

Discussion and Interpretation

4.1 Major Findings

The results indicate a significant correlation between study hours and academic performance among undergraduate students. Consistent with prior research, increased effort was generally associated with higher achievement levels. Interestingly, self-reported motivation appeared to moderate this relationship.

4.2 Interpretation of Data

These findings suggest that while dedicating more time to study is beneficial, individual motivation enhances the effectiveness of study practices. The data support the notion that both quantitative (hours) and qualitative (motivation) elements contribute to performance outcomes.

Furthermore, the observed patterns challenge certain prior assumptions regarding diminished returns on excessive study, as our sample did not display significant performance plateaus at higher study ranges.

4.3 Comparison with Previous Studies

Compared to previous studies (Smith, 2021; Lee & Carter, 2022), our results reaffirm the positive link between effort and outcome but highlight the unique role of intrinsic motivation. This offers a nuanced perspective, emphasizing that motivation acts not just as a mediator, but as a potential catalyst in academic success.

4.4 Implications and Recommendations

Educational strategies should thus incorporate motivational enhancement, not only focusing on study hours but also fostering intrinsic interest among students. Interventions might include goal-setting workshops and personalized feedback systems.

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