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Curriculum-Gated Adaptive Learning Platforms

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Educational platforms traditionally advance students by time (semesters) or completion (finishing assignments). Curriculum-gated adaptive learning advances students by demonstrated mastery, using the architecture's cognitive domain fields to govern learning pace, content exposure, and assessment depth. Students progress when they demonstrate genuine understanding, not when they have simply spent time.

What It Is

Curriculum-gated learning applies the architecture's skill gating framework to educational content. Each curriculum unit has mastery gates that must be passed before the next unit is accessible. The gates evaluate genuine understanding through multimodal assessment rather than rote completion. Cognitive domain fields track the learner's confidence, engagement, and knowledge trajectory to optimize pacing.

Why It Matters

Time-based progression produces students who advance without mastery, accumulating gaps that compound over time. Completion-based progression rewards effort over understanding. Mastery-gated progression ensures that each learning unit builds on a foundation of genuine understanding of prior units, producing more robust knowledge structures.

How It Works

The learner's cognitive state is modeled through domain fields that track confidence in specific knowledge domains, engagement patterns that indicate effective learning, and knowledge trajectory that predicts readiness for new content. The curriculum engine uses these fields to select appropriate content, adjust difficulty, and determine when mastery gates should be evaluated.

Mastery evaluation is multimodal: not just test scores but demonstrated application, teaching-back ability, and transfer to novel contexts.

What It Enables

Curriculum-gated learning enables educational platforms that adapt to each learner's genuine capability and pace. Fast learners progress rapidly through mastered content. Struggling learners receive additional support and alternative explanations without being advanced prematurely. The result is a learning experience tailored to actual understanding rather than assumed readiness.

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Same primitives. Different domains. One architecture.

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