is suitable to employ Fractal Information Theory as the carrier to explicate how the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, and language input and output mutually inter-subsume and inter-superimpose is adequate: (1) Affect in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model inter-corresponds to Reaction in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model and to the initial and major stages of language input (affective/sensory input, inclusive of listening and reading) processing before concept formation, (2) Cognition in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model inter-corresponds to Learning in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model and to mental concept formation of language input processing, which prepares to output language (cognitive process), and (3) Behavior in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model inter-corresponds to Behavior in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model and to language output: speaking and writing (behavioral skills in language performance). Consequently, the authors utilize Fractal Information Theory as the carrier of how the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, and language input and output inter-subsume in this study (Lin, 2016b; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Sousa, 2011b).
Using Brain Science Theory and Fractal Information Theory to Analyze How the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, and Language Input and Output Inter-Subsume and Inter-Superimpose: Unity and Wholeness

1. How Quadrants 1–4 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model Correspond to Levels 1–4 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model and to Language Input and Output.

There are four components in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (4 quadrants and 4 levels), so the authors adopt a quadriad to make them subsume and superimpose using brain science theory and Fractal Information Theory and manages to make each quadrant in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model connect with and correspond to each level in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Mode. Meanwhile, the concepts of language input and language output can superimposed on the two Models as all of them inter-subsume. The procedure is as follows (Caviness, 2007, Lin, 2013, 2016a, 2016b; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Sousa, 2011b):

(a) Q1 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model/Level 1 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (Sensory Integration teaching phase/learning phase/learning performance evaluation phase):

Quadrant 1: Affect in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model corresponds to Level 1 Reaction in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (Lin, 2016a, 2016b; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007). Reaction values how a learner senses affectively and thus corresponds to Affect. Evaluation of Reaction includes the methods of interviews, opinion sheets, or questionnaires that examine «Satisfaction» and «If learning motivates or interests the trainees» (Hsiao, 2010: 4; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006). «Satisfaction» is Affect in Q1 and Reaction in Level 1. The concept «If learning motivates or interests the trainees» connects with curiosity and intrinsic motivation of Q1 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (Caviness, 2007; Hsiao, 2010: 4).

With regard to learning in general, sensory (auditory/visual) input drives emotion (Caviness, 2001, 2007; Kalat, 2013, Lin, 2013), and therefore the initial and major stages of language input
processing (before concept formation) can be categorized into Quadrant 1/Level 1 (Sousa, 2011b). Delving deeper, «Emotion drives attention and attention drives learning» (Sylwester, 1995: 72). This corresponds to Affect valued by Q1 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model. An attentive learner results from curiosity aroused by the learning process (Caviness, 2007), agreed by Lin (2013) as well. Later, «Relevance» and «Engagement» are added to Reaction (Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019). Relevance conceptually corresponds to what is subsumed by Q1 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model: A learner connects what is known and comprehends the importance of what is to be known and its relatedness (Caviness, 2007). Engagement conceptually connects with curiosity as Arnone, Small, Chauncey and McKenna (Arnone et al., 2011) identify Curiosity as mutualism between Interest and Engagement. As far as learning is concerned, language input shares the same affective components, Interest and Engagement, in the process of language learning.

(b) Q2 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model/Level 2 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (Conceptual Integration teaching phase/learning phase/learning performance evaluation phase):

Quadrant 2: Cognition in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model that values learning and gaining of knowledge and conception in terms of the affective, cognitive and skill-based aspects corresponds to Level 2 Learning in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model and to mental concept formation of language input processing, which prepares to output language (Lin, 2016a, 2016b; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Sousa, 2011b). Learning covers personal enhancement in terms of the affective, cognitive and skill-based aspects for learners (Chen et al., 2012). This is a presentation of Fractal Information Theory: Replication of the components covered by Q1–Q3 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model identified in Level 2 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model. Evaluation of Learning includes the methods of the observational method, simulation practice, pretest and posttest sheets, or questionnaires (Hsiao, 2010) that evaluate attitude, knowledge and skills and conceptually corresponds to Q2 (What?) in the Caviness 4MAT Teaching and Learning...
Model (Caviness, 2007, p. 25). The three-aspected components of teaching and learning above are honored and can be applied in the process of language teaching and learning as in language learning mental concept formation is connected to the affective, cognitive and skill-based aspects as well (Sousa, 2011b).

(c) Q3 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model/Level 3 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (Behavioral Integration teaching phase/learning phase/learning performance evaluation phase):

Quadrant 3: Behavior in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model corresponds to Level 3 Behavior in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model and to language output: speaking and writing in this study (Lin, 2016a, 2016b; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Sousa, 2011). Behavior values personal behavioral change and thus corresponds to Q3 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model: Use what is learnt with explicit behavior. Evaluation of Behavior includes the methods of the observational method, questionnaires, focus group, and experimental comparison (Chen et al., 2012; Hsiao, 2010). Implementation includes action plans and competency testing that identify transfer of learning and this corresponds to the emphasis of Skill-based in Q3 in compliance with the question asked by Q3 (How?) in the Caviness 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (Caviness, 2007, p. 25). The skill-based emphasis can be directly linked to teaching and/or learning speaking and writing (language output) as behavioral skills in language education/performance.

It requires the following 4 Terms that exist simultaneously for behavioral change by learning (Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006): Term 1, a learner is in the right mood; Term 2, a learner is fond of change; Term 3, a learner is inspired; and Term 4, a learner is aware of what to do and how to do. Given that, how Level 3 Behavior in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model corresponds to Q1–Q3 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model is stated as follows: Term 1 corresponds to Q1, i.e., the ambient setting that is good enough and assures positive affection, as is connected to sensory input in language teaching and learning; Term 2 corresponds to intrinsic motivation valued by Q1; Terms 3 corresponds to extrinsic motivation valued by Q2 & Q3 and returns
to affect and intrinsic motivation in Q1; and Term 4 corresponds to «What?», which is connected to concept formation in language teaching and learning, and «How?», which is connected to language output in language teaching and learning, subsumed by Q2 & Q3, respectively (Caviness, 2007: 25; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006; Lin, 2013, 2016a). Consequently, this is a presentation of Fractal Information Theory indeed: Replication of Q1–Q3 (Affect, Cognition and Behavior) both in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and in the phase of language input and output is subsumed conceptually in Level 3 Behavior in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model.

(d) Q4 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model/Level 4 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (Whole Integration teaching phase/learning phase/learning performance evaluation phase):

Quadrant 4: Service Learning in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model that values personal application and contribution to others (Caviness, 2007) corresponds to Level 4 Results in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model: A person performs for a group (organization), and to the whole integration of language input and output in language education (Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019; Lin, 2016a, 2016b; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Sousa, 2011b). Evaluation of Results includes the methods of questionnaires, experimental comparison and pretest and posttest comparison that examine personal performance for organizations/groups (Chen et al., 2012).

Service Learning is specifically elaborated:

«as the learner moves focus away from intake for personal improvement and toward output for the benefit of others, mutual benefit occurs – among teacher, student, and class members» (Caviness, 2007: 26).

Caviness also indicates that Q4 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model receives the least attention during learning in particular. Within all Levels in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, Level 4 Results is the most challenging to attain (Hsiao, 2010). The concept that
“Each Level in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model is sequential and each impacts the next” (Hsiao, 2010: 3)

is identical to brain science theory in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model since the sequential order of Q1–Q4 equals to the information processing procedure in the brain and thus refers to priority intrinsically given as it comes to time and inherent logic. The processing of language input and output follows the same manner (Caviness, 2007; Zull 2002; Sousa, 2011b).

The figure of how the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model and Language Input and Output correspond with Fractal Information Theory as the carrier is Figure 1.

Q4: Integration of Language Input and Output

Q1: Major Stages of Language Input

Q2: Language Input to Output (Concept Formation)

Q3: Language Output

Figure 1. Diagram of how the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model integrate (Agrawal et al., 2018; Caviness, 2001; Caviness, 2007: 25; Gazzaniga et al., 2002; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019; Lin, 2013: 33; Lin, 2016a: 10; Lin, 2016b; McCarthy, 2000; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Sousa, 2011a, 2011b; Zull, 2002)
2. Application of Dynamic Equilibrium (Disequilibrated Equilibrium) to the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, and Language Input and Output

Effective teaching requires balance between 4 quadrants in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and intrinsic and extrinsic motivation simultaneously (Caviness, 2007). That is, each matters the same (Lin, 2016a). A combination of such concept and the correlation between the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model shows that equilibrated Levels 1–4 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model are also required and each matters the same. Similarly, the four quadrants of language input and output shown in Figure 1 can be considered and implemented in this manner.

Caviness (2007) points out that a creature needs disequilibrium or remains non-stagnated for sustainability. Glasser (1986) identifies the co-existence pro rata of and the interdependence across «feeling» (affect), «thought» (cognition), «action» (behavior), and «physiological activity» for mankind, which forms our wholeness. This is dynamic equilibrium in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (Caviness, 2007; Glasser, 1986: 45; Lin, 2013; Lin, 2016a: 15).

The aforementioned perspective of Glasser (1986) corresponds to Q1–Q3 integrated as Q4 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (Caviness, 2007). Levels 1–3 eventually lead to Level 4 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model as well – and so are the 4 language input and output stages (Chen et al., 2012; Sousa, 2011b). In the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, Caviness pinpoints that Q4 values dynamic equilibrium across the components in Q1–Q3 (Caviness, 2007). Level 4 Results in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model also covers the components in Levels 1–3 pro rata: Any person performs for any organization with a learning/training activity given specifically must undergo Level 1: perception of such activity, Level 2: enhancement of the attitude, knowledge or skills due to such procedure, and Level 3: personal behavioral change by such activity (Chen et al., 2012). As identified by Kirkpatrick and Kirkpatrick (2006, 2011, 2019), every and each linguistic training/learning activity requires the design, exercise and performance evaluation aspects that interlink to and/or
interconnect with Levels 1–4 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model. This is also a presentation of Fractal Information Theory and Glasser’s perspective: Each learning activity or any teaching procedure covers tacit conceptions of the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model a.k.a. replication of a self-similar quadriad (Caviness, 2007; Glasser, 1986; Lin, 2013, 2016a, 2016b; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007). White (1903) defines education as "True education ... is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers" (Lin, 2016a: 8; White, 1903: 3) and this definition values wholeness of the affective (spiritual), cognitive (mental) and behavioral (physical) aspects as well (Bazaluk & Blazhevych, 2015). A combination of Fractal Information Theory, education defined by White, and the 4 components advocated by Glasser a.k.a. feeling (affect), thinking (cognition), acting (behavior) and physiology that forms the dynamic equilibrium dependence assertion evidences the importance of dynamic equilibrium between/among the components of any system. This also supports the wholeness and the unity between the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model in terms of affect, cognition and behavior and in terms of language input and output stages.

3. Wholeness of Integration Between the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model and Inter-Subsumption among the Two Models and Language Input and Output.

Pursuant to Lin (2013), how Q1–Q3 in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (Caviness, 2007) correspond to social learning theory (Derry, 2013), cognitive development theory (Hanfstingl et al., 2019) and behaviorism (Baum, 2016), respectively, is stated as follows (Lin, 2016a). In accordance with the theoretical foundation aforementioned, the three theories correspond to Levels 1–3 in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model as well. In other words, Level 1 Reaction in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model subsumes social learning theory (Derry, 2013) and thus corresponds to the Heart of mankind, the Limbic System in the brain and Dendrites in the neuron, and then to the initial and major stages of language input; Level 2 Learning subsumes
cognitive development theory (Hanfstingl et al., 2019) and thus corresponds to the Brain of mankind, the Cortex in the brain and the Soma in the neuron, and then to the stage of language input to output (concept formation); Level 3 Behavior subsumes behaviorism (Baum, 2016) and thus corresponds to the Body of mankind, the Brain Stem in the brain and the Axon in the neuron, and then to language output (Baum, 2016; Caviness, 2007; Derry, 2013; Lin, 2013, 2016a, 2016b; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Sousa, 2011b). Additionally, how brain processes information, how Levels 1–4 develop, and how language input/output processes are alike and their final outcomes are performed extrinsically equivalent to Service Learning and Results (Perform) in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, respectively (Caviness, 2007; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019) (Fig. 2).

A deliberate literature review in the preceding paragraphs has identified the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model with the theoretical foundation of learning performance evaluation as well as the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model with the foundation of teaching design, with implementing into the two Models the components/stages of language input and output. How they inter-subsume and integrate each other not only conforms to interconnectedness (the unity across all) in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model using Fractal Information Theory and brain science theory but also corresponds to the oneness between teaching evaluation and teaching design a.k.a. the core idea valued by Kirkpatrick and Kirkpatrick (Caviness, 2007; Lin, 2016a, 2016b; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019).

Conclusions and Suggestions

The 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model published around 40 years ago has the theoretical source of the 4MAT System and its application to teaching has been widely studied and receives the interdisciplinary theoretical foundation including brain science (Caviness, 2007; Lin, 2013, 2016a; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007). The Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model was published 60 years ago and its wide application to learning performance evaluation has been proven as well (Chen et al., 2012; Hsiao, 2010; Huang &
Given that, a combination of brain science theory and Fractal Information Theory has verified initially how the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model subsume and superimpose in terms of the theoretical framework, i.e., the unity between a teaching theory and a learning performance evaluation theory. Such integration not only originates from the inherent unity verified by a thoughtful literature review but also receives theoretical support from interdisciplinary studies. Meanwhile, this integration is intertwined with language input and output in a psycholinguistic/neurolinguistic manner.

Q4: Integration of Language

Q1: Major Stages of Language Input and Output

Figure 2. Wholeness of how the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model, the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model, social learning theory/cognitive development theory/behaviorism, and language input and output inter-subsume and inter-superimpose (Agrawal et al., 2018; Caviness, 2001; Caviness, 2007: 25; Gazzaniga et al., 2002; Glasser, 1986; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2006; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011, 2019; Kalat, 2013; Lin, 2013: 33; Lin, 2016a: 10; Lin, 2016b: 3; McCarthy, 2000; McCarthy & O’Neill-Blackwell, 2007; Baum, 2016; Sousa, 2011a, 2011b; Derry, 2013; Wolfe, 2010; Zull, 2002).
A primary investigation using brain science theory and other theories to analyze the integration between the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model shows the unity between both models. This investigation led to achieving the purpose of the study: modernizing the methodology of psycholinguistic research. With implementing the components/stages of language input and output as this article proposed, it is expected to be promising in extending and applying both models theoretically and practically in linguistics and other relevant areas in the future. As it comes to studies, it is recommended that the two Models be connected to analyze more teaching models and/or learning performance evaluation models for unity, inquire performance evaluation in collaborations with scenarios in practice, or even associate other disciplines under the implementation of Fractal Information Theory (Lin, 2016b). A possible suggestion for psycholinguistic researchers is to design curricular and lessons based on the Unified Models (Figure 1 and 2) proposed in this study and evaluate instructional efficacy and student learning performance. Another potential research direction is to use each quadrant of the Unified Models and analyze related components in more specific language input and output phases: listening, reading, speaking, writing, and even smaller components in the four types of language skills.

As it comes to practice, especially in psycholinguistics and/or other relevant disciplines, the key to apply the two target Models simultaneously depends on how to regulate respective quadrants/levels pro rata as well as the wholeness between them to simultaneously achieve «dynamic equilibrium» in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and «The end is the beginning» in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (Caviness, 2007; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011: 60; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2019; Lin, 2013, 2016a, 2016b).

«Dynamic equilibrium» in the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model (Caviness, 2007; Lin, 2013, 2016a) and «The end is the beginning» in the Kirkpatrick Four-Level Evaluation Model (Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2011: 60; Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick, 2019) as well as the unity between them in particular can be identified as the important reference to the conception of teaching design and learning performance evaluation in psycholinguistics (Aish & Hanna, 2017). The long-term interdisciplinary studies associated therewith and the inter-subsuming contents thereof evidence the 4MAT Teaching and Learning Model and the Kirkpatrick
Four-Level Evaluation Model with reliability and validity as applied to teaching and learning performance evaluation. The authors suggest simultaneous application to more teaching links such as the aspects of curriculum design, teaching design and learning performance evaluation and expects future studies to identify their performance in psycholinguistic and/or other relevant areas.

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Використання теорії системної роботи мозку для аналізу…


АНОТАЦІЯ
Мета дослідження. Модель викладання й вивчення 4МАТ і чотирьохрівнева еволюційна модель Киркпатріка широко застосовуються в сучасній освіті. У статті автори роблять комаративний огляд літератури з метою уточнення інтеграції та єдності між ними, а також для окремих теоретичних розвідок, які дозволяють переосмислити широкий діапазон дизайну лінгвістичного навчання й оцінки результатів навчання. Автори стверджують, що між дизайнм викладання і оціною ефективності навчання в світлі мовних конструкцій введення / виведення існує єдність, яка допомагає викладачам / тренерам лінгвістики використовувати холістичну й дієву схему на початку навчання студентів. Ця єдність, також відповідає принципу Дж. Киркпатріка і В. Киркпатріка: «Кінець є початком».

Методики дослідження. Дослідження проводилося з використанням багатомірного шкалювання при обробці даних методу семантичного диференціала, а також методу документального аналізу.

Результати. Комбінація теорії системної роботи мозку та теорії фрактальної інформації на початковій стадії підтвердила, що модель викладання й навчання 4МАТ і чотирьохрівнева модель оцінки Киркпатріка об’єднуються і накладаються одна на одну з точки зору теоретичних засад, тобто єдність між теорією викладання і теорією оцінки ефективності навчання. Така інтеграція бере свій початок не тільки від внутрішньої єдності, що підтверджується компаративним оглядом літератури, а й отримує теоретичну підтримку в міждисциплінарних дослідженнях. До того ж, ця інтеграція тісно пов’язана з мовними конструкціями введення / виведення у психологічному / нейролінгвістичному розумінні.

Висновки. Первинне дослідження з використанням теорії системної роботи мозку та інших теорій для аналізу інтеграції між моделлю викладання і навчання 4МАТ і чотирьохрівневої оціночної моделлю Киркпатріка засвідчує єдність обох моделей. Це дослідження підтвердило мету написання статті – модернізація методології психологічною системної роботи мозку. Оцінюється, що реалізація компонентів / етапів мовних конструкцій введення / виведення, які пропонуються авторами в статті, в майбутньому розширить застосування обох моделей у теоретичній і практичній лінгвістиці та інших відповідних галузях. Що стосується навчання, автори рекомендують поєднувати дві моделі для аналізу більшої кількості моделей навчання та / або моделей оцінки ефективності навчання на предмет єдності, запиту оцінки ефективності

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навчання у взаємодії з практикою, або навіть зв’язати інші дисципліни в рамках імплементації фрактальної теорії інформації. Можливою пропозицією для дослідників у галузі психолінгвістики є розробка навчальних програм і уроків на засадах уніфікованих моделей (рис. 1 і 2), запропонованих у цьому дослідженні, а також оцінки ефективності навчання й успішності учнів. Іншим потенційним напрямком дослідження є використання кожного квадранта уніфікованих моделей і аналіз відповідних компонентів у більш специфічних мовних конструкціях введення / виведення в різних видах мовленневої діяльності (аудіювання, читання, говоріння, письмо). Що стоїться практики, особливо в психолінгвістиці то / або інших відповідних галузях знань, то ключ до одночасного застосування двох цільових моделей залежить від того, наскільки пропорційно регулювати відповідні квадранти / рівні, а також від цілісності між ними для одночасного досягнення «динамічної рівноваги» в моделі викладання і навчання 4MAT і «Кінець є початок» в чотиримірневій моделі оцінки Киркпатріка.

Ключові слова: психолінгвістика, теорія мозку, викладання, оцінка успішності, 4MAT, Кіркпатрік, мовні конструкції, введення / виведення.

Лин Я-Вей & Базалук Олег. Іспользование теории системной работы мозга для анализа единства между языковыми конструкциями ввода/вывода: обоснование улучшения методологии

АНОТАЦИЯ

Цель исследования. Модель преподавания и изучения 4MAT и четырехуровневая эволюционная модель Киркпатрика широко применяются в современном образовании. В статье авторы делают компаративный обзор литературы с целью уточнения интеграции и единства между ними, а также для отдельных теоретических разводок, которые позволяют переосмыслить широкий диапазон дизайна лингвистического обучения и оценки результатов обучения. Авторы утверждают, что между дизайном преподавания и оценкой эффективности обучения в свете языковых конструкций ввода/вывода существует единство, которое помогает преподавателям/тренерам лингвистики использовать холистичную и действенную схему на начальном этапе обучения студентов. Это единство также соответствует принципу Дж. Киркпатрика и В. Киркпатрик: «Конец есть начало».

Методики исследования. Исследование проводилось с использованием многоцелевого шкалирования при обработке данных метода семантического дифференциала, а также метода документального анализа.

Результаты. Комбинация теории системной работы мозга и теории фрактальной информации на начальной стадии обучения студентов подтвердила, что модель преподавания и обучения 4MAT и четырехуровневая модель оценки Киркпатрика объединяются и накладываются друг на друга с точки зрения теоретической основы, т.е. образуется единство между теорией преподавания и теорией оценки эффективности обучения. Такая
интеграция берет свое начало не только от внутреннего единства, которое подтверждается компаративным обзором литературы, но и получает теоретическую поддержку в междисциплинарных исследованиях. К тому же эта интеграция тесно связана с языковыми конструкциями ввода/вывода в психолингвистическом/нейролингвистическом понимании.

Выводы. Первичное исследование с использованием теории системной работы мозга и других теорий для анализа интеграции между моделью преподавания и обучения 4MAT и четырехуровневой оценочной моделью Киркпатрика утверждает единство обеих моделей. Это исследование привело к достижению цели написания статьи — модернизация методологии психолингвистического исследования. Ожидается, что реализация компонентов/этапов языковых конструкций ввода/вывода, которые предлагаются авторами в статье, в будущем расширят и применение обеих моделей в теоретической и практической лингвистике и других соответствующих областях. Что касается обучения, авторы рекомендуют соединить две модели для анализа большего количества моделей обучения и/или моделей оценки эффективности обучения на предмет единства, запроса оценки эффективности обучения во взаимодействии с практикой, или даже связать другие дисциплины в рамках имплементации фрактальной теории информации. Возможным предложением для исследователей в области психолингвистики является разработка учебных программ и уроков на основе унифицированных моделей (рис. 1 и 2), предложенных в этом исследовании, и оценка эффективности обучения и успеваемости учащихся. Другим потенциальным направлением исследований является использование каждого квадранта унифицированных моделей и анализ соответствующих компонентов в более специфических языковых конструкциях ввода/вывода (в разных видах речевой деятельности — аудирование, чтение, говорение, письмо). Что касается практики, особенно в психолингвистике и/или других соответствующих областей знаний, то ключ к одновременному применению двух целевых моделей зависит от того, насколько пропорционально регулировать соответствующие квадранты/уровни, а также от целостности между ними для одновременного достижения «динамического равновесия» в модели преподавания и обучения 4MAT и «Конец есть начало» в четырехуровневой модели оценки Киркпатрика.

Ключевые слова: психолингвистика, теория мозга, преподавание, оценка успеваемости, 4MAT, Киркпатрик, языковые конструкции, ввод/вывод.