

Thesis Title	Developing Mathayom Suksa 4 Instructional Model on Conic Section	
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to develop instructional model on conic section with helping students to construct concepts of conic section by themselves and able to translate between graphical form and equational form. The subjects of this research were 24 students from Mathayom Suksa 4/1 at Samoengpittayakom school, Chiang Mai. The researcher employed Kemmis and McTaggart action research method. The study was conducted during the second semester of the academic year 2003 and involved with 10 action research cycles. The research instruments included lesson plans emphasizing on helping the students to gain concepts of circle, ellipse, hyperbola and parabola at the same time. Of this, based on the concepts of constructing conic section on real plane, the researcher introduced the concepts of conic section with center or vertex that was set at the original point by constructing the conic section on rectangular coordinates. After that, the researcher moved to the concepts of conic section with center or vertex that was set at (h, k) by translating points. Finally, the concepts of conic section with general equation was presented. The students were assigned to practice before working on exercise problems. Data were collected by observing, interviewing, checking students' exercises and testing, reading the students' journals and recording problem and obstacles of daily teaching.

The following were the results of this study;

Generally, students were able to construct concepts of conic section and to translate between graphical and equational form. Most of them were able to describe the concepts of circle. Some of them were able to explain the concepts of ellipse, hyperbola. Few of them were able to recognize the concepts of parabola. Focusing on translation between graphical and equational form, the pattern of amount of the students who were able to translate between the different forms were the same as above. Regarding to general equation of conic section, most students showed better understanding of circle and parabola than ellipse and hyperbola.