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Meaning and Scope of Educational Research

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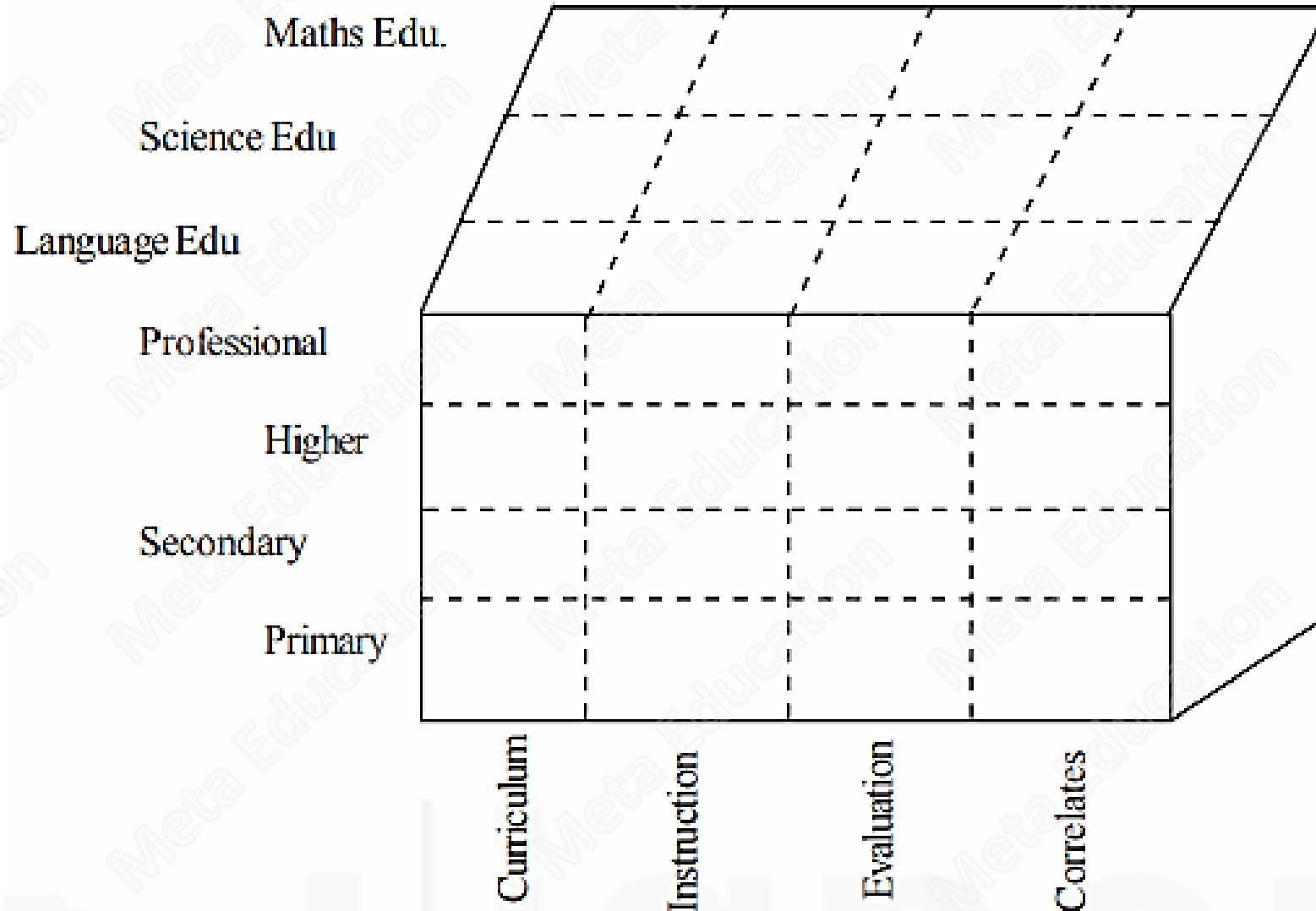
What is Educational Research ?

- Educational research is the way in which one acquires dependable and useful information about the **educational process**.
- Its goal is to discover general principles or interpretations of behavior to explain, predict and control events in educational situations.
- W. M. Travers (1969) defines educational research as “an activity directed towards the development of an organized body of scientific knowledge about the events with which educators are concerned”.
- According to Harris (1960) “Educational research is any systematic striving towards understanding, on perceiving a certain complex educational problem of more than immediate personal concern and stated in a problematic form”.

Scope of Educational Research

- Education is an **interdisciplinary field of inquiry**.
- It has borrowed **concepts and theories from all disciplines**, like physics, biology, psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics etc.
- The **methodologies** used in educational research are also derived from several disciplines, e.g. systems analysis from biology, experimental designs from physical and natural sciences, observation and interviewing from anthropological sciences, testing from the discipline of psychology, and the like.

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Education Level

- Primary
- Secondary
- Higher
- Professional

Disciplines

- Science
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Languages
- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Political Science
- Economics
- Computer Science

Area

- Curriculum
- Evaluation
- Pedagogy
- Administration

Methodology

- Historical
- Descriptive
- Experimental
- Action Research

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