

# OMDT: Online Mathematics Diagnostic Tool Report – 2019

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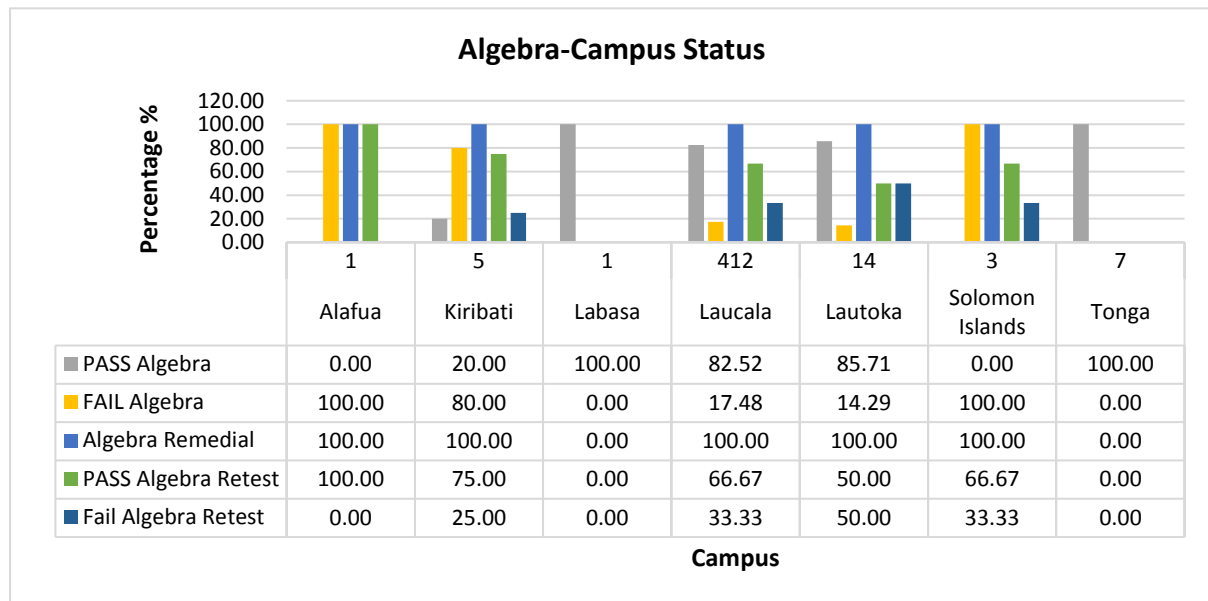
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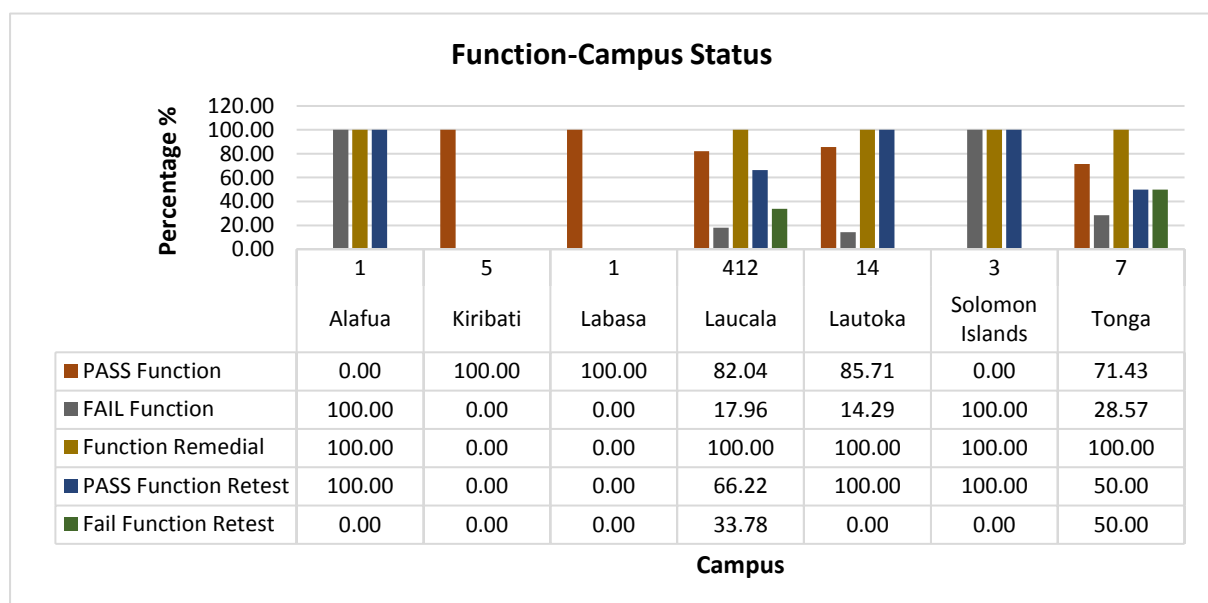
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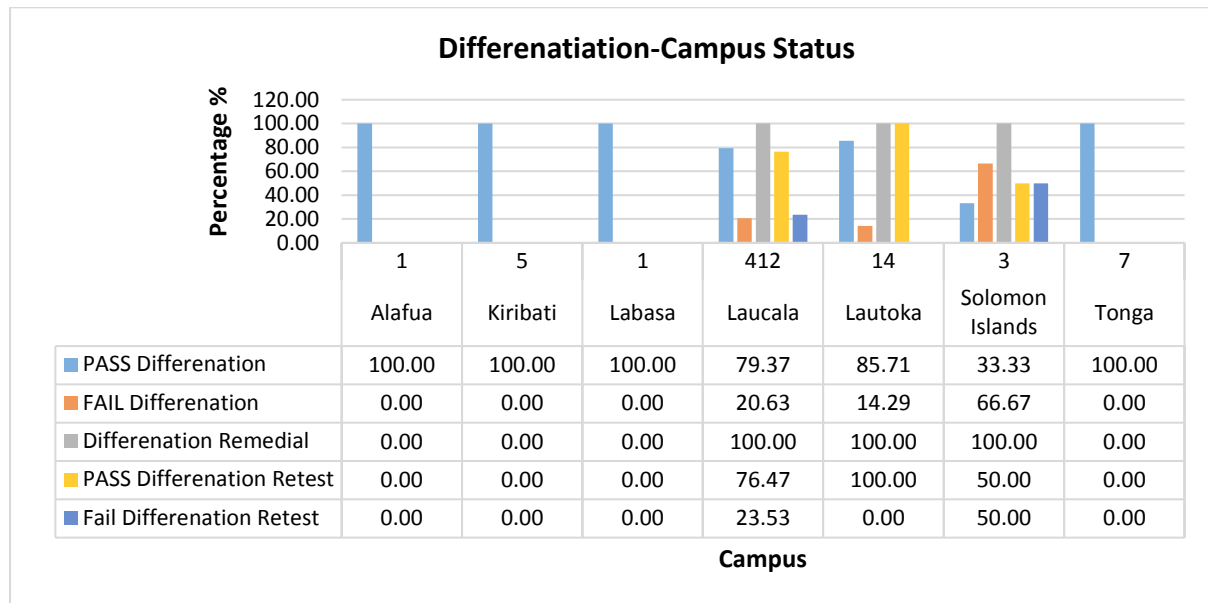
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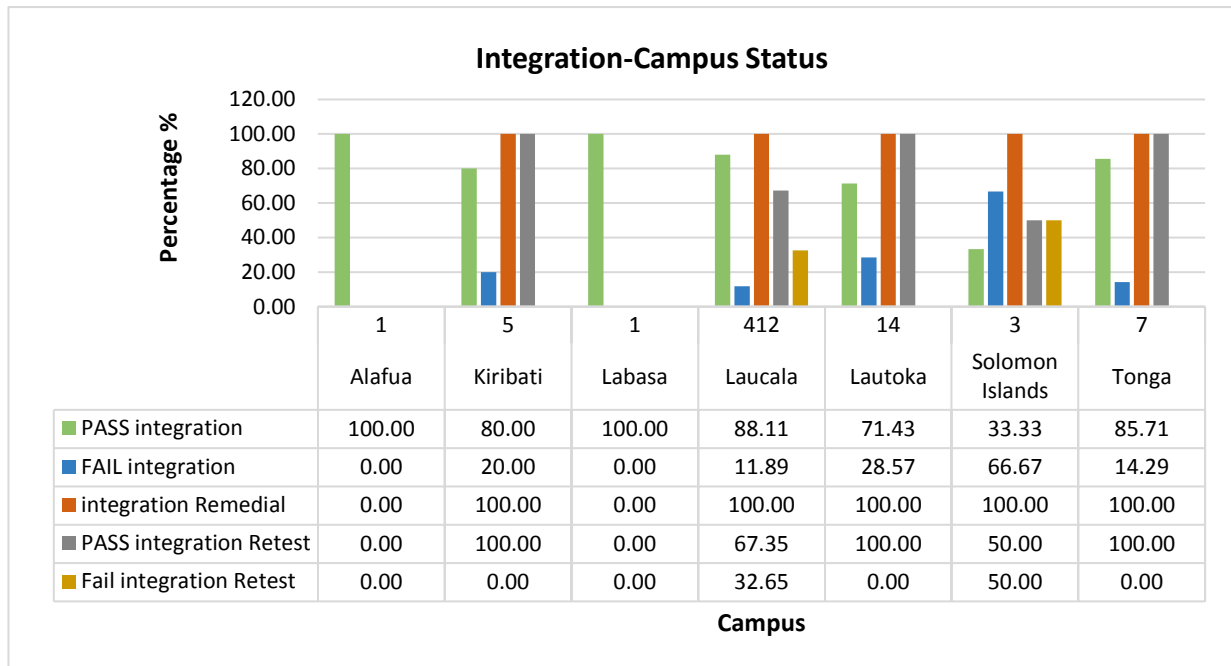
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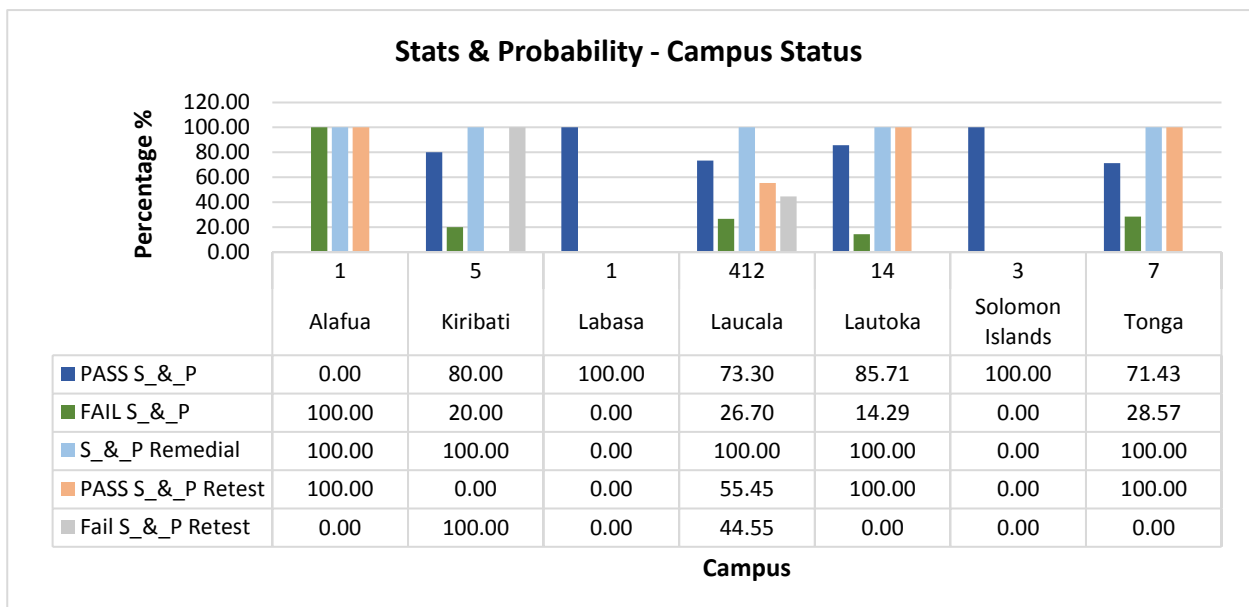
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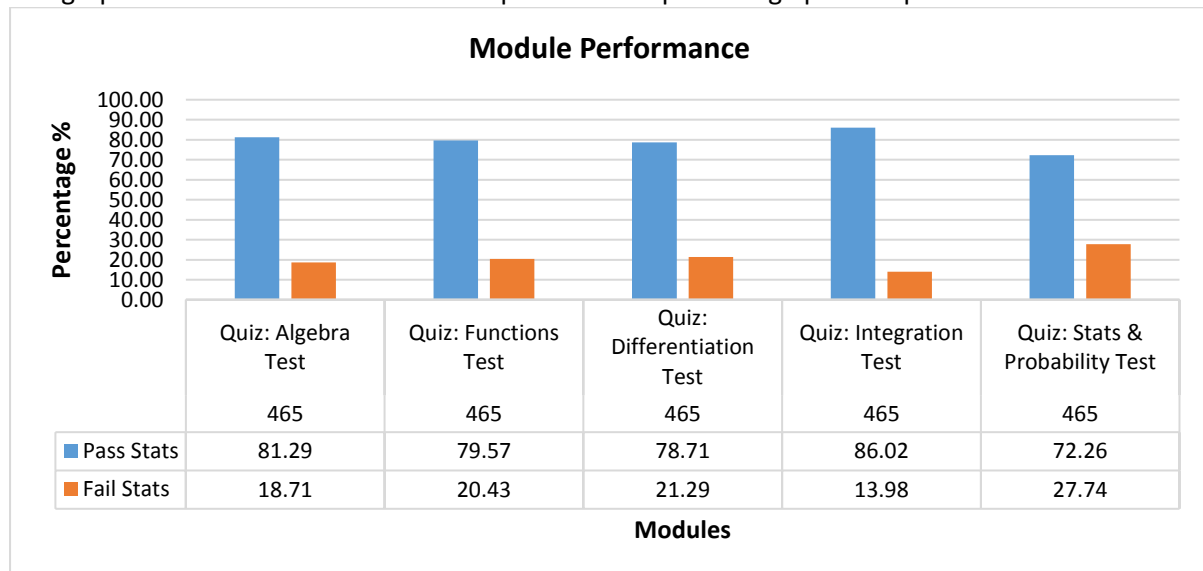
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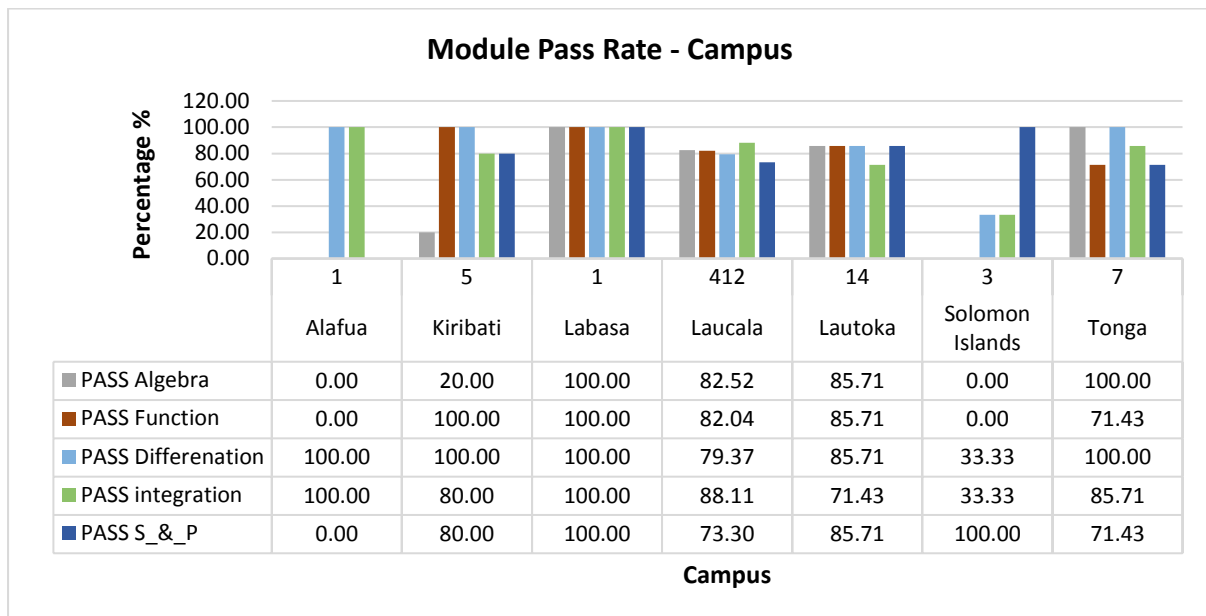
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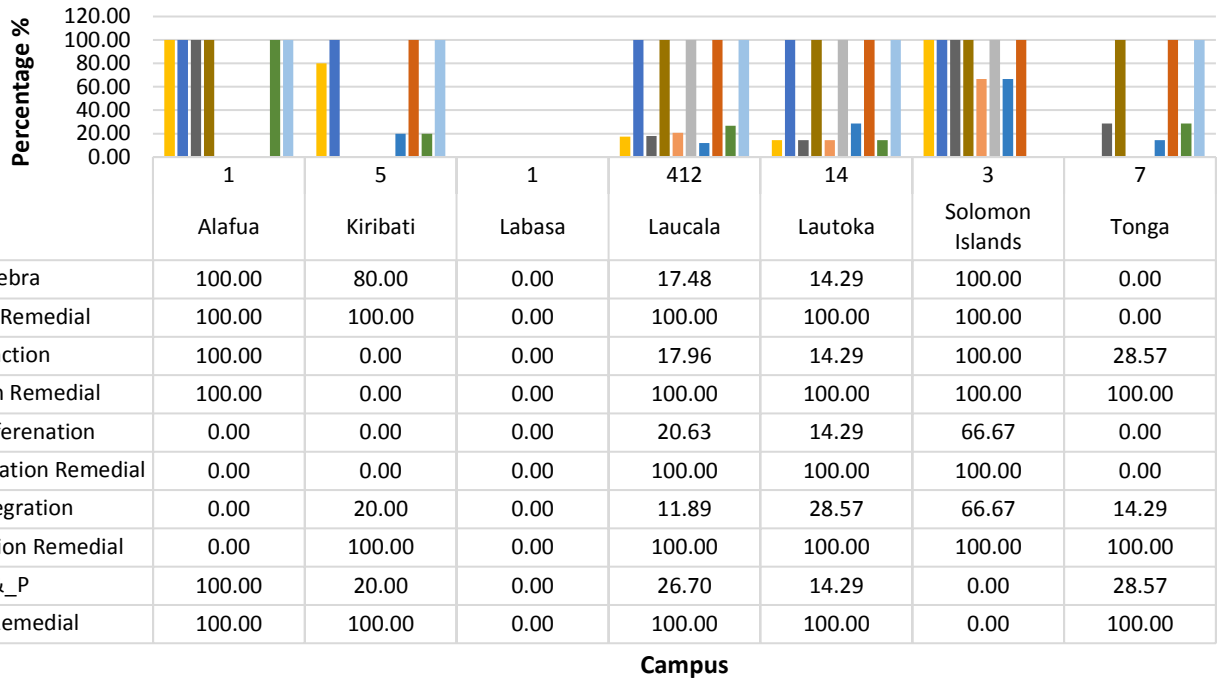


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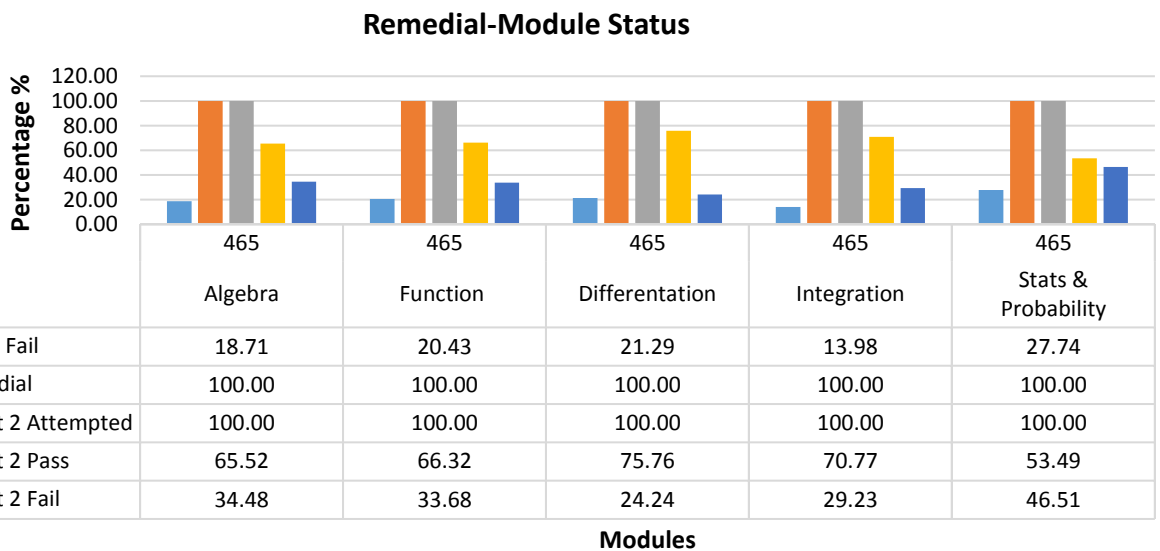
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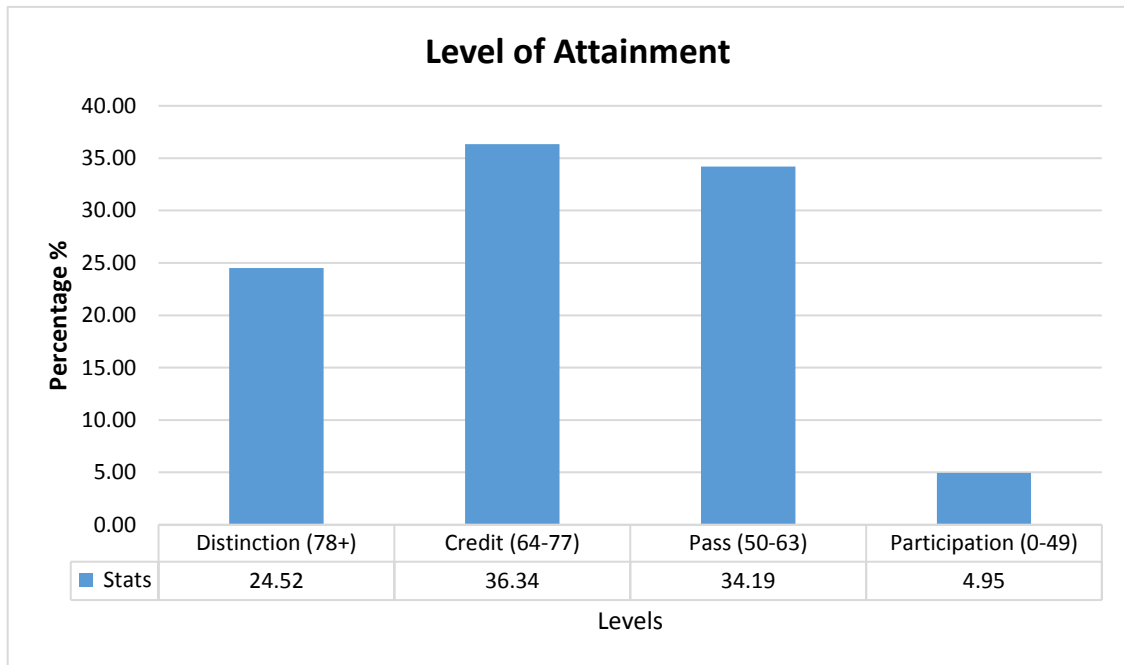


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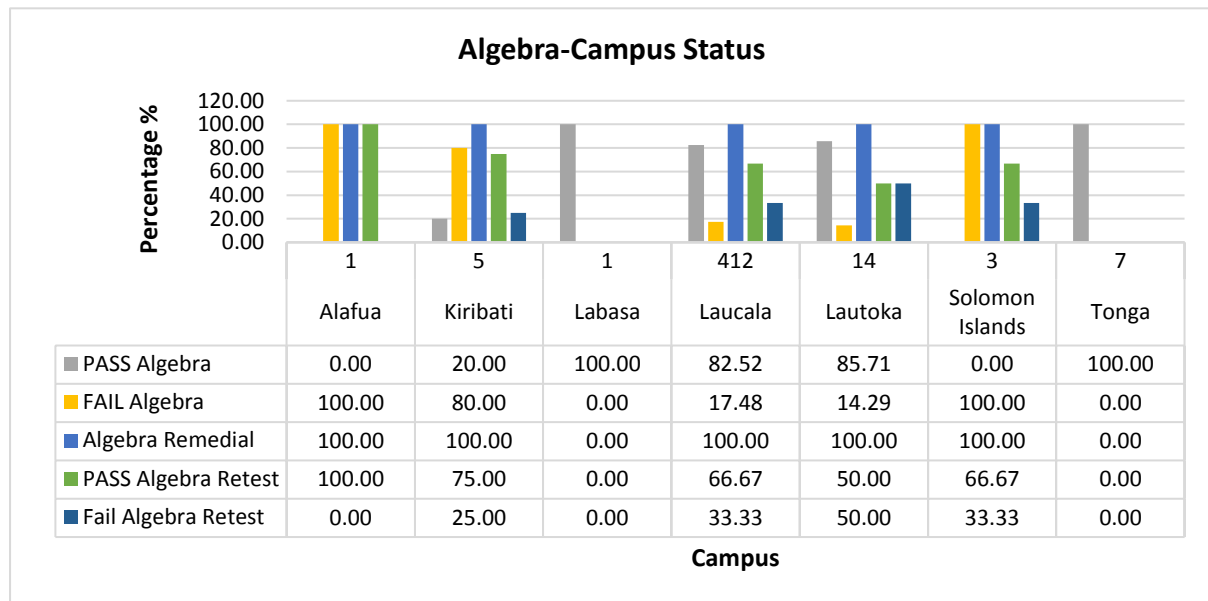
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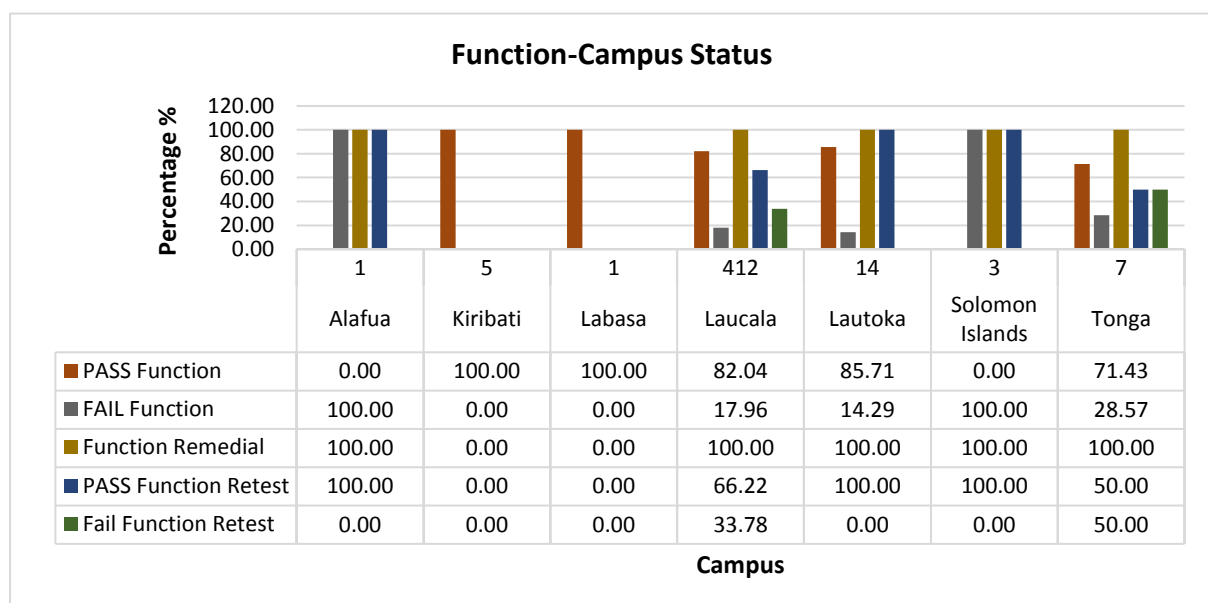
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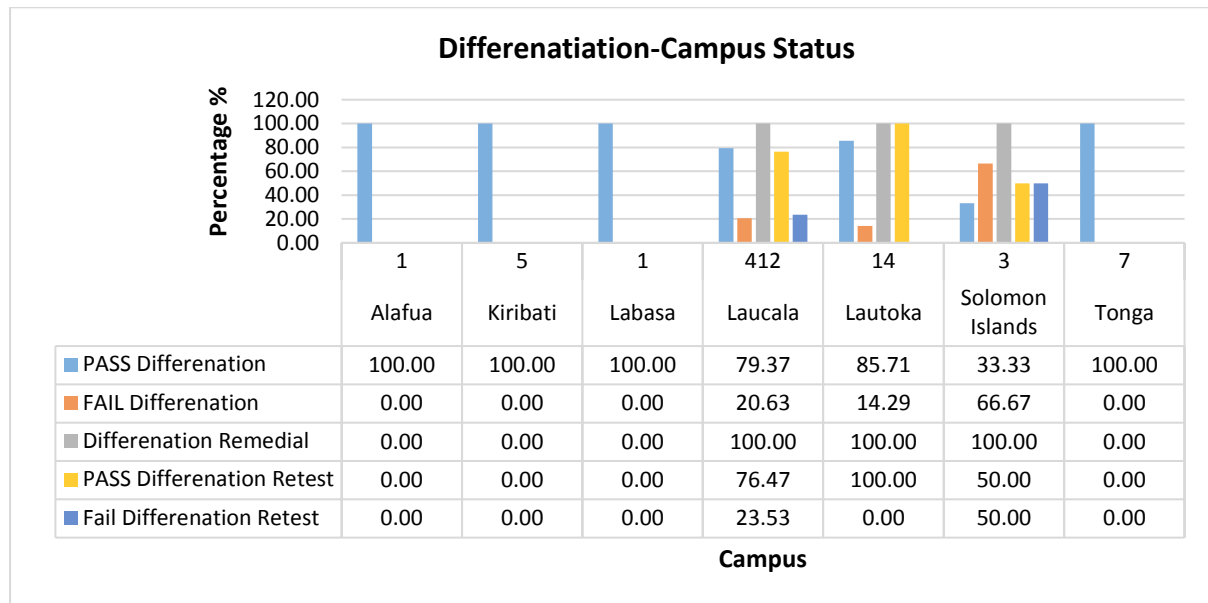
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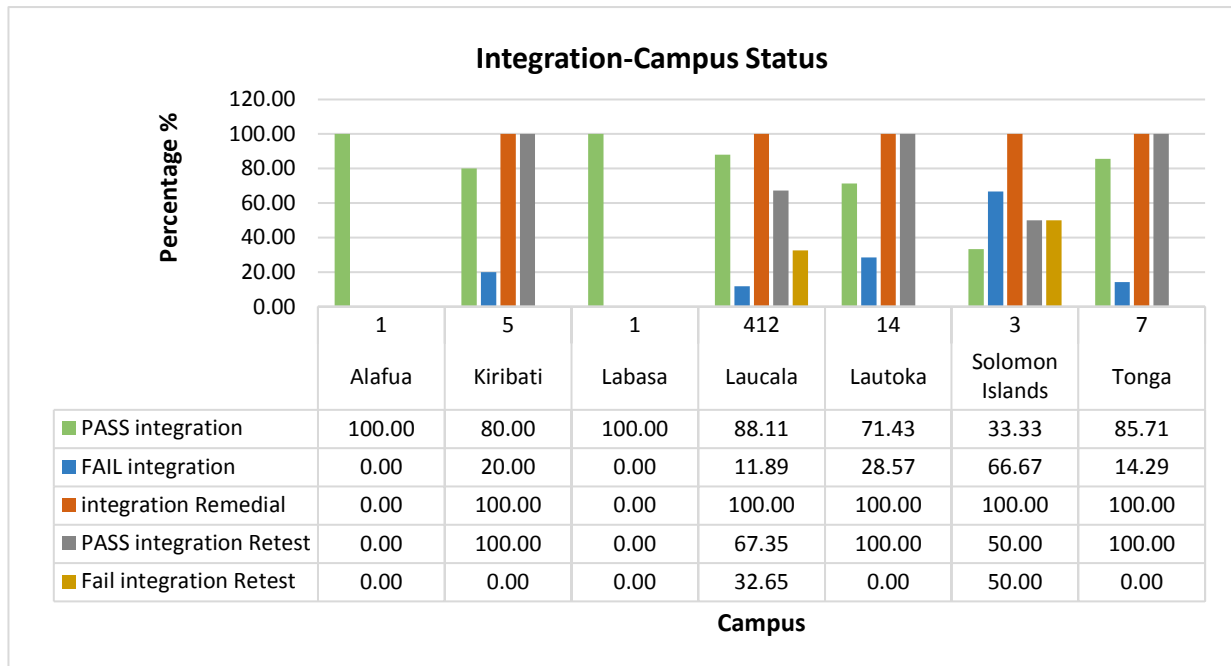
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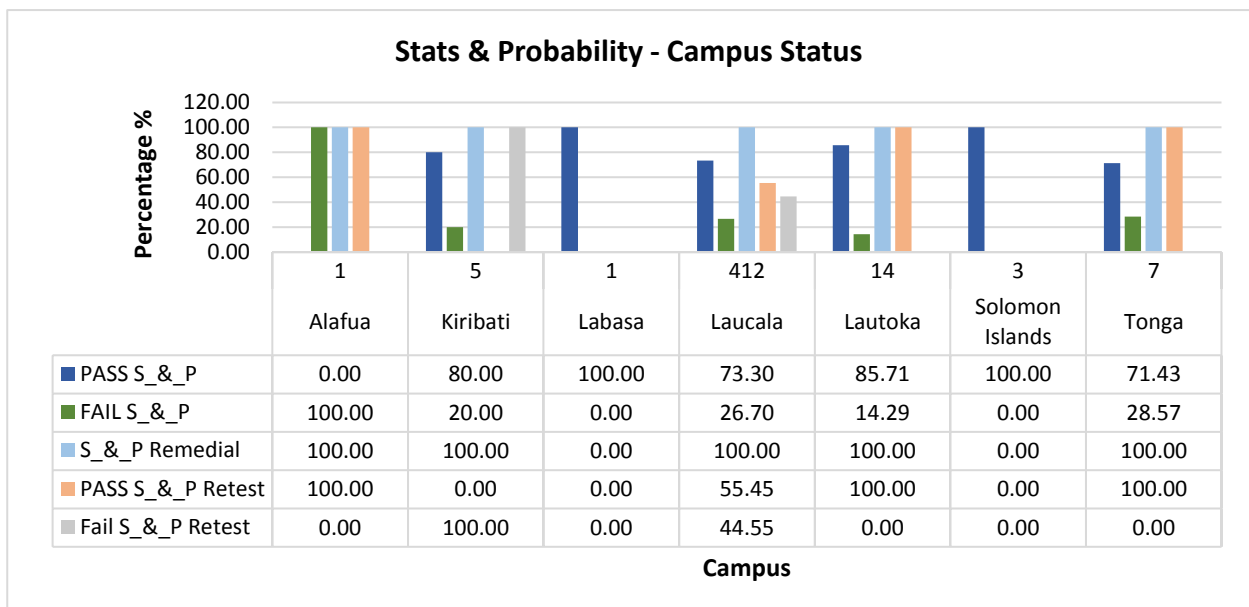
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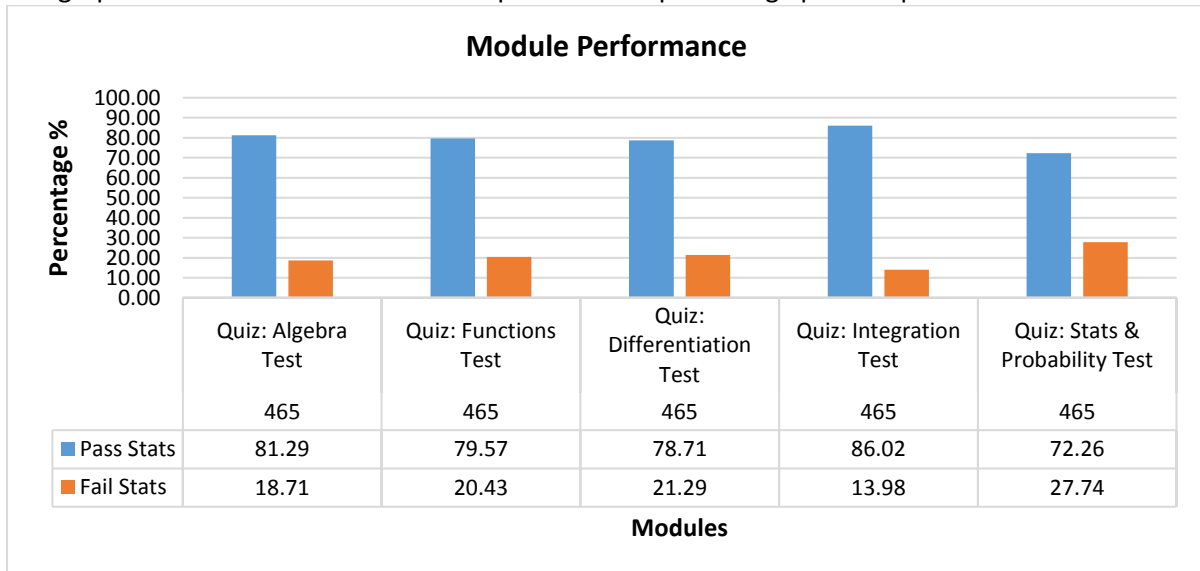
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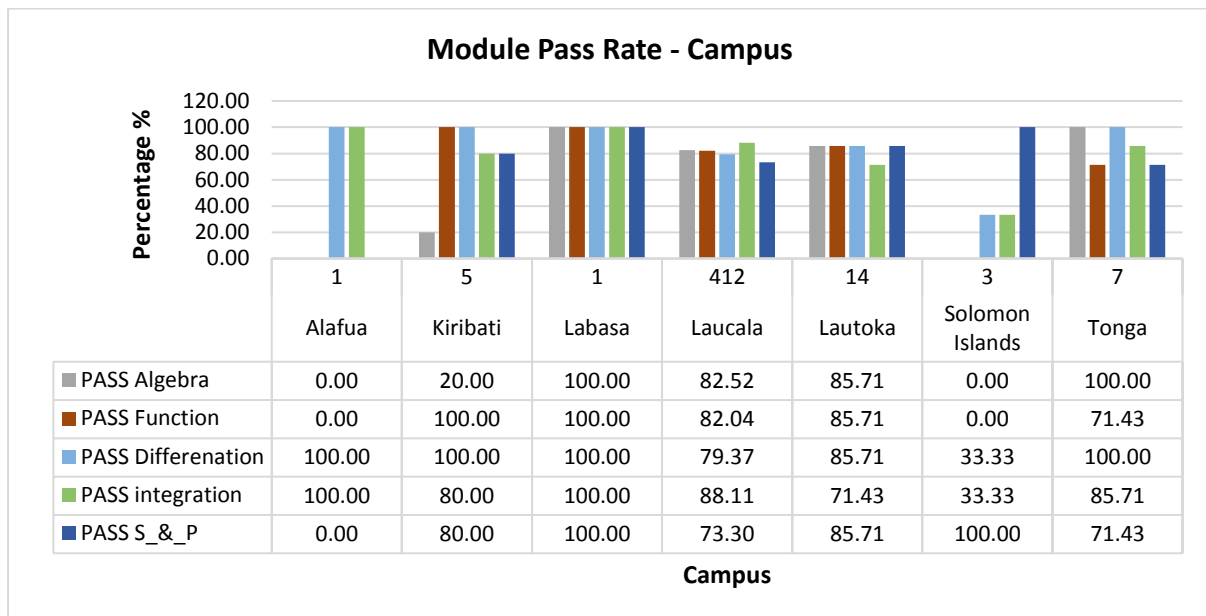


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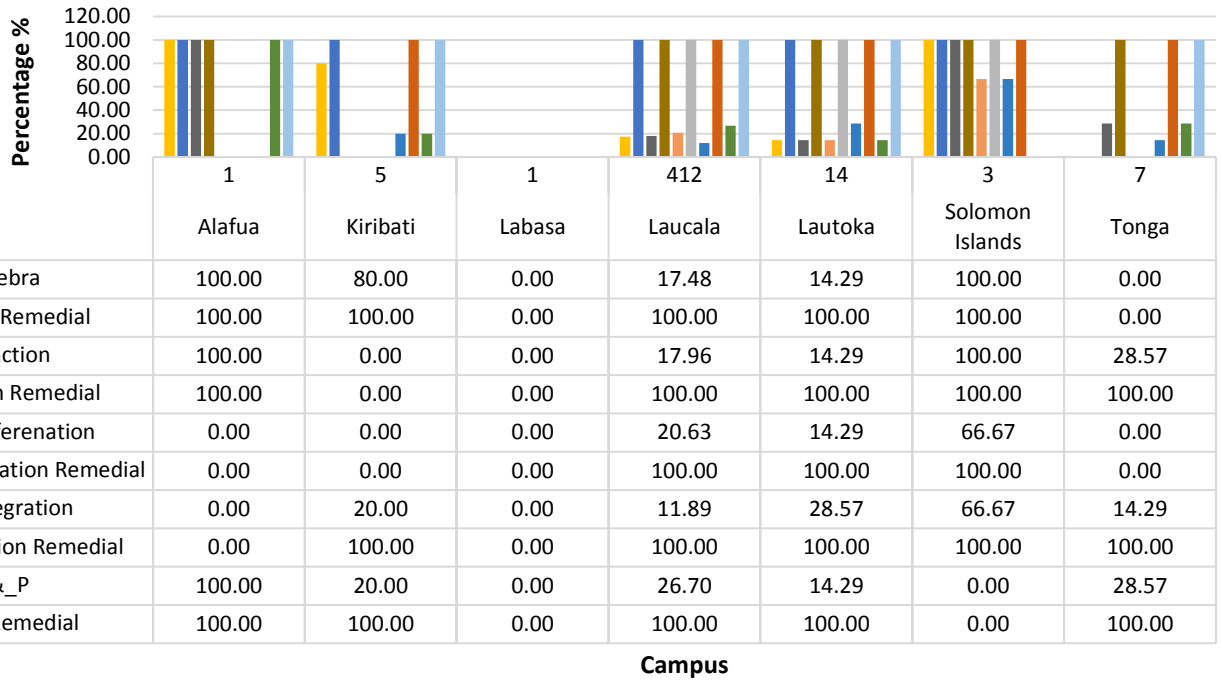
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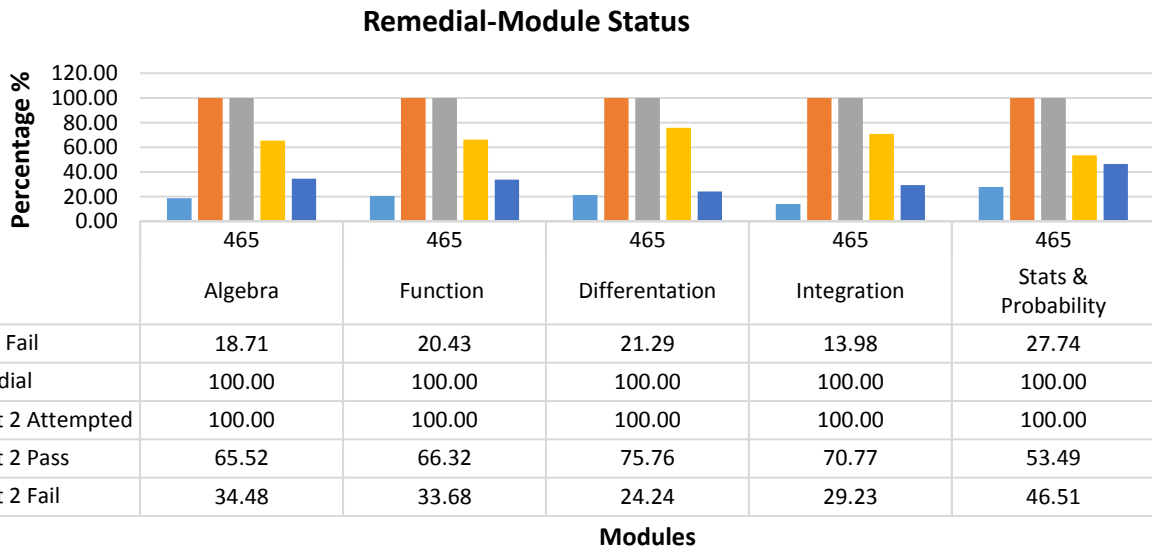
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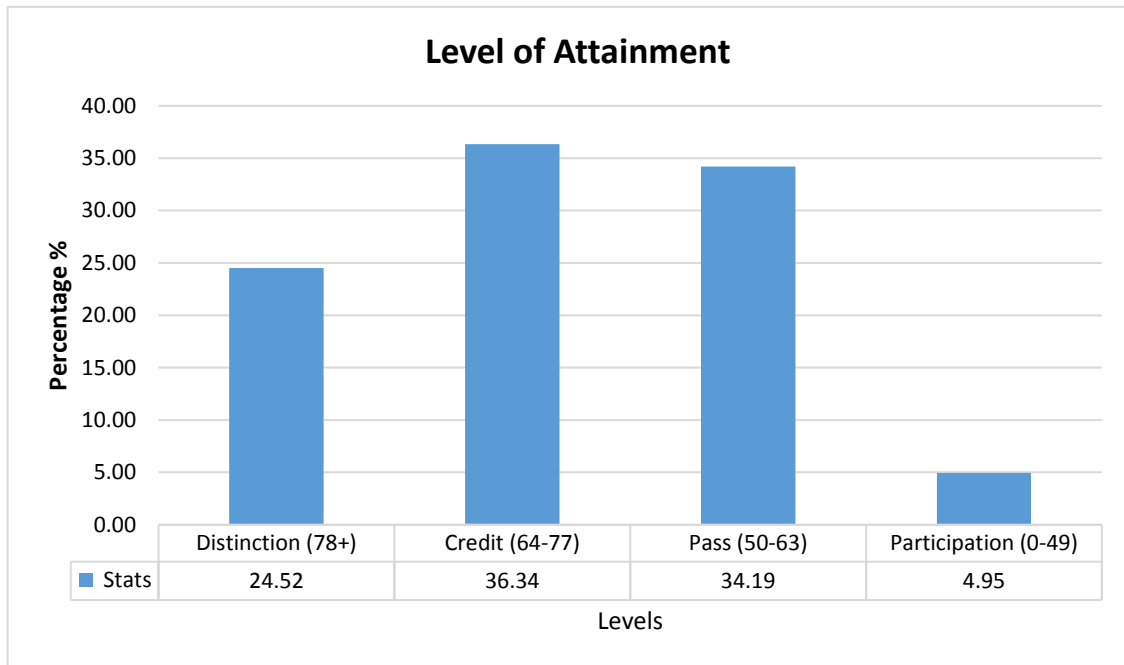


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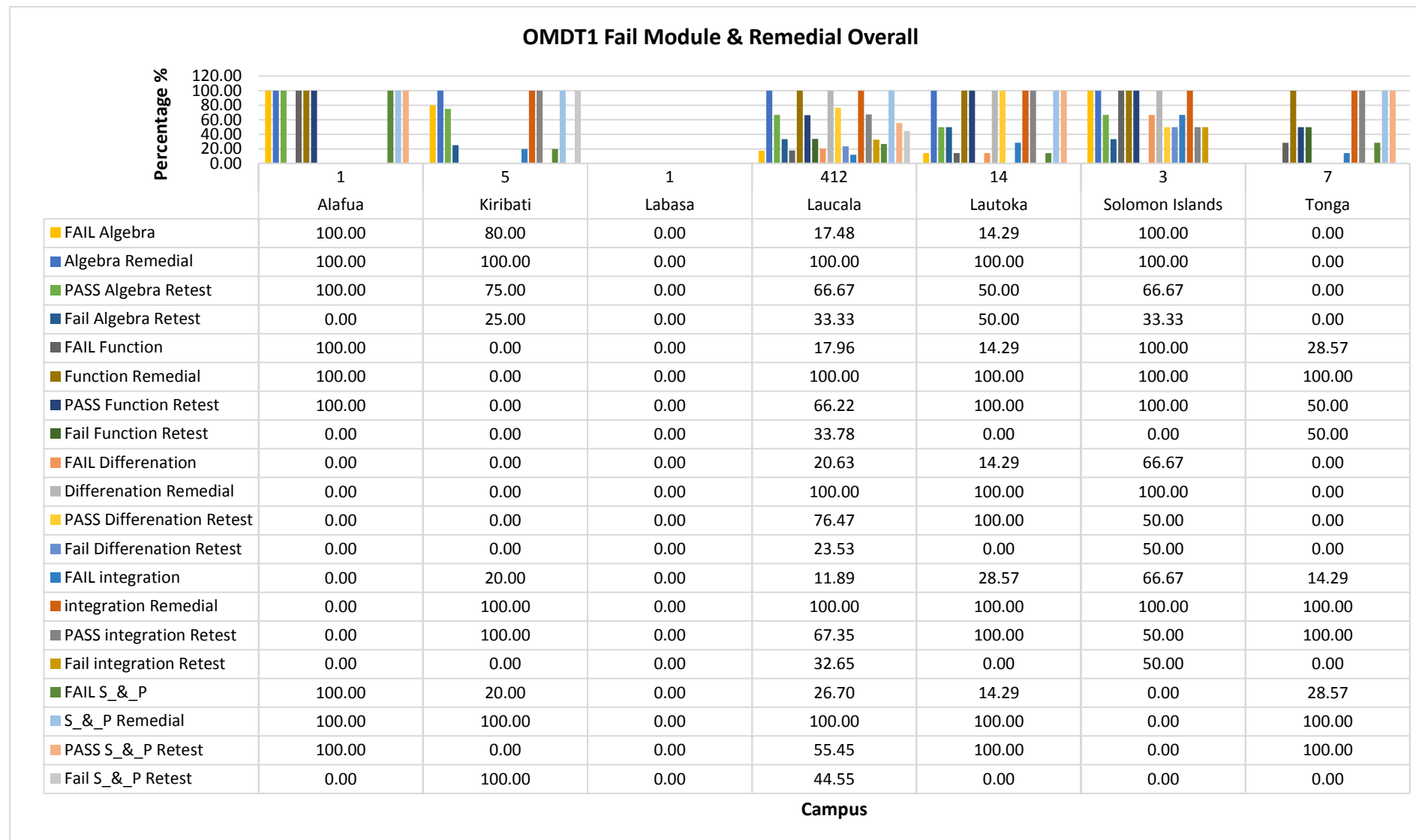
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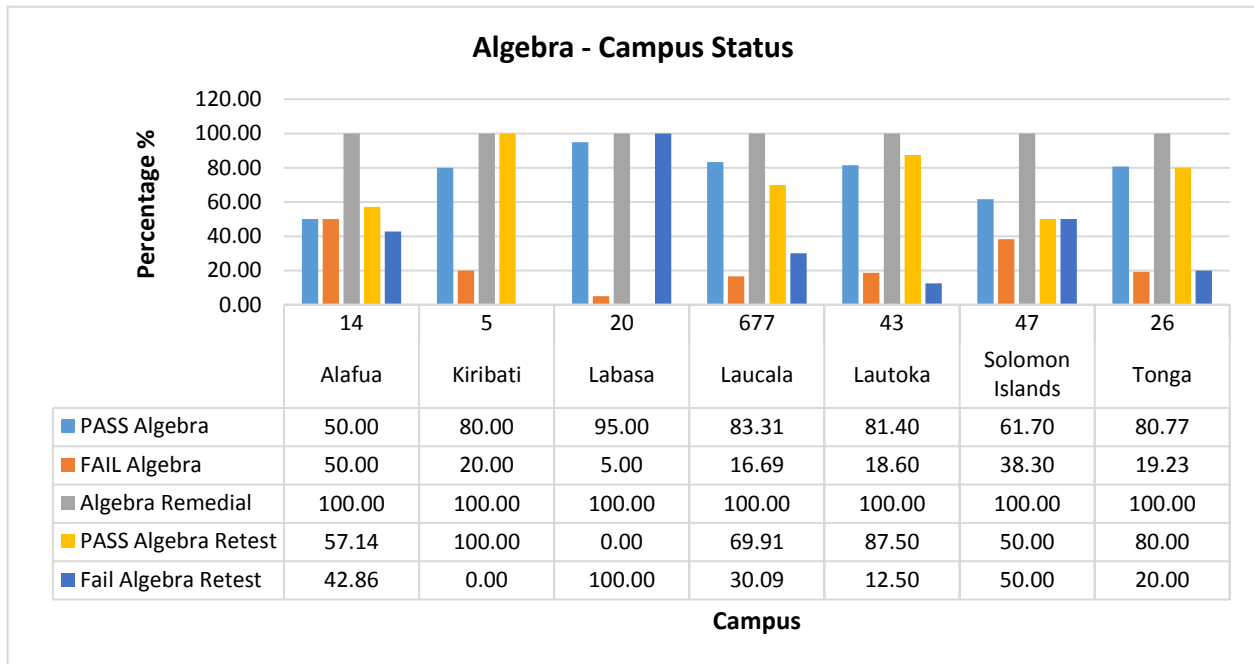


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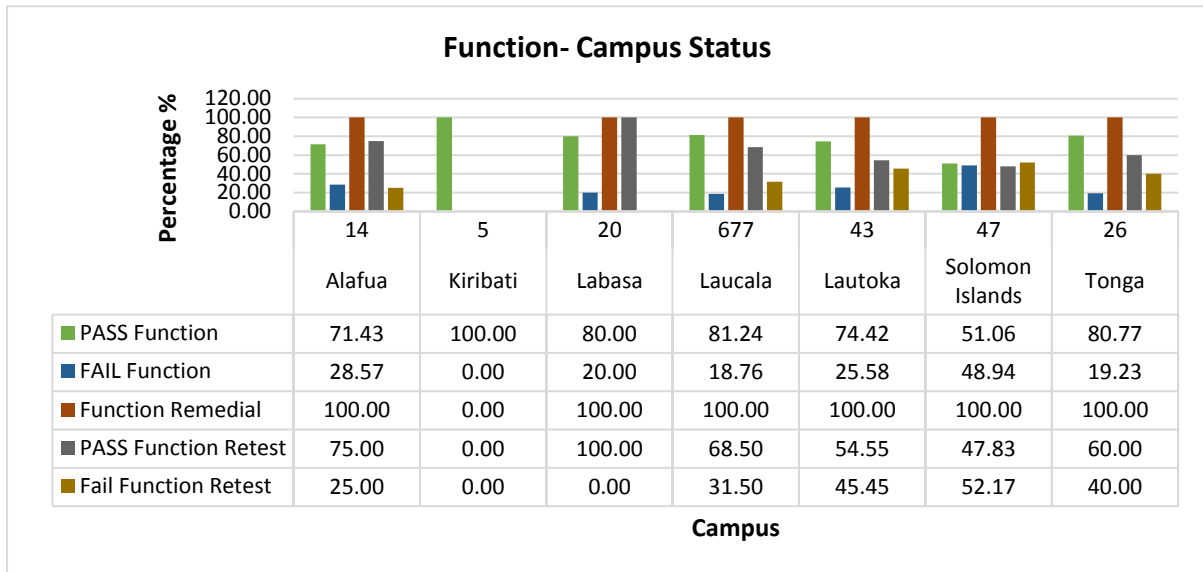
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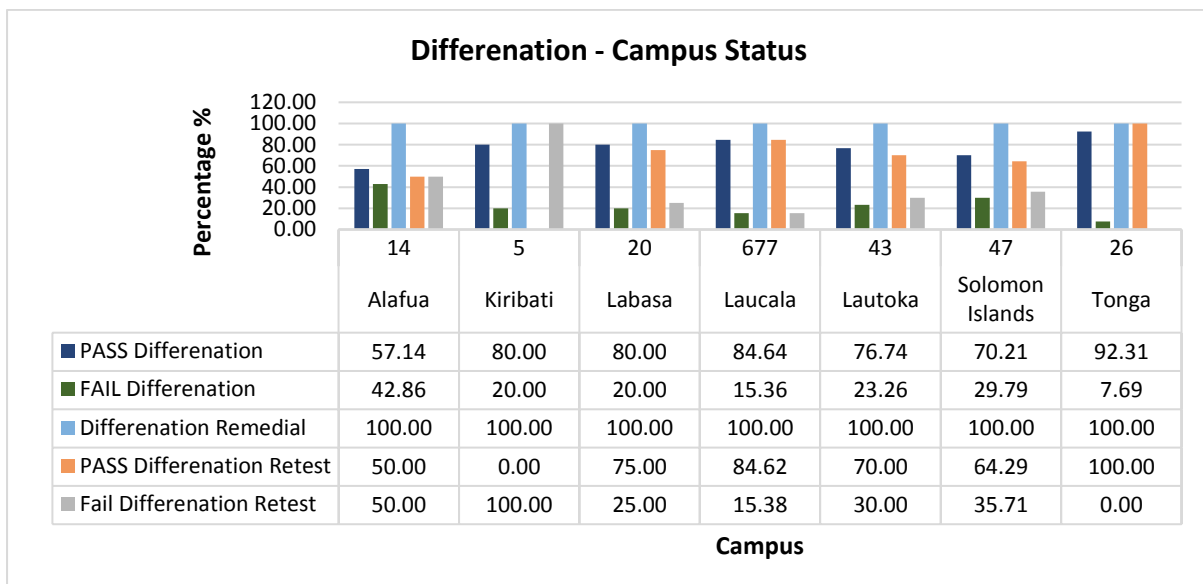
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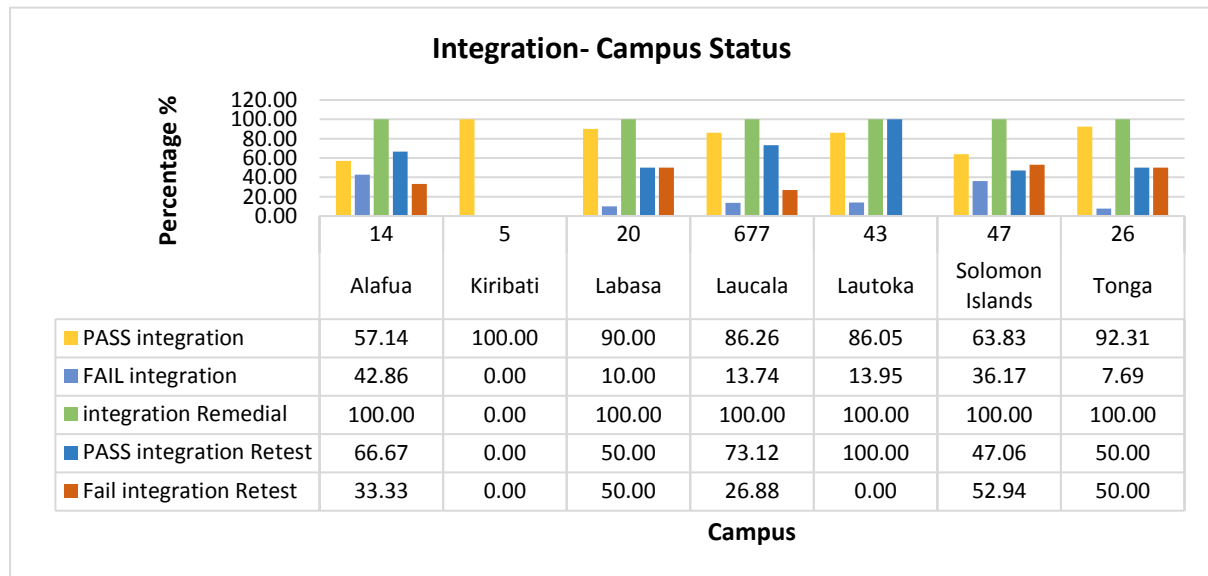


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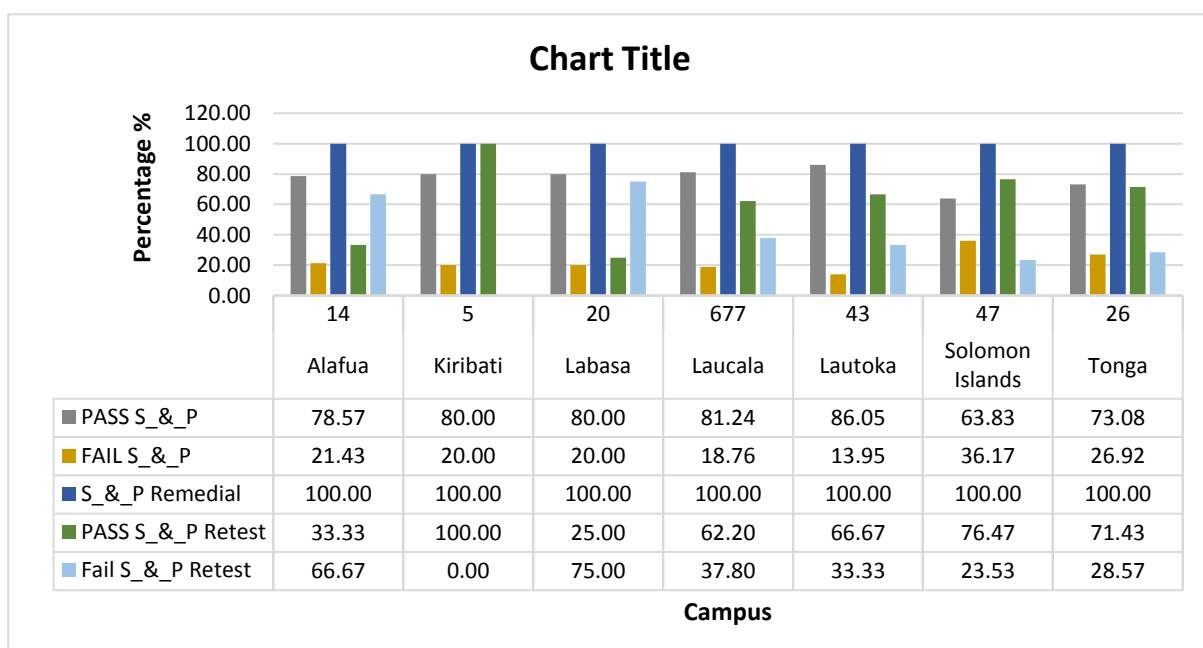
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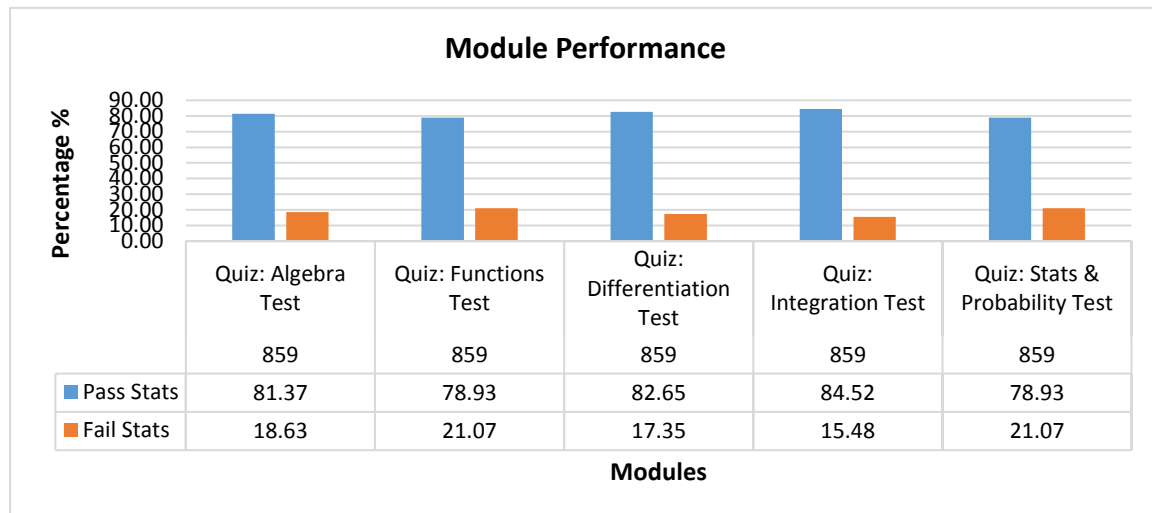




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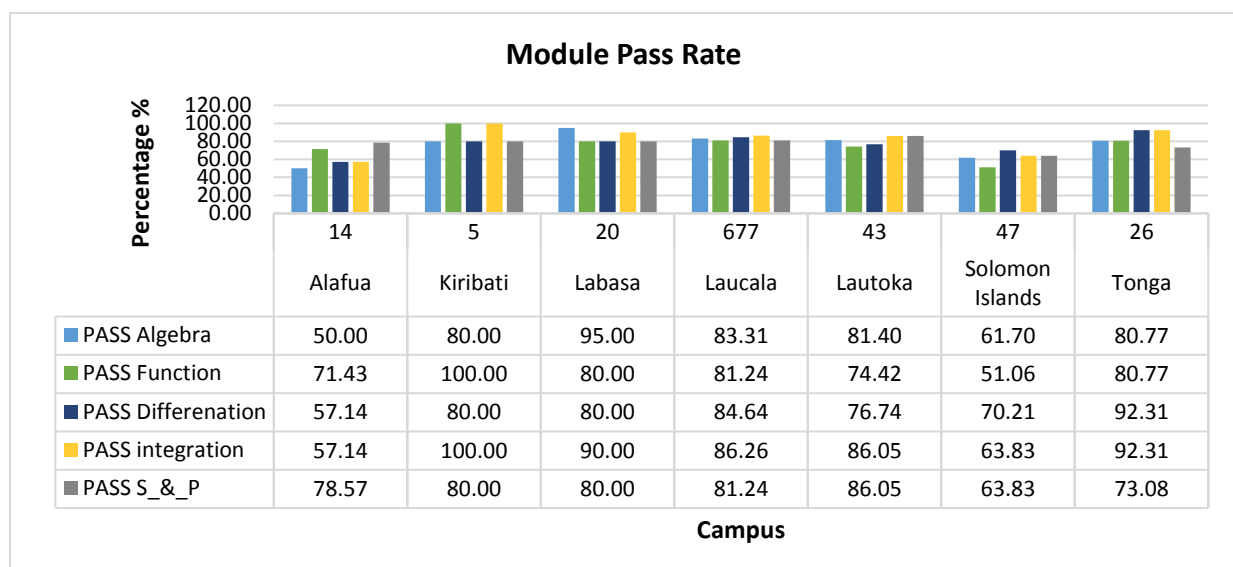


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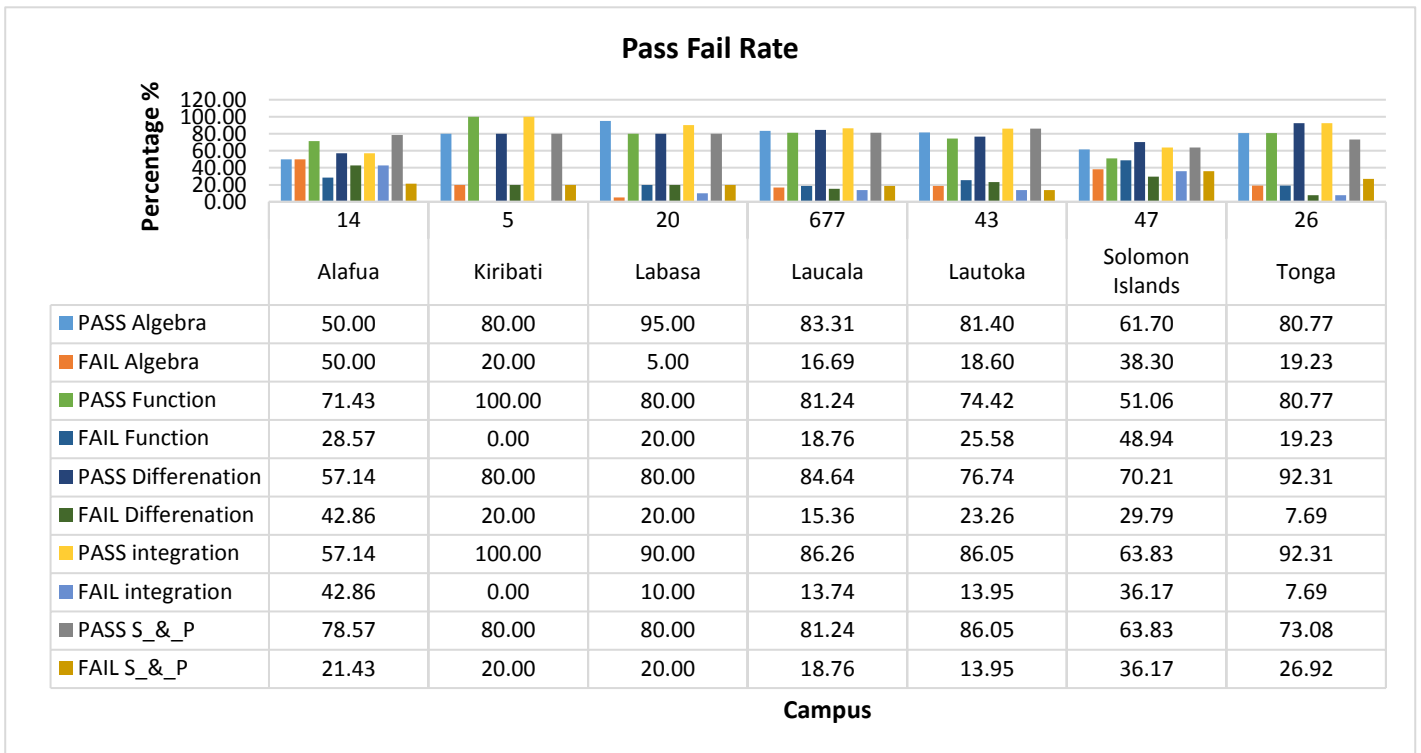
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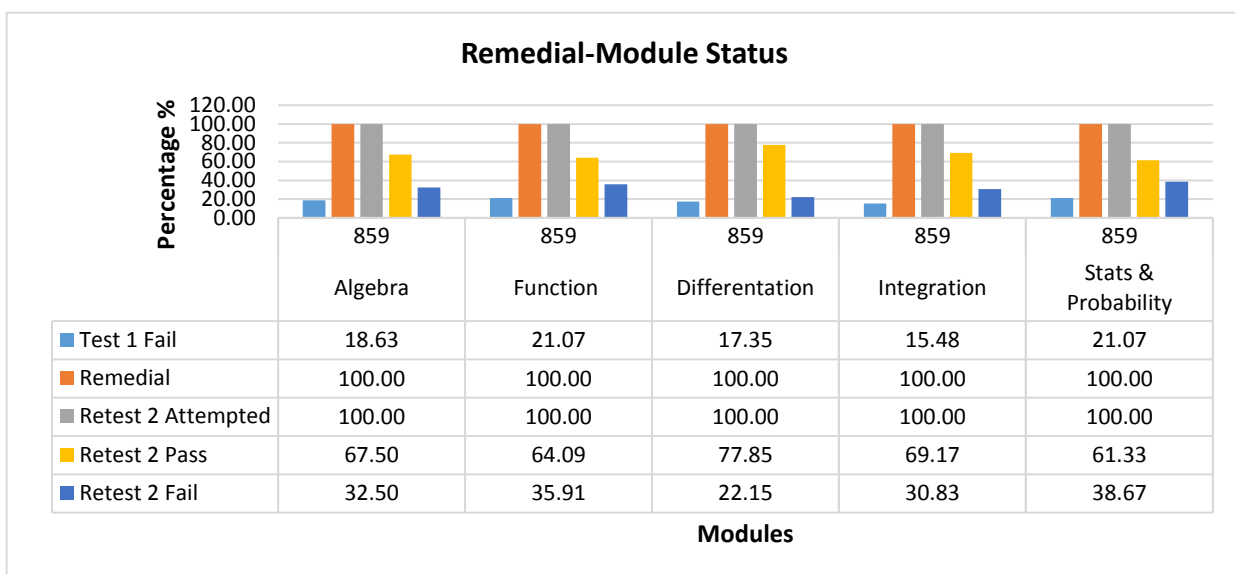


### 5.1.7 Campus Pass and Fail Rate



The graph above shows the Pass and Fail percentage rate per Campus. The overall pass rate per module with respect to campus is more than the fail rate. Algebra Module pass rate is higher than the rest of the 4 modules, whereas the stats & Probability and Function modules has low pass rate in all the campus.

### 5.1.8 Percentage Remedial – Module Status

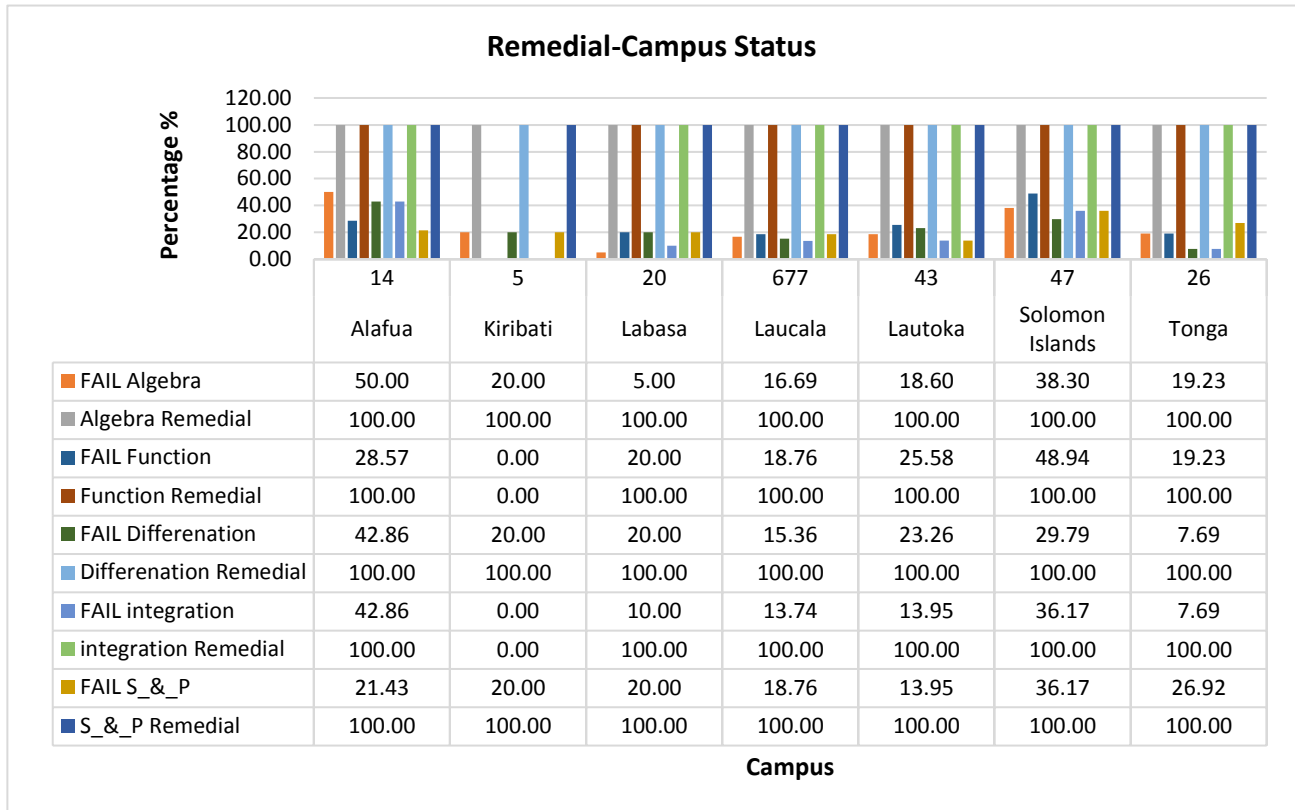


The above graph shows remedial percentage with respect to 5 modules. Stats & probability and Function modules recorded highest percentage compared to other 4 modules. Remedial done was 100% with respect to module failed. After doing remedial student did retest and the pass rate is

more than the fail rate. It can be concluded that remedial helps student to improve their math's knowledge.

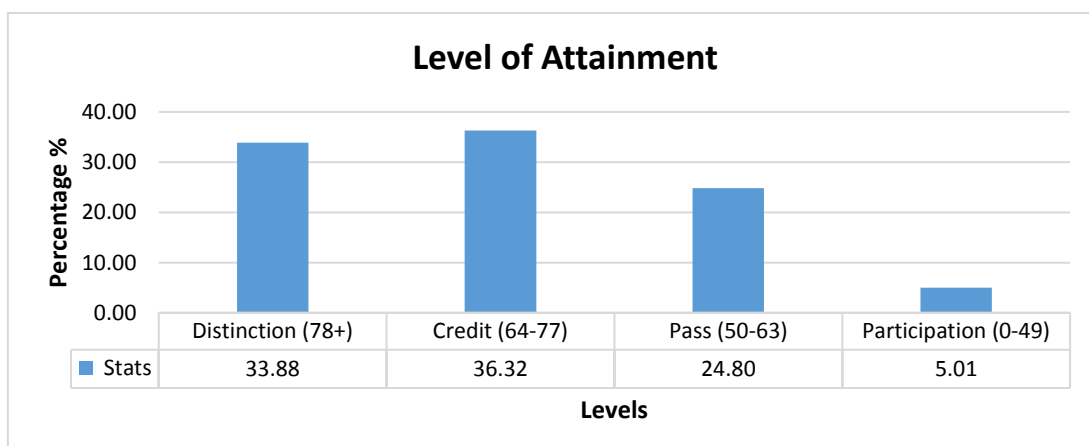
### 5.1.9 Percentage Remedial – Campus Status

The graph below shows the Remedial percentage rate per Campus. The overall percentage student took remedial in various campus is more than 100% of the failed modules. It can be conclude that students who failed the modules have taken the remedial.



### 5.1.10 Level of Attainment

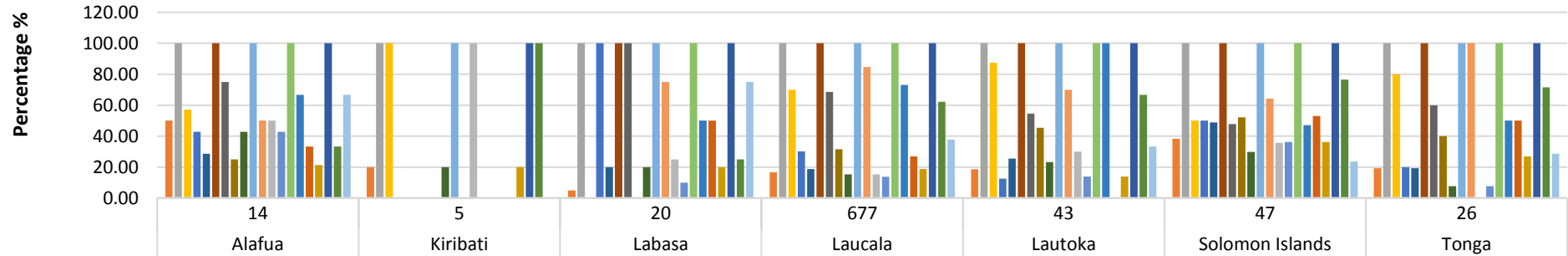
The graph below shows the level of attainment. 33.88% students scored more than 78, 36.32% scored between 67-77, 24.80% scored between 50-63 and 5.01% scored between 0-49. The data below is after student completed the OMDT with certificate. Student failed the OMDT2 is less than 10% that is 5.01%.



### 5.1.11 OMDT1 Fail Module & Remedial Overall

The graph shows the percentage rate of student that pass the Retest of the failed module after completing the remedial. The overall pass rate of retest is more than 50%

### OMDT2 Fail Module & Remedial Overall



	14 Alafua	5 Kiribati	20 Labasa	677 Laucala	43 Lautoka	47 Solomon Islands	26 Tonga
FAIL Algebra	50.00	20.00	5.00	16.69	18.60	38.30	19.23
Algebra Remedial	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
PASS Algebra Retest	57.14	100.00	0.00	69.91	87.50	50.00	80.00
Fail Algebra Retest	42.86	0.00	100.00	30.09	12.50	50.00	20.00
FAIL Function	28.57	0.00	20.00	18.76	25.58	48.94	19.23
Function Remedial	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
PASS Function Retest	75.00	0.00	100.00	68.50	54.55	47.83	60.00
Fail Function Retest	25.00	0.00	0.00	31.50	45.45	52.17	40.00
FAIL Differentiation	42.86	20.00	20.00	15.36	23.26	29.79	7.69
Differentiation Remedial	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
PASS Differentiation Retest	50.00	0.00	75.00	84.62	70.00	64.29	100.00
Fail Differentiation Retest	50.00	100.00	25.00	15.38	30.00	35.71	0.00
FAIL integration	42.86	0.00	10.00	13.74	13.95	36.17	7.69
integration Remedial	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
PASS integration Retest	66.67	0.00	50.00	73.12	100.00	47.06	50.00
Fail integration Retest	33.33	0.00	50.00	26.88	0.00	52.94	50.00
FAIL S_&_P	21.43	20.00	20.00	18.76	13.95	36.17	26.92
S_&_P Remedial	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
PASS S_&_P Retest	33.33	100.00	25.00	62.20	66.67	76.47	71.43
Fail S_&_P Retest	66.67	0.00	75.00	37.80	33.33	23.53	28.57

Campus

## **6.0 Issues and Challenges**

Some Issues and challenges are highlighted:

- Internet connectivity
- Students not reading their offer letter and student email.
- Some students leave it for last minute. (end of 100 level)

## **7.0 Solution and Recommendation**

- Internet issue: ITS to give priority access to OMDT during peak hours, increase the bandwidth in the region.
- OMDT coordinators to give demonstration in week 1 lectures in doing OMDT to all first year degree students. (Lectures which has large number of students, such as: Accounting, Math's, UU100).
- Students in the regional campuses are given more information by course coordinators and through posters in the campus.
- Course coordinators to add OMDT in their course outline and remind them weekly bases.
- Use USP mobile app to notify students to do OMDT.

## **8.0 Conclusion**

The Pacific region faces an acute problem of numeracy skills. This is due to various factors such as resources, unqualified mathematics teachers, different curriculum in the countries and their coverage, lack of localized textbooks and learning materials, and many more. Consequently, students are deprived of good mathematics and sometimes certain mathematics topics are compromised. They arrive for their tertiary journeys with different levels of mathematics, many of them are already in the at-risk category even before they join the university, and hence are set to fail in their programmes right from the start. All these invariably show the dire and genuine need for OMDT.



