Mathematics Education: Creating and Seizing Opportunities

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InterEducation Course Objectives

- The course aims to provide teachers with:
 - An insight into the teaching of mathematics in Irish schools
 - An opportunity to compare the teaching of mathematics in different European countries:
 - To exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
 - New ideas and techniques for teaching mathematics and strategies for motivating learners.

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what helping someone to learn in mathematics is...

teaching mathematics is...



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Teaching the division of fractions

Challenging learners to think...



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 - How the 'division of fractions' is relevant to the mathematics that you teach...

Research on prospective teachers' explanations of division with fractions, division by zero, and division with algebraic equations as procedural in nature, lacking regard for meaning and based on **memorisation** rather than understanding.

Research on prospective secondary school mathematics teachers in Ireland found that these pre-service teachers lacked **conceptual** understanding to support their teaching of the division of fractions.

What potential challenges would this cause in the context of teaching

(Ball, 1988)

(Slattery & Fitzmaurice, 2013)

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What is the role of memorisation in this environment for learning mathematics?

Content-level understanding: This is received knowledge that is not actively acquired by learners.

Example: Having been shown how to invert and multiply to find the answer, students would be unable to illustrate what to the division of fractions means

Concept-level understanding: The abstract ideas and clusters that define, bound, and **guide inquiry** in mathematics

Example: Students operating at this level identify patterns and relationships.

To teach vocabulary

To give students a list of words and their definitions and ask students to demonstrate their understanding.

This is a fraction...

This is inverting a fraction...

Similar triangles ... these are triangles which contain all the same angles of measure

The label

What it is (concept)

To teach concepts

To **create** a *problem* or *inquiry* situation where students can learn something about pattern finding/ be challenged to find a pattern that leads to the creation of a concept – **unearthing** a concept/ a mathematical idea/ procedure.

Discover in thinking mathematically

Creating the environment

Problem \longrightarrow pattern \longrightarrow concept \longrightarrow label

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Problem-solving level: The **analytic tools and methods** scholars and learners use to pose and resolve the puzzles, questions, and dilemmas of mathematics.

Strategies at this level:

- Inference
- Deductive thinking

Example: Thinking abilities such as finding a pattern, working backwards, solving a similar problem, applying a procedure in situations to different from the one in which it was learned. Content-level understanding: This is received knowledge that is not actively acquired by learners.

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Relational understanding: knowing both what to do and why

Tell me how and why...

$$\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{3}$$

Invert the second fraction and multiply

$$\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{3}$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{1}$$

 1×3

 2×1

3

 $\overline{2}$

What does invert mean? Why is it the second fraction? Is it always the second fraction? Why do we multiply? How do we multiply?

Turn the second fraction upside down
You're dividing by the $\frac{1}{3}$
Yes
Because we inverted the fraction
Numerator by numerator Denominator by denominator
Now practice a some more textbook

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Invert the second fraction and multiply

1 1 $\overline{2} \div \overline{3}$ 1 3 $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{1}$

What is the **procedure** being studied here?

What does invert mean?	What explanation did the teacher give?	Turn the second fraction upside down You're dividing by the $\frac{1}{2}$	
Why is it the second fraction? Is it always the second fraction	What is the teacher explaining ?	Yes	
Why do we multiply?	1 \ 2	Because we inverted the fraction	
How do we multiply?	$\frac{1 \times 3}{2 \times 1}$	Numerator by numerator Denominator by denominator	
What is the concept studied here?	t being $\frac{3}{2}$	Now practice a some more textbook	

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Teaching for instrumental understanding

Teaching for relational understanding:

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Explanation, Procedure and Concept
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Planning the teaching of the division of fractions...



The key ideas of division: - Division as repeated subtraction	The key ideas of fractions: - A fraction as a ratio of two number	S
Task:	Task:	
Repeatedly subtract 2 from 20.	Explore what does 6 ÷ 2 mean	
Repeatedly subtract 1/2 from 20.	Find two other numbers which have	the same relationship
Repeatedly subtract $\frac{1}{2}$ from $\frac{5}{2}$.	What about $\frac{1}{2}$ and the number 20? He	ow do they compare?
Repeatedly subtract $\frac{1}{2}$ from $\frac{\overline{20}}{8}$.	Find two other numbers that have the	e same relationship



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Generating tasks that focus on practicing the procedure

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- Identifying patterns...

Problem-solving understanding: The **analytic tools and methods** scholars and learners use to pose and resolve the puzzles, questions, and dilemmas of mathematics.

- Thinking abilities

Create opportunities for learners to come to see...

Teaching for relational understanding.



What is division?

What is a fraction?

What is a ratio?

What is proportion?



Would this work for
$$\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{3}$$
?

 $20 \div 5$ Sharing €20 amongst 5 people. How much does each person get?

What is division?

Division as repeated subtraction

Would this work for $\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{3}$?

How could I show students
$$\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{3}$$
?

20 ÷ 5 Repeatedly subtracting 5 from 20. How many time can I do this?

Will it be more than 1/ less than 1? A whole number?







What are we working on here?

- a) Procedure
- b) Explanation
- c) Concept

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What does the answer $\frac{3}{2}$ mean?

Key Mathematical Idea

- Key mathematical ideas can form a framework for thinking about 'important mathematics'.
- These ideas find application across all class/ year levels.
 - There may be difference in the complexity of their applications, but the ideas remain constant.



Key Mathematical Ideas



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Part-Whole

Using the part-whole can be an effective starting point for building meaning of fractions. Part-whole can be shading a region, part of a group of people, or part of a length.

Division

As with whole numbers, division means sharing into equal-sized groups.

Measurement

Measurement involves identifying a length and then using that length as a measurement unit to determine the length of an object.

The fraction $\frac{5}{8}$ is 5 times $\frac{1}{8}$.

Operator

Fractions can be used to indicate an operation, as in $\frac{4}{5}$ of 20 square metres. These situations indicate a fraction of a while number.

Ratio

The fraction $\frac{1}{4}$ can mean the probability of an event occurring is 1 in 4.

The ratio $\frac{3}{4}$ could be the ratio of those wearing jackets (part) to those not wearing jackets (part) [part : part ratio] or it could be those wearing jackets (part) to those in the class (whole) [part : whole ratio]

Key Mathematical Ideas



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Consider what responses you would give to these questions

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Tell me how and why...

Teaching for relational understanding



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 $\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{3}$

Express as a single fraction:

$$\frac{5x-3}{2} - \frac{2x+1}{3}$$

Equivalent fractions

Junior cycle higher level

Solve the equation:

$$\frac{3x-1}{6} - \frac{x-3}{4} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Equivalent fractions

Junior cycle higher level

Simplify:

$$\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Equivalent fractions Division

Senior cycle higher level

Simplify:

$$\frac{x-5}{x+1} \div \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 4x + 3}$$

Equivalent fractions Division

Senior cycle higher level

Simplify:

$$\frac{1-\frac{9}{x^2}}{2+\frac{6}{x}}$$

Equivalent fractions Division

Senior cycle higher level



The role of the mathematics

teacher

Teacher as intermediary



What does a mathematics teacher do:

- Discuss with the person beside you all of the aspects of teaching mathematics:
 - What does teaching mathematics involve?
 - Job description...

Mathematics teaching analysis

- Core tasks:
 - Setting and clarifying goals
 - Evaluating a textbook's approach to a topic
 - Selecting and designing a task
 - Re-scaling tests
 - Choosing and using representations
 - Analysing and evaluating student responses
 - Analysing and responding to student errors
 - Managing productive discussions
 - Figuring out what students are learning



Instruction as interaction

- Teaching is what teachers do, say and think with learners, concerning *content*, in particular organisations and other
 environments, in time.
- Teaching is a collection of practices, including pedagogy, learning, instructional design and managing organisation.

Instruction as interaction



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Acting as an **intermediary**

... situated, acting, or coming between.

... something that acts a medium or means.





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Task 2

Develop a convincing argument to support your order.

You may consider using visual representations to support your argument.

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Task

On the number line, place a line where you think $\frac{1}{7}$ is.

Task

On the number line, place a line where you think $\frac{1}{16}$ is.

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Fraction as division

Teacher as intermediary



Seizing Opportunities

Teaching for the now, and the future

Seize (an opportunity): You take advantage of a situation

What approaches are used to teach:

 13×27

How can we build on this in secondary school?

213 X 27 260 351

 $\rightarrow \frac{\chi 27}{7(3) + 7(10)} = 21 + 70 = 91$ 20(3) + 20(10) = 60 + 200 = 260X



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Solve the equation:

3(x + 7)

Distributive property

Junior cycle ordinary level

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$$(x-3)(x-7)$$

Distributive property The product of two negative numbers

Junior cycle Higher Level

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Solve the equation:

$$-y(2y-3x) - y(xy+3x)$$

Distributive property The product of two negative numbers

Senior Cycle Higher Level



Connections to future learning

Mathematical learning context

Enabling learners to 'come to see" why and what

Creating and seizing opportunities

Guiding towards how and why ...









You display these images to the students. What key ideas are you trying to probe for:







The mathematical idea...

altitude) over a certain distance

The gradient of a line. - The relationship between the vertical change and horizontal change.

Concept

The difference between two points is found using subtraction. S. Quirke

This is stage 19 of the Tour de France, Embrun to Isola



Consider questions that you could pose to students?

This is stage 19 of the Tour de France, Embrun to Isola



What questions could you pose to students?





1 gradient division = 5 mi



How does this part of the stage compare

Why do you think it is a negative?



This climb averages 0.8%. The steepest quarter mile of this climb is 19.4% and steepest continuous mile is 11.3%. 3.6 miles of the climb is at or above 10% grade.

The gradient on this climb is broken down as follows:

- 42.1 miles (47.6%) of descent;
- 18.3 miles (20.7%) at 0-5% grade;
- 24.5 miles (27.7%) at 5-10% grade;
- 2.9 miles (3.3%) at 10-15% grade;
- 0.5 miles (0.6%) at 15-20% grade;
- 0.2 miles (0.2%) at 20%+ grade



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Plot the point (7, 8)



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Join the points with a line.



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X

Join the points with a line. How would we find the slope of the line?



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Plot the point (2, 4)



Plot the point (7, 8)

X

Join the points with a line. How would we find the slope of the line? We need to know the horizontal distance...



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We need to know the vertical distance...



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We need to know the horizontal distance...

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$$\frac{4}{5}$$

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Develop a formula for finding the slope between two



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$$\frac{4}{5}$$

Plot two different points that would have the same slope

Plot two different points that would have a slope of $-\frac{4}{5}$

Calculate the slope of $\frac{4}{5}$ as percentage





Would a slope like this be realistic in the Tour de France



Find the angle of this gradient?



Find the angle of this gradient?

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{4}{5}$$
$$\Theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$$
$$\Theta \approx 38.67^{\circ}$$
BREAK

15 minutes



Creating and seizing opportunities

Guiding towards how and why ...

Discuss approaches to teaching...

The product of the slopes of two perpendicular lines is -1.

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Hint: tan (30 °) = $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

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$$\tan (30^\circ) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

 $\tan (\Theta) = \frac{\Theta}{a}$





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Hint:
$$\tan (30^\circ) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

 $\tan (\theta) = \frac{0}{a}$



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$$n(30^{\circ}) = \underbrace{4}_{\sqrt{3}} = \underbrace{x}_{\sqrt{3}}$$
$$\underbrace{\sqrt{3}}_{1} = \underbrace{1}_{\sqrt{3}}$$
$$\underbrace{4}_{\sqrt{3}} = x$$





Y

Hint:
$$\tan (30^{\circ}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

 $\tan (\theta) = \frac{0}{a}$
points (2,1) and $(3^{\frac{3+1}{\sqrt{3}}})$

Plot a line perpendicular to the line segment we have draw



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Y Label this line *l* r

Plot two points so the angle of the slope is 30°

Hint:
$$\tan (30^\circ) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

 $\tan (\theta) = \frac{0}{a}$
points (2,1) and $(3, \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}})$

Plot a line perpendicular to the line segment we have drawn. Label this line l



Hint:
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points (2,1) and (3, 3)

Plot a line perpendicular to the line segment we have draw

Mark the point (1, 1)



Hint:
$$\tan (30^{\circ}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

 $\tan (\theta) = \frac{0}{a}$
points $(2,1)$ and $(3\sqrt[3]{3})$

Plot a line perpendicular to the line segment we have draw

Mark the point (1, 1)

Form a right-angled triangle, using the points (1,1) and (2, 1) and the line l



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Calculate the length of the side, *o*



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Calculate the length of the side, o







$$M_{l} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} = -\sqrt{3}$$



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$$M_{K} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{1}{1}$$



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Find the product of the slopes of the lines, *l* and *k*





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What is the relationship between the lines, l and k

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The product of the slopes of perpendicular lines is -1

Building to relational understanding

From proportion to trigonometric functions



Task

A students asks you, "what is an angle?"

How do you reply?

Studying Triangles

What do you notice about these triangles?



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Ratio and Proportion

- A ratio is a relationship between constituent parts.
- Proportion refers to the relationship or ratio between different elements or parts of a whole.
- It involves comparing the size, quantity, or magnitude of one component to another or to the entirety.
- Proportions are often expressed in terms of percentages, fractions, or ratios.

What does the following mean: $\sin \frac{\pi}{4}$



Standard units of measurement

Quantity	The International System of Units (SI) Unit
Unit of mass	kilogram
Unit of length	metre
Unit of time	second
Unit of electric current	ampere
Unit of temperature	kelvin
Unit of angular measurement	radian



Examine the image on the left.

What do you notice about radians?

Radians

- A radian is a unit of angular measure based on the radius of a circle.
- One radian is the angle made at the center of a circle by an arc whose length is equal to the radius of the circle.

• To find the radian measure of an angle, therefore, we use the formula $\frac{arc \ length}{radius}$


What is a radian?



Summary: Radians in a Circle

We know the circumference of a circle is given by the formula $C = 2\pi r$

Angle in radian measure $=\frac{arc \ length}{radius}$

Angle in a circle $=\frac{2\pi r}{r}=2\pi$

Therefore, there are 2π radians in a circle.

Any angle can be measured in radians or degrees



Converting Degrees to Radians

We can convert degrees to radians.

Convert 135° to radians.

 $180^\circ = \pi$ rad

$$1^\circ = \frac{\pi}{180}$$
 rad

$$135^{\circ} = \frac{135\pi}{180}$$
 rad

$$135^\circ = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$
 rad

Task

Convert 210° to radians.

 $180^\circ = \pi \operatorname{rad}$

$$1^\circ = \frac{\pi}{180}$$
 rad

 $210^{\circ} = \frac{210\pi}{180}$ rad

 $210^{\circ} = \frac{7\pi}{6}$ rad

In general what method would we use if we wanted to convert x° to radians?

$$x \times \frac{\pi}{180}$$

Converting Radians to Degrees

We can convert radians to degrees also.

Convert $\frac{8\pi}{6}$ rad to degrees.

 π rad = 180°

$$\frac{8\pi}{6}$$
 rad = $\frac{8(180)}{6}$

$$\frac{8\pi}{6} \text{rad} = \frac{1440}{6}$$

$$\frac{8\pi}{6}$$
rad = 240°

Task

Convert
$$\frac{7\pi}{5}$$
 radians to degrees

 π rad = 180°

$$\frac{7\pi}{5} \operatorname{rad} = \frac{7(180)}{5}$$

$$\frac{7\pi}{5} \operatorname{rad} = \frac{1260}{6}$$

 $\frac{7\pi}{5}$ rad = 210°

In general what method would we use if we wanted to convert *r* radians to degrees?



Examine the following applet:

What do you notice?

<u>https://www.geogebra.org/m/UjjwuM8p</u>

Obscure:

Adj. not clearly expressed or easily understood

Verb. Keep from being seen

To **reveal** the obscure:

Trigonometry and the Unit Circle

The origins of trigonometry are closely tied up with problems involving circles.







Angle Measure and the Unit Circle

Represent the co-ordinates of the point *P* using radians.

$$\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right), \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$

What can we tell about the values of $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ and $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$?

Why must
$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

Angle Measure and the Unit Circle

Represent the co-ordinates of the point *P* using radians.



$$\left(\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right), \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$

What can we tell about the values of $\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$ and $\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$?
 $\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$ is a **negative** value
 $\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$ is a **positive** value
What can we tell about the $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ and $\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$?

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Other Findings

What can we tell about the $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ and $\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$?



$$-(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

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Trigonometric Functions

- Functions for which the input is an angle (the measure of rotation).
- The output of the function is a ratio... why?

Graphing Trigonometric Functions



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Graphing Trigonometric Functions

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The values of $cos(\alpha)$ and $sin(\alpha)$ in the four quadrants



Graph of $y = \sin x$

x	0	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	330	360
$y = \sin x$	0	0.5	0.8	1	0.8	0.5	0	-0.5	-0.8	-1	-0.8	-0.5	0



Graph of $y = \sin x$: Additional Info



Graph of $y = \sin x$: Additional Info

If values outside 0 to 360 degrees are calculated, the graph will start to repeat itself.

Hence, we can say the Period (where the graph starts to repeat itself) is: $2\pi = 360^{\circ}$

The maximum value of $\sin x$ is 1

The minimum value of $\sin x$ is -1

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The Range is [-11]

Potential Student Task

Consider the function $g(\alpha)$ below:



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Potential Student Task

Consider the function $g(\alpha)$ below:



How does $g(\alpha)$ compare with $f(\alpha)$?

 $g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ $g(\alpha) = -f(\alpha)$ $g(\alpha) = -\sin(\alpha)$

Compare the functions $f(\alpha)$ and $g(\alpha)$ below:





The period of the function $sin(\alpha) = 2\pi$

The period of the function $g(\alpha) = \pi$

 $g(\alpha) = \sin(A(\alpha))$

In the function, $sin(A(\alpha))$ when $\alpha = \pi$, the function repeats – this marks the period of the function.

Therefore, $sin(A(\pi)) = sin(2\pi)$ A = 2 $g(\alpha) = sin(2\alpha)$

Examine the questions; try them.





(50 marks)

A Ferris wheel has a diameter of 120 m. When it is turning, it completes exactly 10 full rotations in one hour. The diagram above shows the Ferris wheel before it starts to turn. At this stage, the point A is the lowest point on the circumference of the wheel, and it is at a height of 12 m above ground level.

The height, h, of the point A after the wheel has been turning for t minutes is given by:

 $h(t) = 72 - 60 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right)$

where h is in metres, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, and $\frac{\pi}{3}t$ is in radians.

(a) Complete the table below. The value of h(1) is given.



(b) Draw the graph of y = h(t) for $0 \le t \le 8, t \in \mathbb{R}$.



(c) Find the period and range of h(t).



(d) During a 50-minute period, what is the greatest number of minutes for which the point A could be higher than 42 m?





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(e) By solving the following equation, find the second time (value of t) that the point A is at a height of 110 m, after it starts turning:

 $72 - 60 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right) = 110$

Give your answer in minutes, correct to 2 decimal places.



(f) Use integration to find the average height of the point A over the first 8 minutes that the wheel is turning. Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

Remember that $h(t) = 72 - 60 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right)$.



If you are unsure, make a list of questions, identifying what you would need to know to try the questions.

Period =

Question 8



A Ferris wheel has a diameter of 120 m. When it is turning, it completes exactly 10 full rotations in one hour. The diagram above shows the Ferris wheel before it starts to turn. At this stage, the point A is the lowest point on the circumference of the wheel, and it is at a height of 12 m above ground level.

The height, *h*, of the point *A* after the wheel has been turning for *t* minutes is given by:

$$h(t) = 72 - 60 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}t\right)$$

where h is in metres, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, and $\frac{\pi}{2}t$ is in radians.

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(50 marks) (b) Draw the graph of y = h(t) for $0 \le t \le 8, t \in \mathbb{R}$.



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- (d) During a 50-minute period, what is the greatest number of minutes for which the point A could be higher than 42 m?

Range =



(e) By solving the following equation, find the second time (value of t) that the point A is at a height of 110 m, after it starts turning:

$$72 - 60\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}t\right) = 110$$



(f) Use integration to find the average height of the point A over the first 8 minutes that the wheel is turning. Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.











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We could draw a similar right angle triangle within the unit circle















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To conclude...

- Teaching for *relational* understanding versus *instrumental* understanding...
- Promoting content-level understanding or concept-level understanding.
- Creating opportunities for *problem*solving level understanding
- Seizing opportunities for enabling learners to **come to 'see**' *why and how.*

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