

Using Assistive Technology to Support Math Success

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Assistive Technology Definitions and Current Focus



Definition of Assistive Technology

Assistive technology device



- Any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of children with disabilities.
- EXCEPTION. The term does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted, or the replacement of such device.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004



Definition of Assistive Technology

 Assistive technology devices for math include a range of tools ranging from low technology to high technology that are used to support calculation, visual-spatial, organizational, and problem solving skills.



Current Educational Focus

- The way in which special education and related services are provided to students with high incidence disabilities has changed as a result of recent legislative mandates.
 - Increased inclusion in the general education curriculum.
 - Increased academic demands for all students.
 - Required accountability for student progress.





Current Educational Focus

- The change in focus is due to recent legislative mandates including:
 - No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004





No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

- State and local education agencies are responsible for developing academic standards that are utilized to develop high quality instructional programs for all students.
- Students with disabilities must have access to the same standards-based curricula as their general education peers. The student's Individual Educational Program also determines educational programming.

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

- Students with disabilities must participate in testing to assess their progress in meeting these standards.
 - Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities may participate in testing based on alternate achievement standards. The number of students participating in the alternate assessments must not exceed 1% of all students in the grades tested.



Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004

- Children with disabilities should achieve to high academic standards developed for all students.
- Students should be provided with appropriate assistive technology devices and services as well as accommodations and modifications to assist them in making progress in their educational programs.
- School systems must be accountable for student achievement for all students.

Georgia Performance Standards



- The Georgia Department of Education has established academic standards across core content areas.
- These standards are referred to as the Georgia Performance Standards and are available at http://www.georgiastandards.org
- Students with disabilities must have access to the standards-based general education curriculum.

Math Difficulties and Supports



Types of Math Difficulties

- Persons experiencing difficulty with math may have problems in one or more of the following areas:
 - Calculation
 - Visual-spatial skills
 - Organization
 - Problem Solving
- To provide appropriate supports, we must determine the types of difficulties the student is experiencing.

Types of Math Difficulties

 Many students require special education support, accommodations, modifications, and/or assistive technology to be able to make progress in a standards-based curriculum.



Research-based Strategies

- Use mnemonic strategies STAR
 - Search, Translate, Answer, Review
- Think Aloud
 - Students with disabilities benefit from this strategy because it provides them with a model that enables them to break down complex concepts into meaningful chunks of information that they can understand.
- Teach using concrete, moving to abstract –
 CRT Concrete, Representational, Abstract



Research-based Strategies

- Use graphic organizers They enable students to conceptualize abstract concepts and aid in their understanding of mathematical concepts.
 - Hierarchical diagramming involves having a main branch for the overall concept or information, followed by connected sub branches of supporting information or details.
 - Sequence charts represent a sequence of events or procedures to solve a math problem.
 - Compare and contrast charts highlight differences and similarities across two or three ideas or sets of information.

Hierarchical Graphic Organizer Polynomials

Monomial	Binomial	Trinomial
(polynomial of one term)	(polynomial of two terms)	(polynomial of three terms)
5	5a + 5b	5a + 6c +12d
×	10h + 10i	x2 + 2x2 + 4x3
5b	10 + 12i	$4x^2 + 3x^2 + 6x$ (non-example)
1/5	7y – 2x	3 + 4x + x2
10/2	3x – 4x (non- example)	
5a + 5a		

Sequence Chart

Polya's Four Problem-Solving Steps

1. Understand the Problem

(What is the goal? Draw a representation)

2. Devise a Plan

(Is there a similar problem I can relate to this?)

Carry out the Plan

(Carry out plan and check each step)

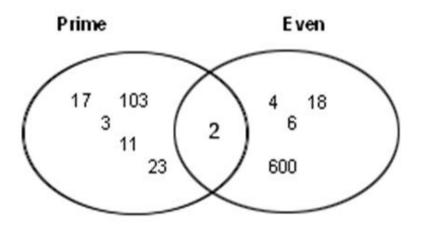
4. Look Back

(Check answer)

Adapted from Polya, 1957

Compare and Contrast Venn Diagram

Types of Numbers





Research-based Strategies

Peer Coaching

Use peer tutoring to increase academic motivation, increase time on task and build number concepts, math vocabulary, and measurement skills. Giving a student with difficulties the opportunity to teach or coach another will help that student learn the concept that he/she is teaching because he/she has to understand it in order to teach it.

Formative assessment

 Students with mathematics disabilities have marked increases in mathematics performance when they receive frequent formative assessment coupled with specific feedback that highlights students' next steps. (NCTM)

Research-based Strategies

Technology

- Both assistive technology and accessible instructional technology have increased the availability of instructional materials in digital formats and have proven to address more learning needs of students with reading disabilities.
- Technology has been beneficial in building computation fluency, converting symbols, notations and text, building conceptual understanding, etc. (National Center for Technology Innovations, October 2004)



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- Assistive technology for math is used to:
 - Remediate deficits
 - Compensate for deficits
- Generally think of AT as Compensatory tools
 - Used to enhance access to and success in completing instructional tasks which require students to demonstrate understanding of math concepts.



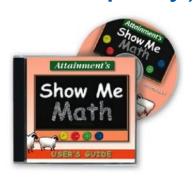
- Remediation tools
 - Strategies and skill based instruction to improve the skills in area of deficit
 - Technology provides opportunities for:
 - Customization to student's level of instruction
 - Independent practice
 - Reinforcement
 - Accurate reporting and assessment



- Examples of remediation tools
 - Software
 - National Library of Virtual Manipulatives
 - A Maths Dictionary for Kids Jenny Eather
 - Coolmath4kids.com
 - The Ruler Game (RSInovative.com and Ricky Spears
 - Create A Graph NCES Kids' Zone



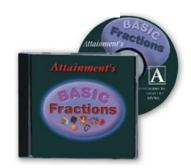
 Reinforcing Math Software – (Attainment Company)















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A Maths Dictionary for Kids



by Jenny Eather

Au Bb Cc Dd eg Hh Jj KK 山 Mm Na Co Po Ww XX abacus abacus - Chinese absolute value abundant number acre acute angle acute triangle addend add. addition additive identity adjacent algorithm align altitude altitude (triangle) algebra a.m. amount analogue clock angle angle of rotation annual, annually

anti-clockwise
apex
approximate
arc
area
arithmetic
arms (of an angle)
array
ascending order
associative law
asymmetry
attribute
average
axis

absolute value

- the absolute value of a number (x or -x) is just the value of the numeral, ignoring the sign,
- that is, the distance the number is from zero on the number line.
- written as lxl = x or l-xl = x

EXAMPLES:

number absolute value

| 0 | = 0
-140 -120 -100 -80 -60 -40 -20 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140
| Drag the yellow bar

along the number line to see the numbers and their absolute value.

Symbol: I I

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geometry / art

math games

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other fun

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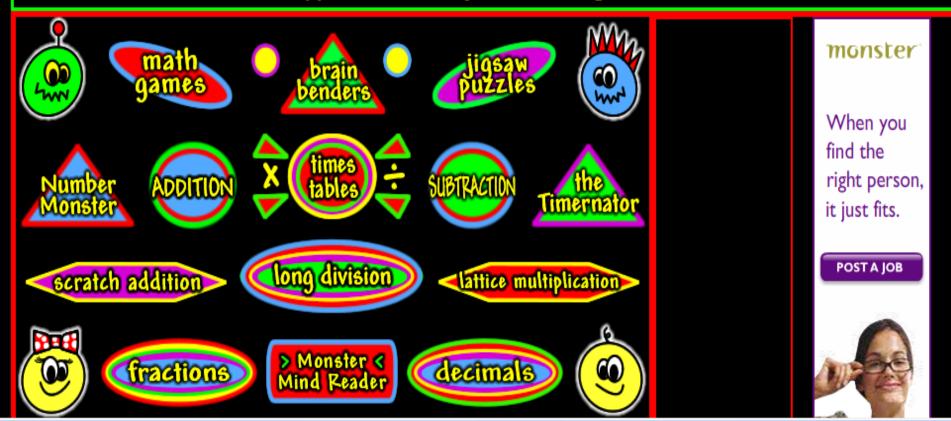
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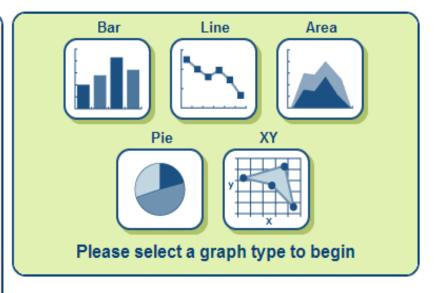
Examples

Graphs and charts are great because they communicate information visually. For this reason, graphs are often used in newspapers, magazines and businesses around the world.

NCES constantly uses graphs and charts in our publications and on the web. Sometimes, complicated information is difficult to understand and needs an illustration. Graphs or charts can help impress people by getting your point across quickly and visually.

Here you will find five different graphs and charts for you to consider. Not sure about which graph to use? Confused between bar graphs and pie charts? Read our:

Create A Graph Tutorial



New to creating graphs? Then try...



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Access Tools for Math



Access Tools for Math

- In order to produce quality work, the student must have an appropriate environment and access to the proper tools to compensate for difficulties that they are experiencing.
 - While these tools may not specifically address math skills, they are considered necessary for some students to provide them with access to the curriculum.
 - In some cases, these tools may be the only assistive technology students will need to complete their math tasks.

Positioning Aids

 Helps maintain posture and stabilizes student's books and paper

- Teacher made slant boards (3" binders)
- Book stands, Dycem or non-slip shelf liner (Sammons Preston Rolyan)
- Slant boards (Pocket Full of Therapy)
- Page and copy holders (office supply store)
- Clip boards (office supply store)





Adapted Writing Utensils

- Assists with maintaining grip for writing
- Improves legibility
- Delays fatigue and increases comfort
 - Adapted pens/pencils (Sammons Preston Rolyan, Onion Mountain Technology)
 - Pencil grips (Sammons Preston Rolyan, Onion Mountain Technology)



Adapted Paper

Improves spacing and alignment of student

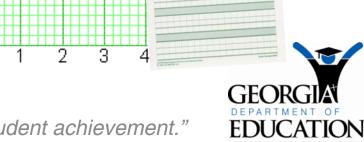
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 Raised line paper (Sammons Preston Rolyan, Onion Mountain Technology)

 Bold line paper (Sammons Preston Rolyan, Onion Mountain Technology)

 Highlighted Paper (Onion Mountain)

- Graph Paper (Office Supply)



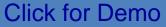
Tracking Aids

- Enables students with visual tracking difficulties to maintain their place in the text or on a worksheet
 - Reading Window (Teacher Made)
 - Bar Magnifier (Independent Living Aids)
 - EZC Reader/ Reading Helper (Really Good Stuff)











Contrast Aids



Alters the foregroundbackground contrast to promote visual access to text



Highlighters



Highlighting Tape







E.Z. Reader (Really Good Stuff)

www.dyslexiacure.com www.irlen.com



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Contrast Aids

- Students needing contrast aids may display symptoms such as:
 - Rubbing eyes
 - Complain about eyes hurting or headache
 - Difficulties with tracking
 - Not wanting to read aloud
 - Fidgeting
 - Acting out







Without Overlay

Some students perceive letters as reversing, doubling, and even moving off the page, making it very difficult for them to read.

Click here to see the difference



With Overlay

The correct colored overlay placed over a printed page can help many students to perceive letters more accurately, and to read the words with greater ease.

Distortion Effect - River

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dominant thanthe background.
Theprintshows no movement.
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Distortion Effect - Halo

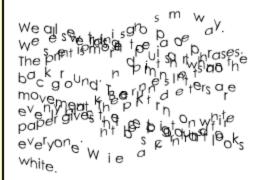
We all see things the same way.

We see words in groups or phrases.

The print is more dominant than the background. The print shows no movement. The printed letters are evenly black. Black print on white paper gives the best contrast for everyone. White background looks white.

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Distortion Effect - Seesaw



Distortion Effect - Swirl



Distortion Effect - Blurry

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Color Contrast Examples

Common contrast aids include colored overlays/filters, highlighter tape, colored light bulbs, and choosing appropriate background and text colors when using the computer for reading and writing tasks. Colored filters or overlays are available in many different colors and sizes. Colored light bulbs are also available commercially (they are sometime called party lights). Some students use these lights in study lamps. Most word processing programs, text reading software, and other computer based reading aids provide the option of changing font and background colors. Students are often better able to focus and attend to text that is presented to them on the computer by choosing background and font colors that make their eyes 'feel' comfortable'.

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Text Enlargement Technology

- Allows for controlled enlargement of text to the magnification level needed
 - Bar, page, pocket and stand magnifiers
 (Maxi-Aids, Independent Living Aids, LS&
 - Closed Circuit Television Systems (Telesensory)











Word Identification Aids

- Offers portable solution for reading difficult words in math texts and worksheets
 - Speaking Electronic Dictionaries (Franklin Electronic Publishers)
 - Reading Pen (Wizcom)



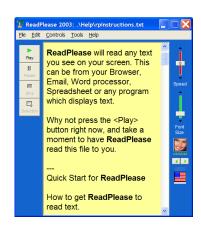




Text Readers

- Text-reading computer applications that provide a bimodal presentation of the document being read aloud
 - ReadPlease Free (ReadPlease)
 - Natural Reader (NaturalSoft)
 - Etext Reader (Premier Programming)
 - TextAloud (NextUp)









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PDF Readers

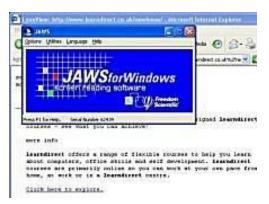
- Visual and auditory
 - PDF Readers provide speech access to unlocked PDF files
 - Adobe Reader (Adobe)
 - Advanced Reading Aids
 - Kurzweil 3000 (Kurzweil)
 - WYNN (Freedom Scientific)
 - Read and Write Gold (Text Help)
 - » PDF Aloud





Screen Readers

- Allows for controlled enlargement of text to the magnification level needed
- Will read all text on the computer screen
 - JAWS (Freedom Scientific)
 - MAGic (Freedom Scientific)







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Numpads

- Assists with math processing input
 - Standard keyboard numpad (Windows or Macintosh)
 - Standalone Numpad (InfoGrip)

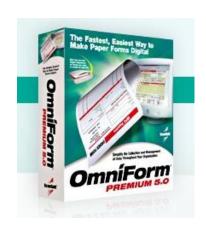






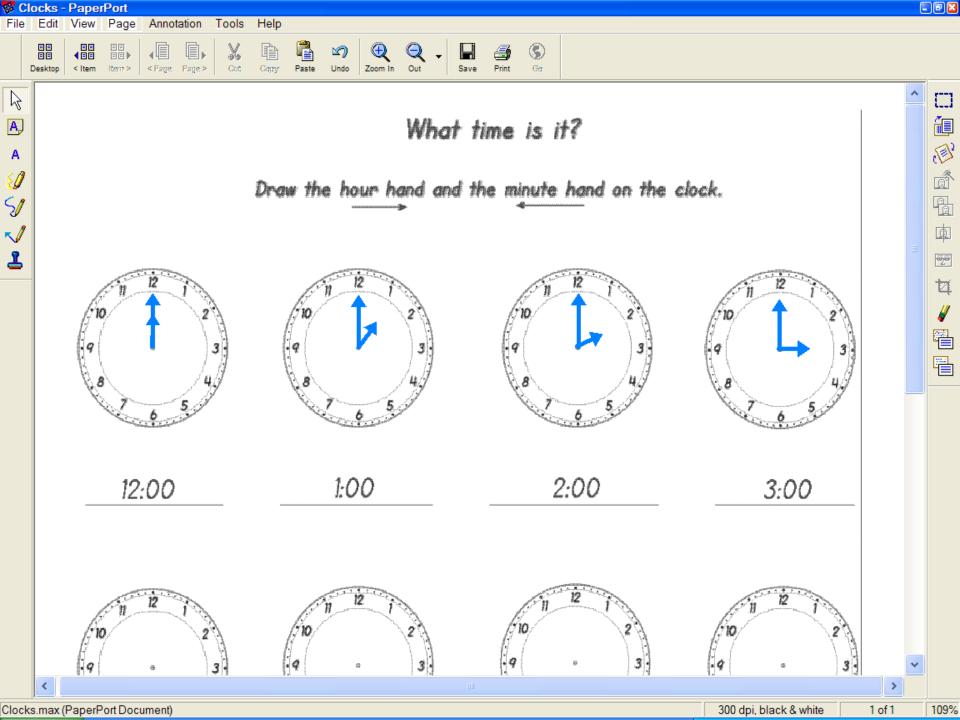
Electronic Worksheets and Tests

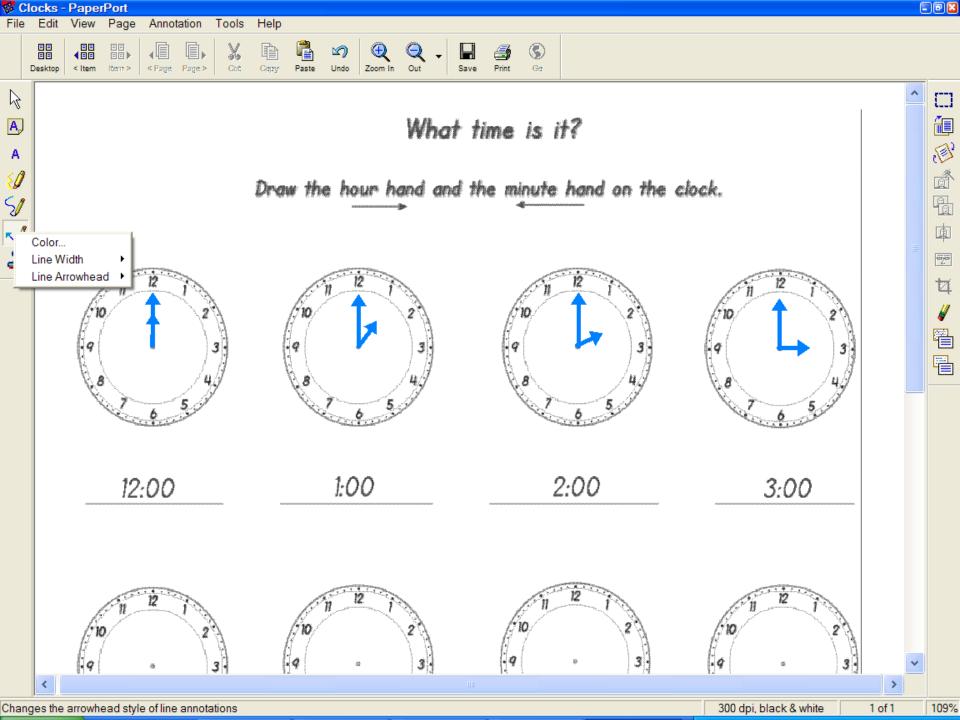
- Provides a way for worksheets and tests to be scanned into electronic format
 - Paper Port (Nuance)
 - OmniForm (Nuance)











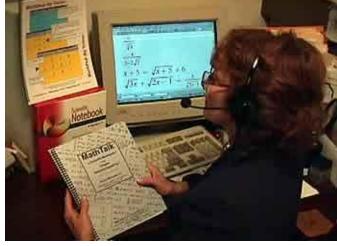
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Voice Input

- Allows the student to complete math tasks on the computer through voice dictation
 - MathTalk (MetroPlex Voice Computing)
 - Can be used with basic operations, using MathPad, up to graduate level math, using Scientific

Notebook.





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Calculation and Problem Solving Tools



Manipulatives

 Provides concrete materials that can be used when performing math tasks

- BarCulator (mathfun.com)
- PieCulator (<u>mathfun.com</u>)
- Master Fraction (Onion Mountain Technology)
- MathLine (Onion Mountain Technology)





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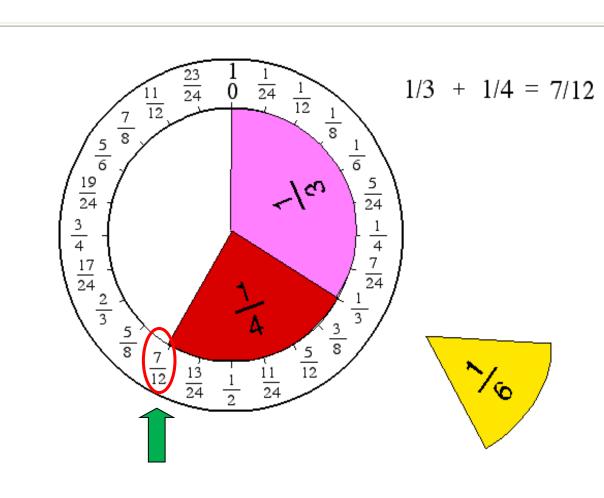
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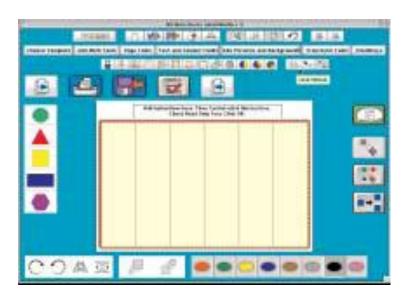


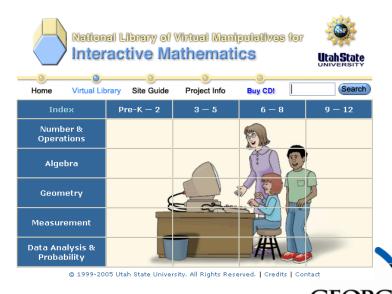
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Virtual Manipulatives

- Allows for access to electronic manipulatives
 - IntelliMathics (Intellitools)
 - National Library of Virtual Manipulatives (http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/)





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Adding Fractions with Common Denominators



$$\frac{8}{15} + \frac{4}{15} = \frac{12}{15}$$



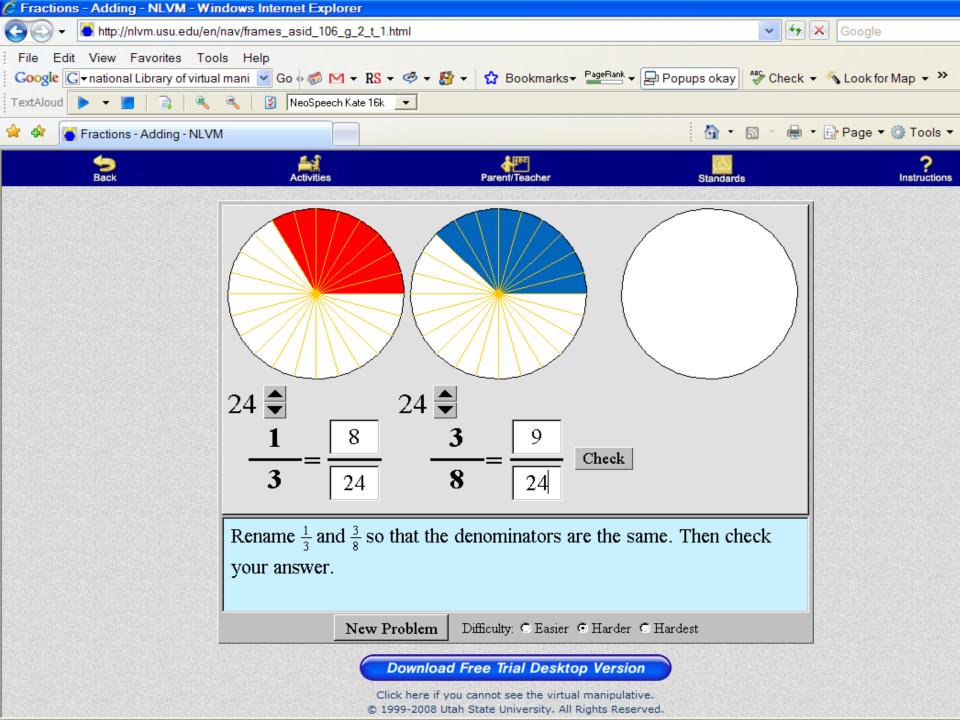


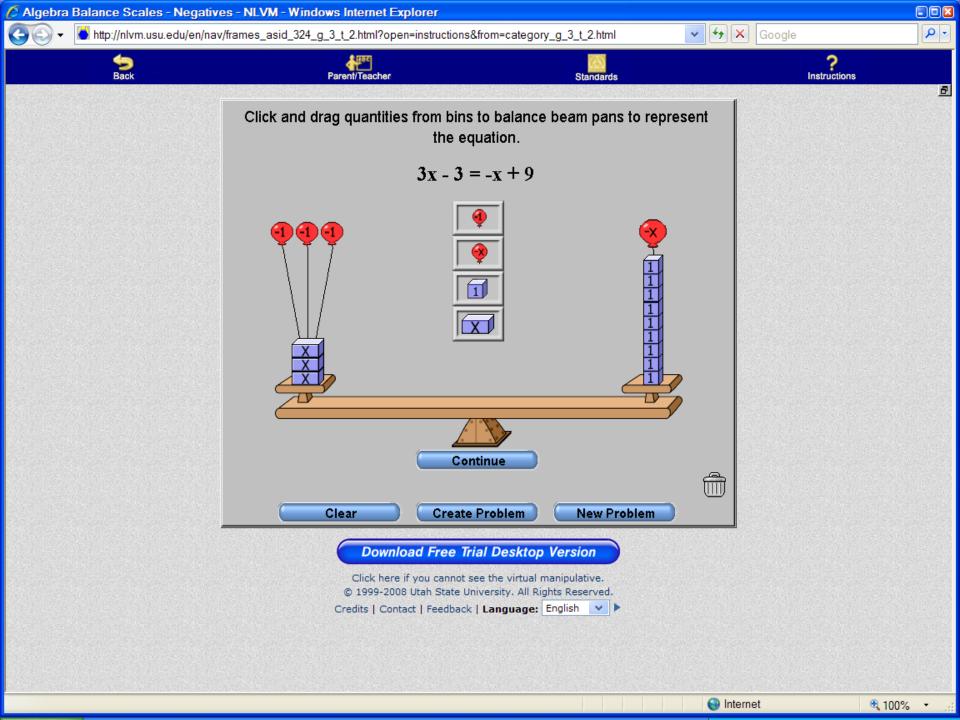
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20











Charts and Study Guides

- Booklets provide sample problems and references for solving common math problems
 - Flip charts, Quick Study guides (Amazon, www.flipperguides.com)
 - Quick Math Books (Curriculum Associates)
 - CliffNotes (www.cliffnotes.com, bookstores)
 - Flow chart, cheat sheets (Teacher made)



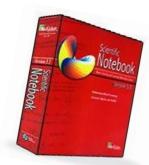


Charts and Study Guides

- Applications provide sample problems and references for solving common math problems
 - Microsoft Math (Microsoft)



Scientific Notebook (MacKichen Software)



- Online Resources provide sample problems and references for solving common math problems
 - Ask Dr Math, Algebrahelp.com, Webmath.com

Process Aids

- Provide auditory prompts for solving multistep problems
 - StepPad (Attainment)
 - VoiceCue (Attainment)







Calculators

- Large Button Provide large buttons and/or large display for physical access
 - Jumbo Display Folding Calculator (Independent Living Aids)



- Talking Calculator Provide speech feedback of numbers entered and numbers on display
 - Desktop Talking Calculator (Maxi-Aids)





Fraction and Graphing Calculators

- Provides calculation assistance for solving fraction problems
 - TI-15 ExplorerCalculator (OnionMountain Technology)



- Provides assistance in completing math tasks that require graphing
 - TI-84 Plus Silver
 Edition (Texas
 Instruments, office
 supply and discount
 stores)

Talking Scientific Calculators

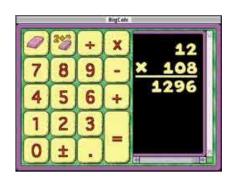
- Provides speech feedback for solving higher level math equations
 - Talking Scientific Calculator (Independent Living Aids)
 - Orion T136X Talking Scientific Calculator (MaxiAids)
 - TI-36X Solar (Independent Living Aids)



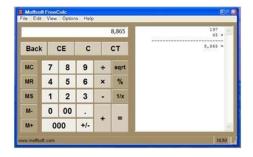
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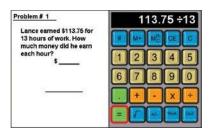
Provide on-screen calculation assistance

- Big Calc (EnableMart)
- Windows based Calculators- standard and scientific
- MoffSoft FreeCalc with tape (www.moffsoft.com)
- CalcuScan (Mayer Johnson)















My Network Places



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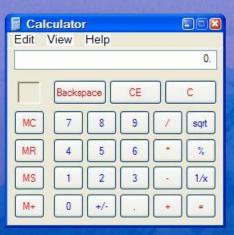


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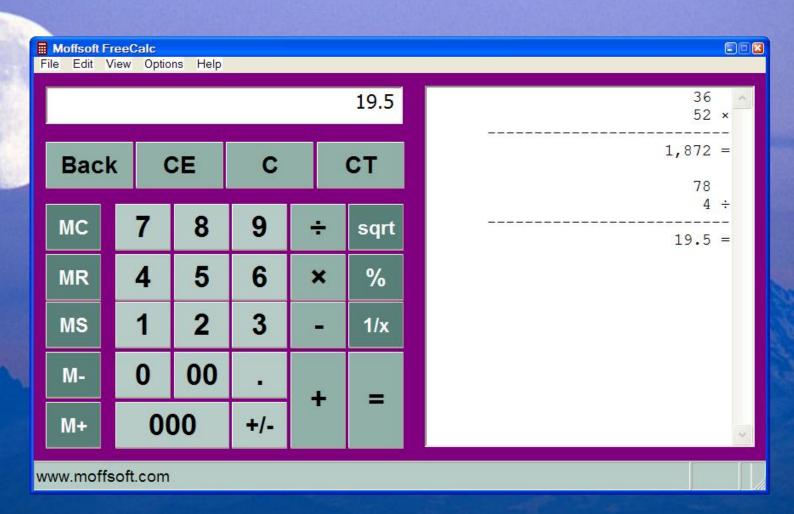


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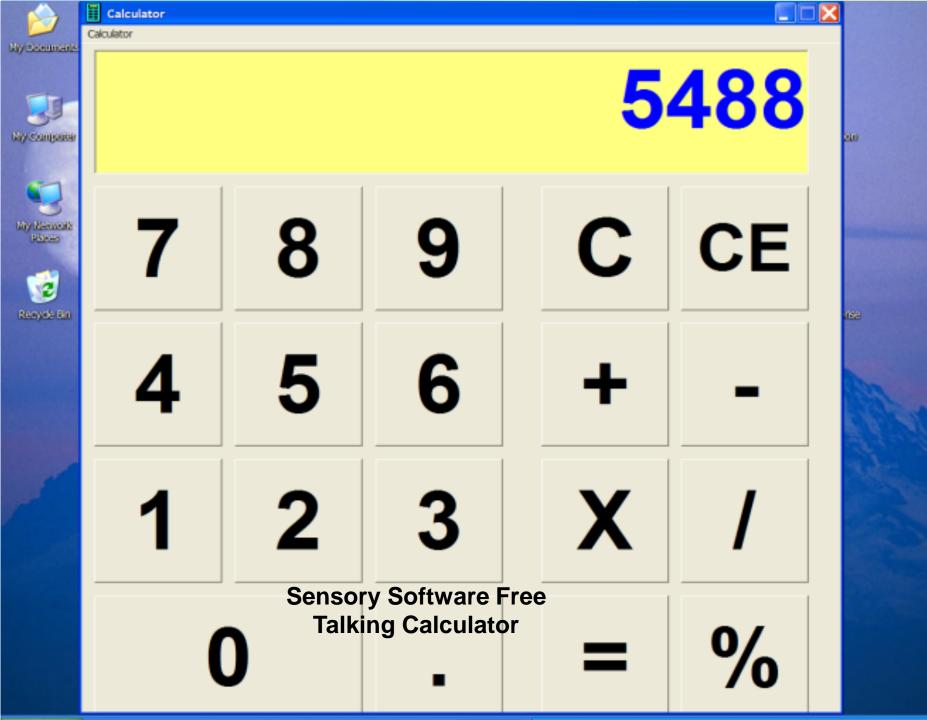


Miscellaneous





Moffsoft Free Calculator www.moffsoft.com



Calculator with Braille Input-Output

- Allows Braille users to enter problems using Braille keystrokes and have embossed output
 - Braille 'n Speak (Freedom Scientific)





Graphing SoftwareSoftware for Graphs and Charts

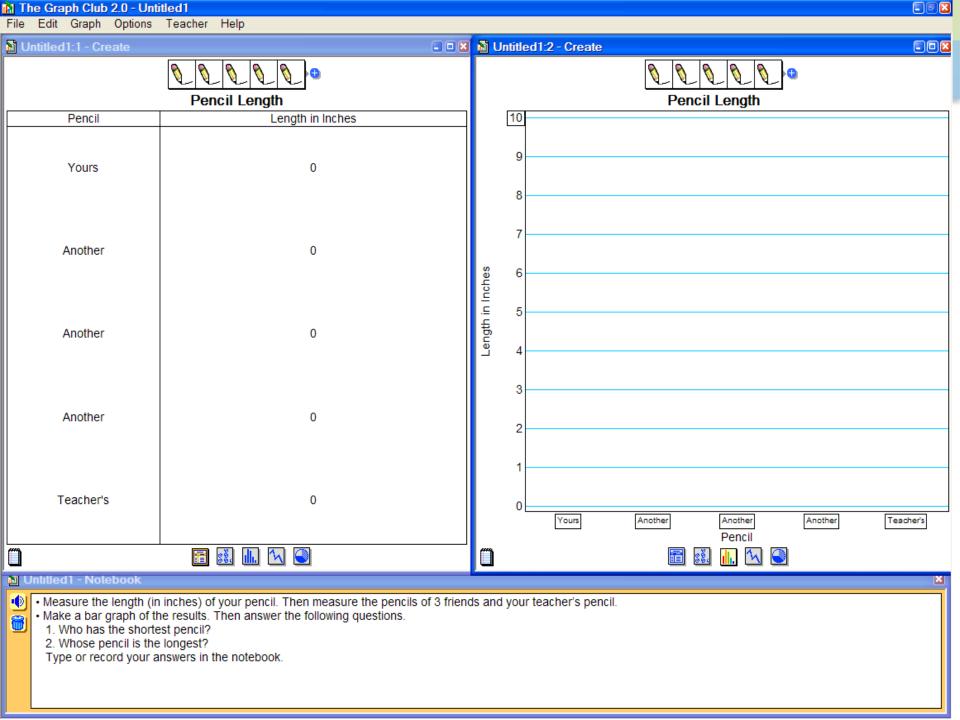
- Allows students to create graphs on the computer
 - Microsoft Word (Microsoft)
 - Microsoft Excel (Microsoft)
 - Graph Club (Tom Snyder)
 - TI Interactive (Texas Instruments)
 - Geometer Sketchpad (Key Curriculum Press)









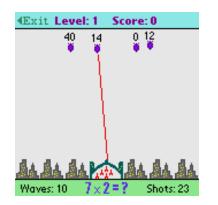


Portable Math Processors

- Provides a portable electric solution for solving math problems and practicing math skills
 - CalcuScribe (CalcuScribe)

 Palm OS with Math Software (Handango, ImagiWorks)

ImagiWorks)



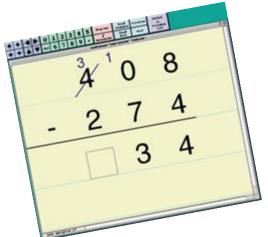
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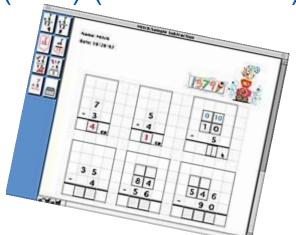


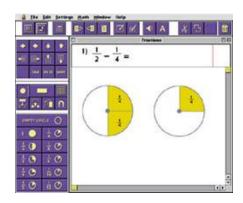
Electronic Math Processing Software

- Allows for completion of <u>basic math functions</u> in an electronic format
 - MathPad (Intellitools)
 - MathPad Plus (Intellitools)

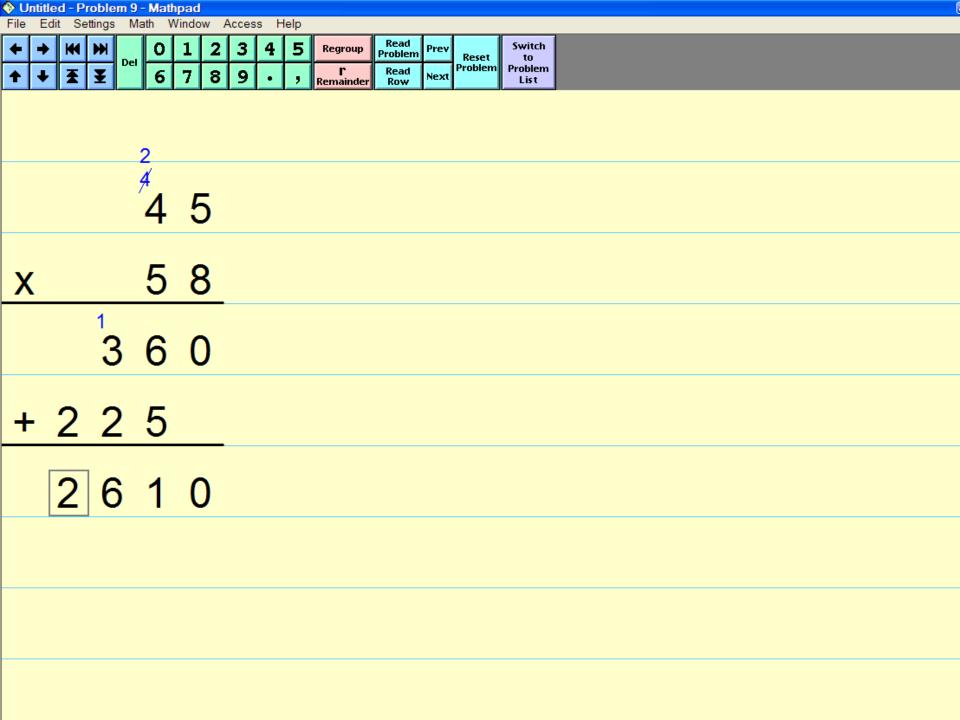
Access to Math (Mac) (Don Johnson)

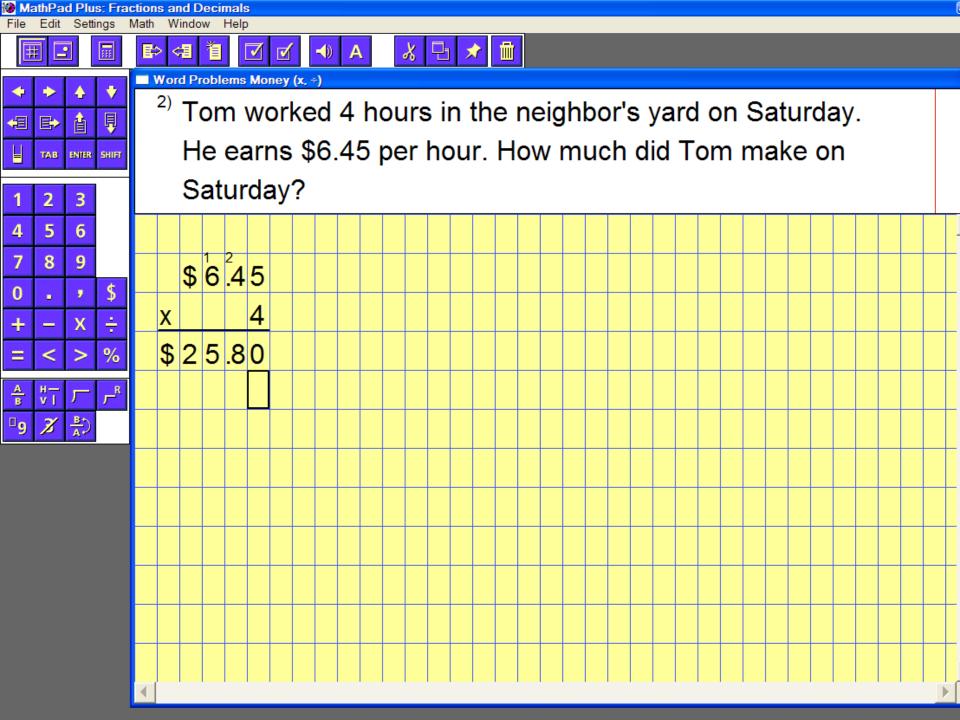






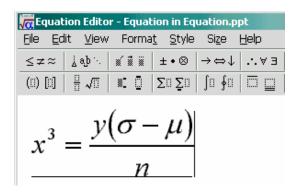


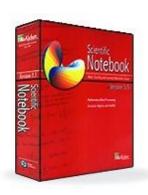




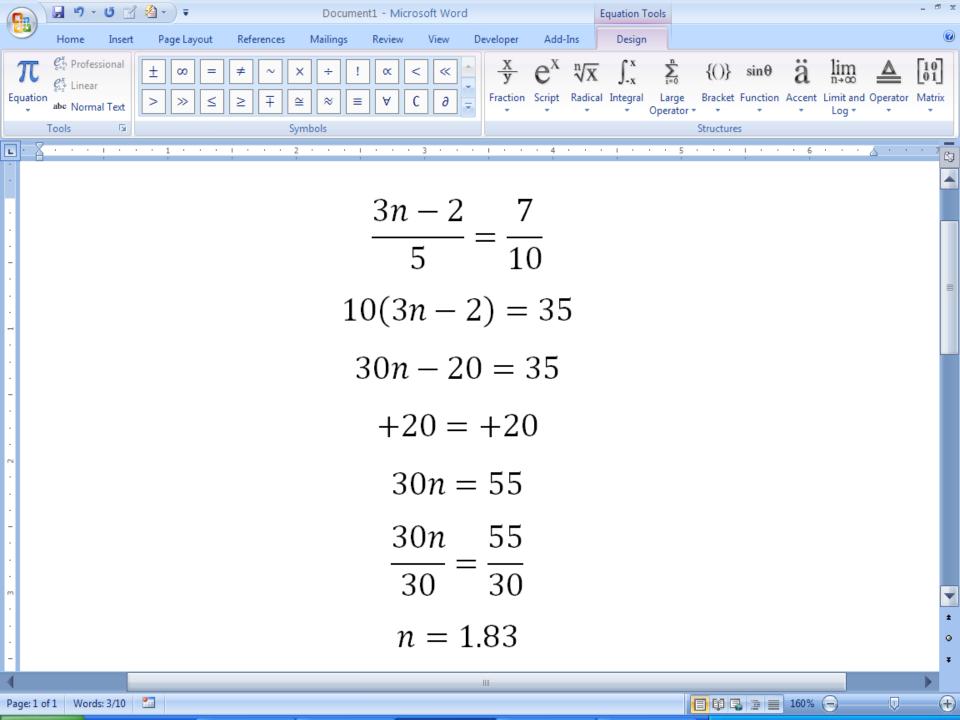
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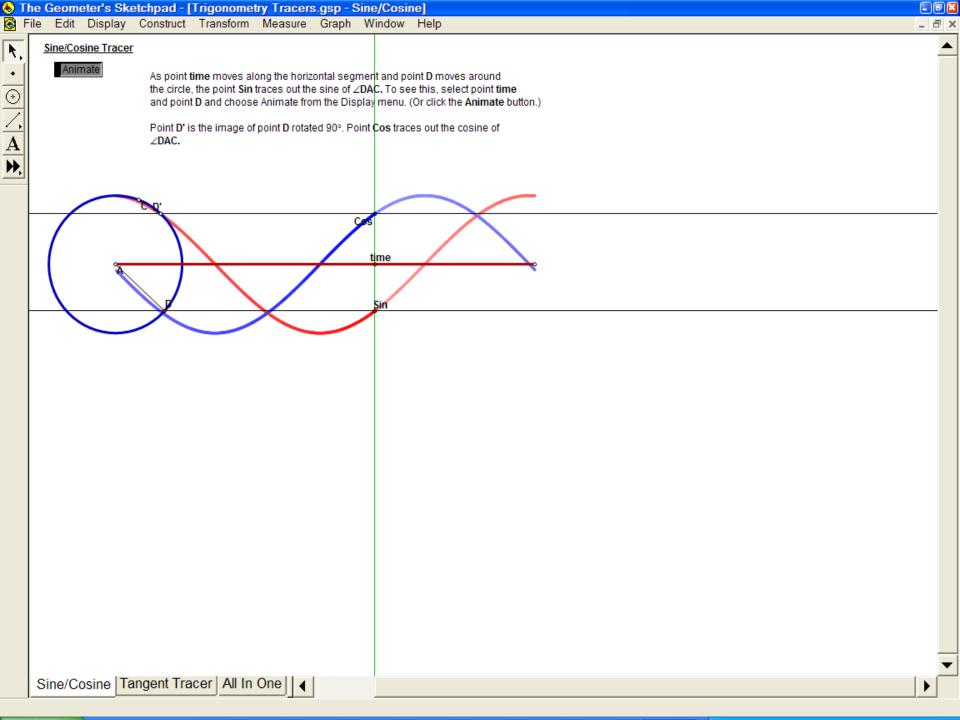
- Allows for completion of <u>higher level math</u> functions in an electronic format
 - Equation Editor (free download from MS Office CD)
 - Scientific Notebook (MacKichen Software)
 - Geometer's Sketchpad (Key Curriculum Press)















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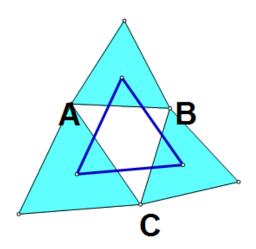
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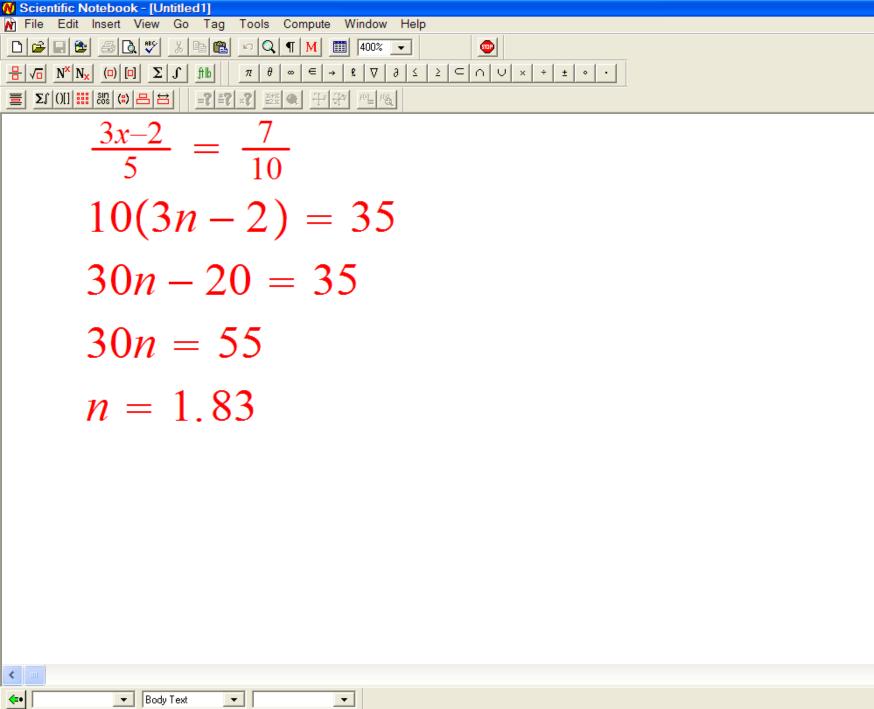
The centroids of equilateral triangles mounted on the sides of any triangle ABC

form an equilateral triangle (shown with thick edges). Drag A, B, or C to verify Napoleon's Theorem.

What happens when you reflect each centroid over the closest edge of

your original triangle ABC? What is the difference in areas between the outer and inner Napoleonic triangles?





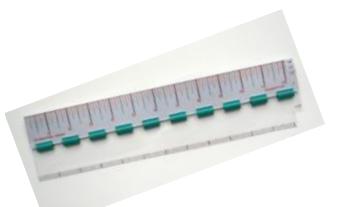




Money









Adapted Measuring Devices



Measurement







Manipulatives

Time









Determining the Right Tool(s)



Determining The Optimal Tool(s)

Student abilities and needs

Required tasks



Available supports





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Benefits of Assistive Technology



Benefits of Math Aids

- Productivity
- Independence
- Achievement







Things to Keep in Mind

Technology is no substitute for good instruction

Technology should be used in conjunction with other available supports

 Technology use should be monitored and changes made as needed

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