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Pre knowledge of physics 1 students on vectors

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The purpose of this study was to investigate the pre-knowledge of the Physics I students on vectors. The study was conducted on 234 Physics I students from the University of Limpopo (Medunsa campus). The sample was divided into four groups, where the first group ($n = 119$) did their grade 12 in 2010, the second group ($n = 46$) did their grade 12 prior 2010, the third group ($n = 42$) did Foundation Physics in 2010 and the fourth group ($n = 27$) were those repeating Physics I. An ex post facto research design was chosen for the study whereby all the groups were given a vector test at the beginning. The test was divided into three questions, testing definitions, classifications, drawing and interpretations of graphs. Results showed a less difference between average percentage of the groups whereby the group before 2010 (47.4

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