

# Konsep Pengembangan Sains dan Teknologi

06– Metoda Ilmiah

- The **scientific method** is a body of techniques for investigating phenomena, acquiring new knowledge, or correcting and integrating previous knowledge.
- To be termed scientific, a method of inquiry is commonly based on empirical or measurable evidence subject to specific principles of reasoning.
- The overall process of the scientific method involves making conjectures (hypotheses), deriving predictions from them as logical consequences,

# Beberapa pionir metoda ilmiah



**Aristotle**, 384 BCE – 322 BCE. "As regards his method, Aristotle is recognized as the inventor of scientific method because of his refined analysis of logical implications contained in demonstrative discourse, which goes well beyond natural logic and does not owe anything to the ones who philosophized before him." – Riccardo Pozzo<sup>[112]</sup>



**Roger Bacon** (c. 1214 – 1294) is sometimes credited as one of the earliest European advocates of the modern scientific method inspired by the works of Aristotle.<sup>[129]</sup>



**Ibn al-Haytham** (Alhazen), 965–1039 Iraq. The Muslim scholar who is considered by some to be the father of modern scientific methodology due to his emphasis on experimental data and reproducibility of its results.<sup>[9][10]</sup>



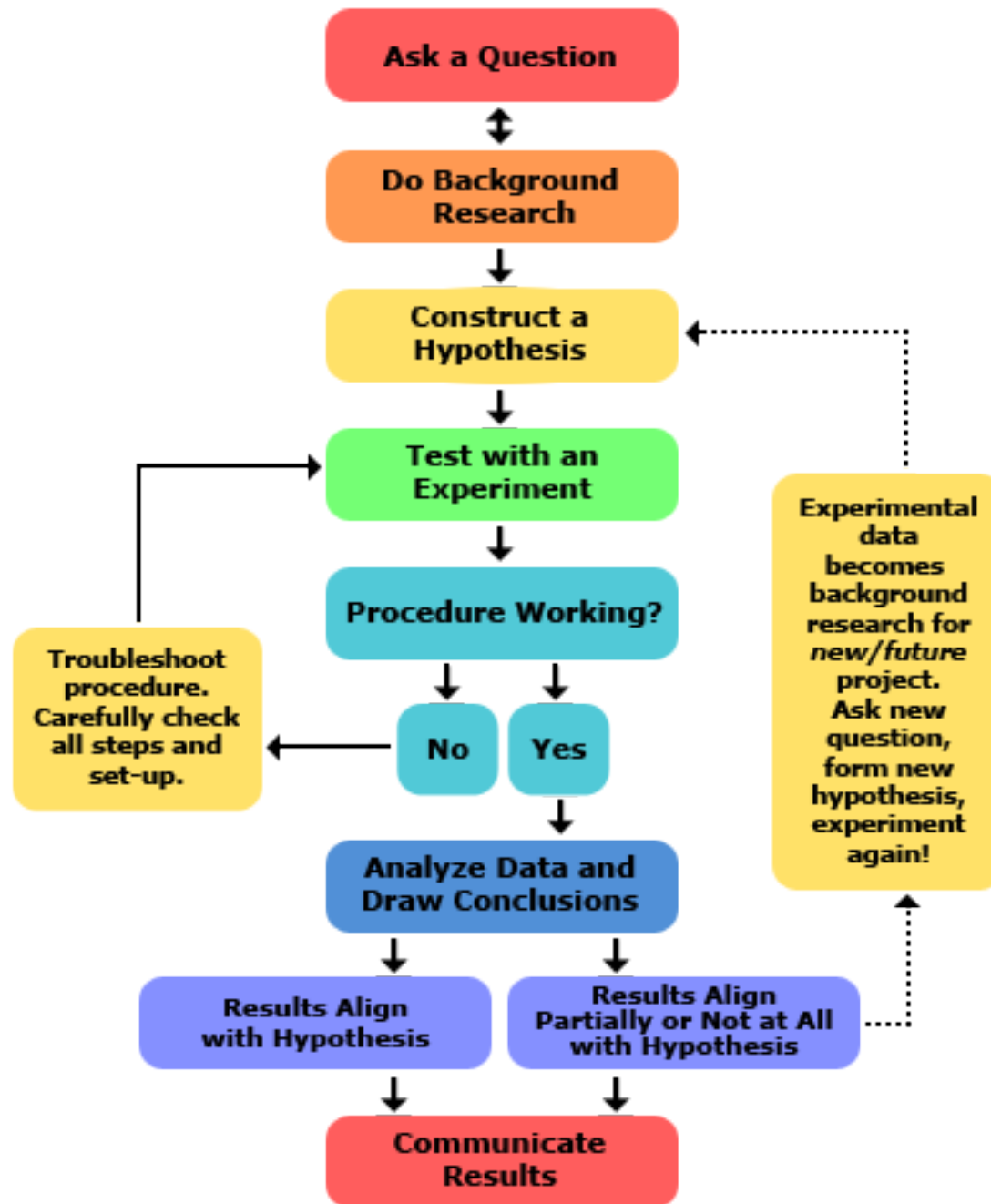
**Johannes Kepler** (1571–1630). "Kepler shows his keen logical sense in detailing the whole process by which he finally arrived at the true orbit. This is the greatest piece of Retroductive reasoning ever performed." – C. S. Peirce, c. 1896, on Kepler's reasoning through explanatory hypotheses<sup>[11]</sup>



According to Morris Kline,<sup>[12]</sup> "Modern science owes its present flourishing state to a new scientific method which was fashioned almost entirely by Galileo Galilei" (1564–1642). Dudley Shapere<sup>[13]</sup> takes a more measured view of Galileo's contribution.

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# Scientific Method



# Example: DNA (1/3)

- **Question:** Previous investigation of DNA had determined its chemical composition (the four nucleotides), the structure of each individual nucleotide, and other properties. It had been identified as the carrier of genetic information by the Avery–MacLeod–McCarty experiment in 1944, but the mechanism of how genetic information was stored in DNA was unclear.
- **Hypothesis:** Linus Pauling, Francis Crick and James D. Watson hypothesized that

# Example: DNA (2 / 3)

- **Prediction:** If DNA had a helical structure, its X-ray diffraction pattern would be X-shaped.

This prediction was determined using the mathematics of the helix transform, which had been derived by Cochran, Crick and Vand (and independently by Stokes). This prediction was a mathematical construct, completely independent from the biological problem at hand.

# Example: DNA (2/3)

- **Experiment:** Rosalind Franklin crystallized pure DNA and performed X-ray diffraction to produce photo 51. The results showed an X-shape.
- **Analysis:** When Watson saw the detailed diffraction pattern, he immediately recognized it as a helix. He and Crick then produced their model, using this information along with the previously known information about DNA's composition and about molecular



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# Steps of the Scientific Method





The **Scientific Method** involves a series of steps that are used to investigate a natural occurrence.





# Scientific Method

Problem/Question

Observation/Research

Formulate a Hypothesis

Experiment

Collect and Analyze Results

Conclusion

Communicate the Results

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## 1. Problem/Question:

Develop a question or problem that can be solved through experimentation.



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2. Observation/Research:  
Make observations and research your topic of interest.

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**Example:** If soil temperatures rise, then plant growth will increase.

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Results: Modify the procedure if needed.

Confirm the results by retesting.

Include tables, graphs, and photographs.

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6. Conclusion: Include a statement that accepts or rejects the hypothesis.

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Make recommendations for further study and possible improvements to the procedure.



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## 7. Communicate the Results:

Be prepared to present the project to an audience.

Expect questions from the audience.



Let's put our knowledge of the Scientific Method to a realistic example that includes some of the terms you'll be needing to use and understand.



# Problem/Question



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John watches his grandmother bake bread. He asks his grandmother what makes the bread rise.

She explains that yeast releases a gas as it feeds on sugar.



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John wonders if the amount of sugar used in the recipe will affect the size of the bread loaf?





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He keeps all of his information on this topic in a journal.





John talks with his teacher and she gives him a **Experimental Design Diagram** to help him set up his investigation.



# General Layout for an Experimental Design Diagram

## TITLE

The Effect of \_\_\_\_\_ (Independent Variable)  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (Dependent Variables)

## HYPOTHESIS

If \_\_\_\_\_ (planned change in independent variable),  
then \_\_\_\_\_ (predicted change in dependent variables).

## INDEPENDENT VARIABLE

\_\_\_\_\_

## LEVELS OF INDEPENDENT VARIABLE AND NUMBERS OF REPEATED TRIALS

Level 1 (Control)	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Number of trials	Number of trials	Number of trials	Number of trials

## DEPENDENT VARIABLE AND HOW MEASURED

\_\_\_\_\_

## CONSTANTS

1.

2.

3.

4.

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“If more sugar is added, then the bread will rise higher.”





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John is going to use 25g., 50g., 100g., 250g., 500g. of sugar in his experiment.





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In this case, it would be the size of the loaf of bread.

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She discusses with  
John how to  
determine the  
**control group**.





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Because his grandmother always used 50g. of sugar in her recipe, John is going to use that amount in his control group.

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John's teacher reminds him to keep all other factors the same so that any observed changes in the bread can be attributed to the variation in the amount of sugar.



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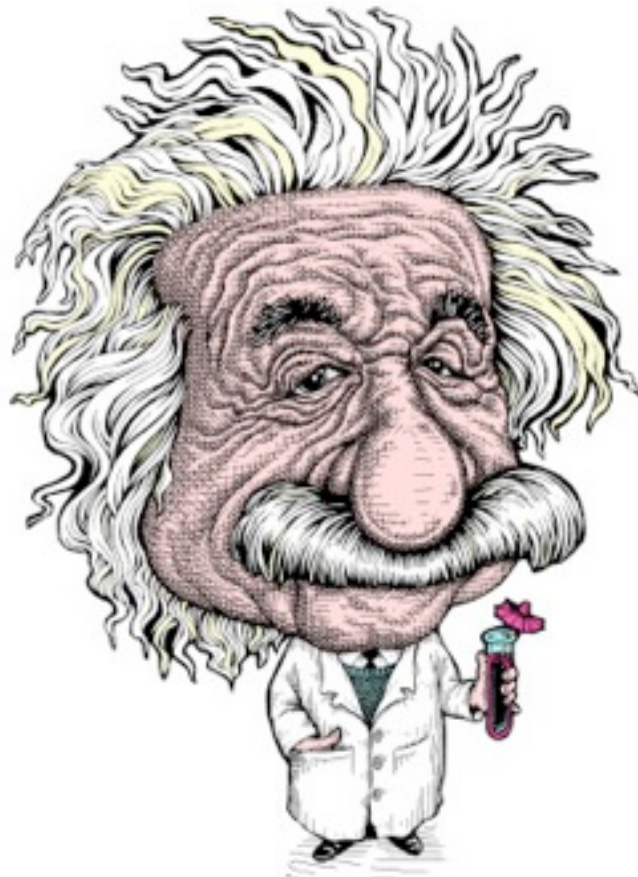


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The constants in an experiment are all the factors that the experimenter attempts to keep the same.



# Can you think of some constants for this experiment?



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Other ingredients to the bread recipe, oven used, rise time, brand of ingredients, cooking time, type of pan used, air temperature and humidity where the bread was rising, oven temperature, age of the yeast...



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John writes out his procedure for his experiment along with a materials list in his journal. He has both of these checked by his teacher where she checks for any safety concerns.



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John is going to test each sugar variable 3 times.



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# Size of Baked Bread (LxWxH) cm<sup>3</sup>

## Size of Bread Loaf (cm<sup>3</sup>)

### Trials

Amt. of Sugar (g.)	1	2	3	Average Size (cm <sup>3</sup> )
25	768	744	761	758
50 Control group	1296	1188	1296	1260
100	1188	1080	1080	1116
250	672	576	588	612
500	432	504	360	432

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John examines his data and notices that his control worked the best in this experiment, but not significantly better than 100g. of sugar.





# Conclusion



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John rejects his hypothesis, but decides to re-test using sugar amounts between 50g. and 100g.



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50 Control group	1296	1440	1296	1344
60	1404	1296	1440	1380
70	1638	1638	1560	1612
80	1404	1296	1296	1332
90	1080	1200	972	1084

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John finds that  
70g. of sugar  
produces the  
largest loaf.

His hypothesis is  
accepted.





# Communicate the Results



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John tells his grandmother about his findings and prepares to present his project in Science class.





**Observe your  
world and come  
up with a question  
to answer using the  
Scientific Method!**