

A THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK FOR GENDERED MATHEMATICAL IDENTITY

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[Introduction]

- Japanese girls are less confident than boys in mathematics (OECD, 2015).
- However, there is little research to comprehend the phenomena from gender perspectives in Japan.
- This poster focuses on the climates of mathematics classrooms in which a student's identity as a mathematics learner is developed, which I refer to as *mathematical identity*.

[Purpose] This poster aims to construct a theoretical framework for mathematical identity from gender perspectives.

[Literature Review & Theoretical Framework]

- The concept of mathematical identity has been defined *operationally* (Graven & Heyd-Metzuyanim, 2019).
- Some researchers argue that students' mathematical identities are *negotiated dynamically* (e.g., Hall, et al., 2018).
- The girls' beliefs and attitudes toward mathematics are found to be *gendered as a male domain* (e.g., Mendick, 2005).
- In a classroom, there are *implied sex roles*, and *stereotyped expectation-response relationships* within others. These "others" is resources to constructs one's gendered identity (Radovic, et al., 2017).
- This poster follow the model of Radovic, et al. (2017).
- To do so, I also pay attention to *teacher's influences* on students' identities through the instruction.
- Students' mathematical identities considerably depend on not only *peer's relationships*, but also *student-teacher's relationship* (Boaler, 2002).
- Students also have *figured themselves, a teacher and peers in classroom, and mathematics* from gender perspective (Radovic, et al., 2017; Mendick, 2005).

[Results & Discussion]

- I argue that *gendered mathematical identity* is supposed to have three elements; '*self*', '*others (a teacher and peers)*', and '*mathematics*', which are gendered. Then, girls get conflicts between *doing "math as a male domain" (= masculinity)* and *acting "me as a woman" (= femininity)*.
- These are all *interacting with each other complementarily*, even each of them are emerged respectively (Fig. 1.).

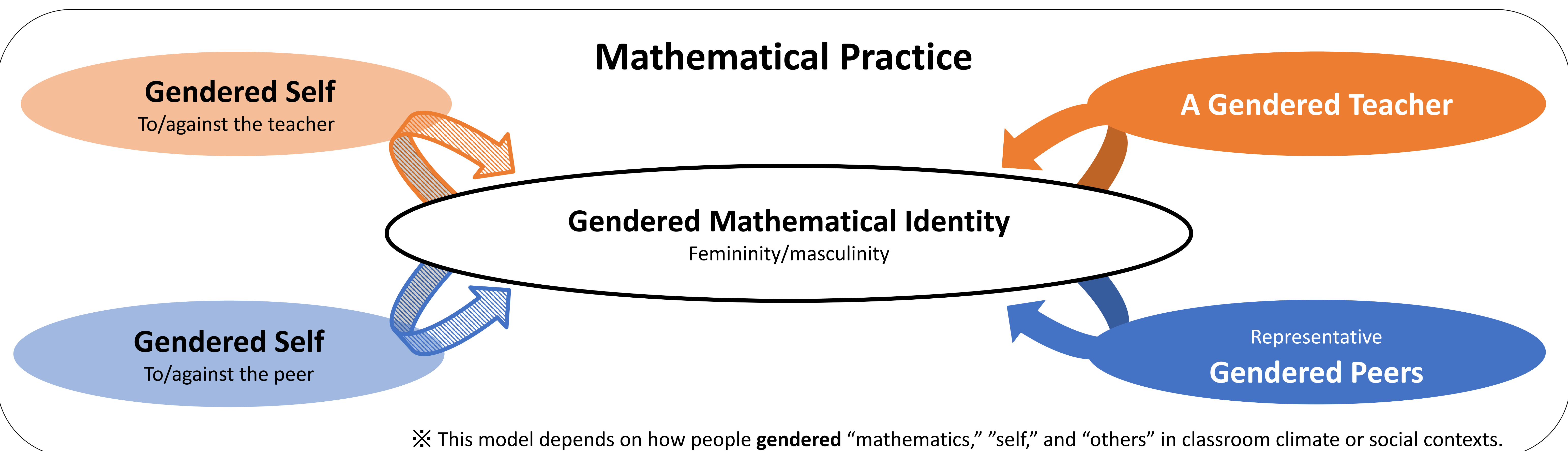


Fig. 1. The Structure of Gendered Mathematical Identities

- To consider the nature of math gendered (e.g., *doing math is doing masculinity*) through the relationships in mathematics classroom.
- To categorize a certain person in mathematical practice, what kinds of gendered character s/he has.
 - *S/he [Teacher] is a fe/male math teacher who has strong authority. (masculinity)*
 - *S/he [Peers] is a talented girl/boy at math. (masculinity)*
- To categorize own self in mathematical practice, what kinds of gendered character I have.
 - *I am a well-behaved learner. (femininity)*
 - *I have good skills to solve problems fast. (masculinity)*
- To recognize what the person think of me relating to gendered math.
 - *S/he [Teacher] may expect me as a compliant math learner. (femininity)*
 - *S/he [Peers] may recognize me as a math competitor. (masculinity)*
- To recognize what actually I think myself relating to gendered math to/against others.
 - *[To/Against Teacher] I follow her/his procedure to solve, but I can do it speedy and logically as men do. (femininity ⇌ masculinity)*
 - *[To/Against Peers] I need to understand them deeply with my friends because not as talented as her/him. (femininity ⇌ masculinity)*

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