

Spreadsheet Math

A Powerful Tool for the Practice of Mathematics

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Agenda

- Introduction
- What if...
- Labs
- Questions and Comments

What if... we started from scratch to design a math curriculum for 21st century students using 21st century tools?

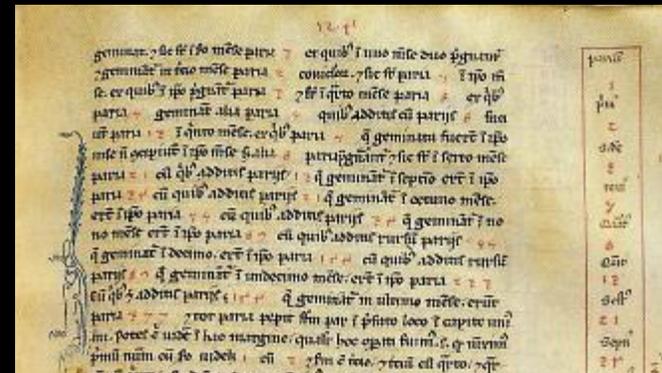
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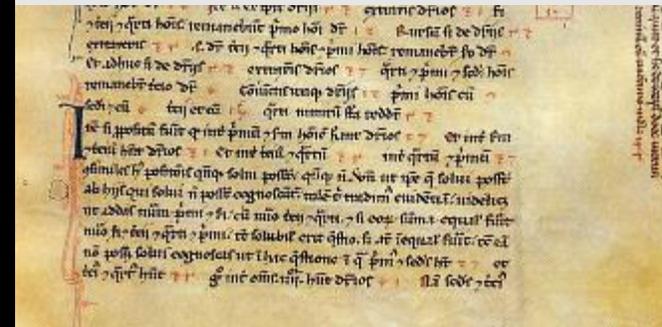
Leonardo of Pisa (c.1170-1250)

In the year **1202** when
Leonardo of Pisa...

Reinvented
the mathematics used
by **merchants**
with this book



Liber abbaci
The Book of Calculation



Liber abbaci (1202)

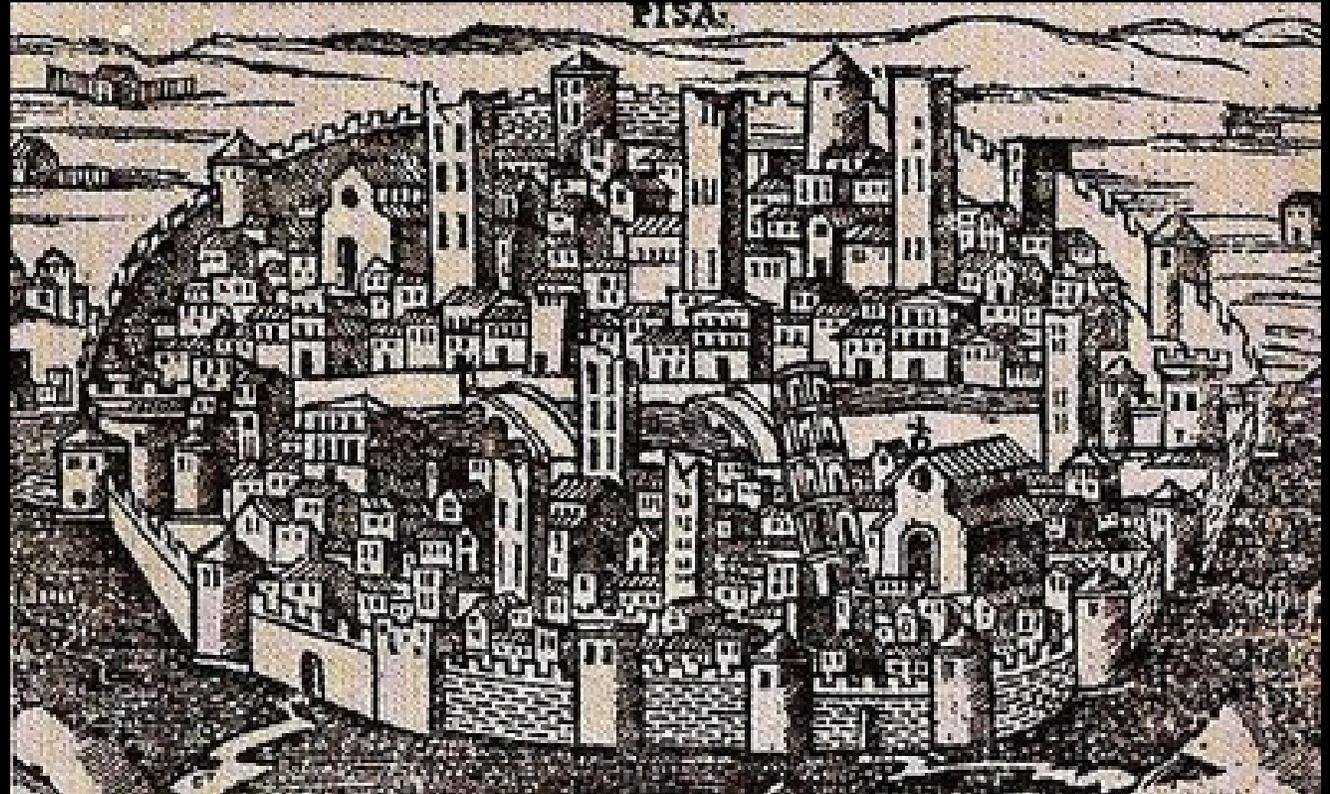
He was born
in Pisa



At the
same
time as
the
Leaning
Tower



When Pisa
was a great
trading city



As a boy Leonardo followed his father, a “public official” and trader to Algeria



Where he was tutored in
Arabic arithmetic and algebra



The Compendious Book on Calculation by
Completion and Balancing
al Khwarizmi

Both academic
subjects...

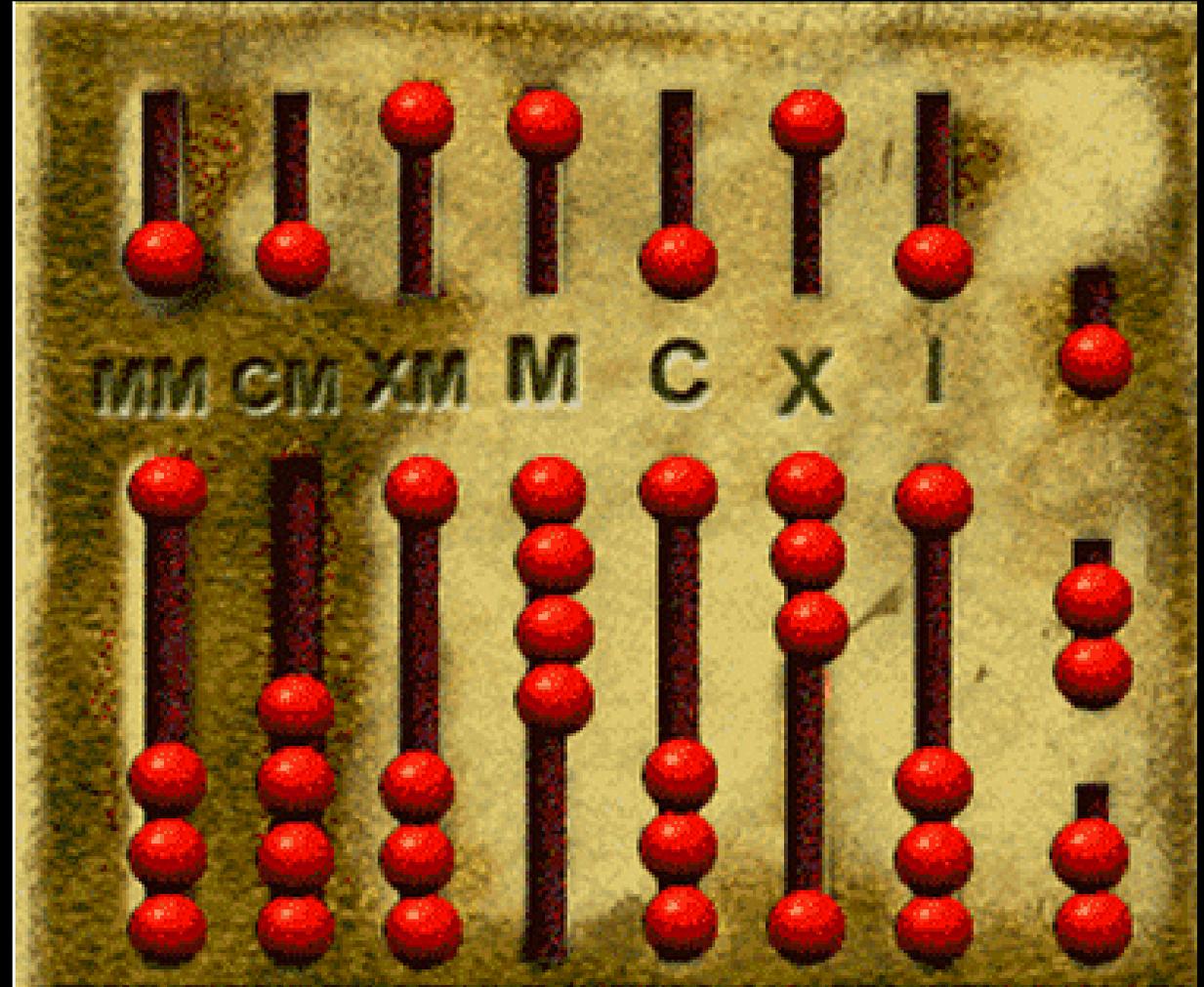


Scholars at an Abbasid library, Baghdad (1237)

...not used by
medieval merchants



Who computed
in Roman math
on an abacus



Good
enough for
the
Roman
Empire

“None of the cities should be allowed to have its own separate coinage or a system of weights and measures; they should all be required to use ours.”

Dio Cassius 235AD

But not for trade
between
Medieval
city-states,
each with its
own...



...weights,
measures,
and money



Requiring
multiplication,
division and the
solving of complex
ratio and proportion
problems

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Roman multiplication by Doubling (167 x 9 =)

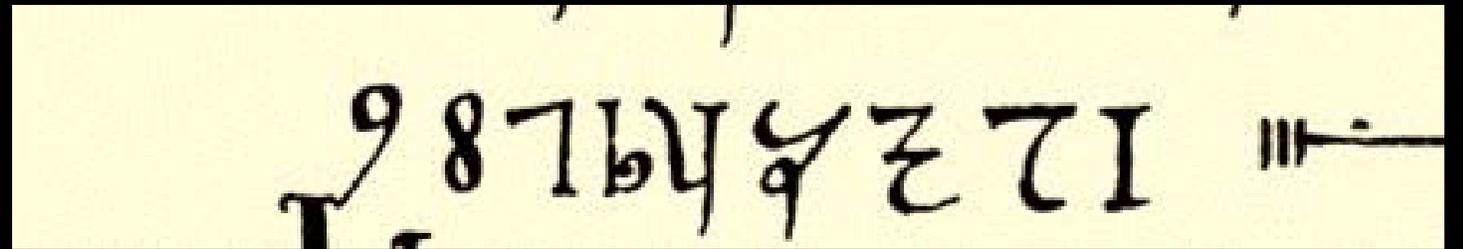
Leonardo
returned to Pisa
to write
“arithmetic
necessary to
merchants”



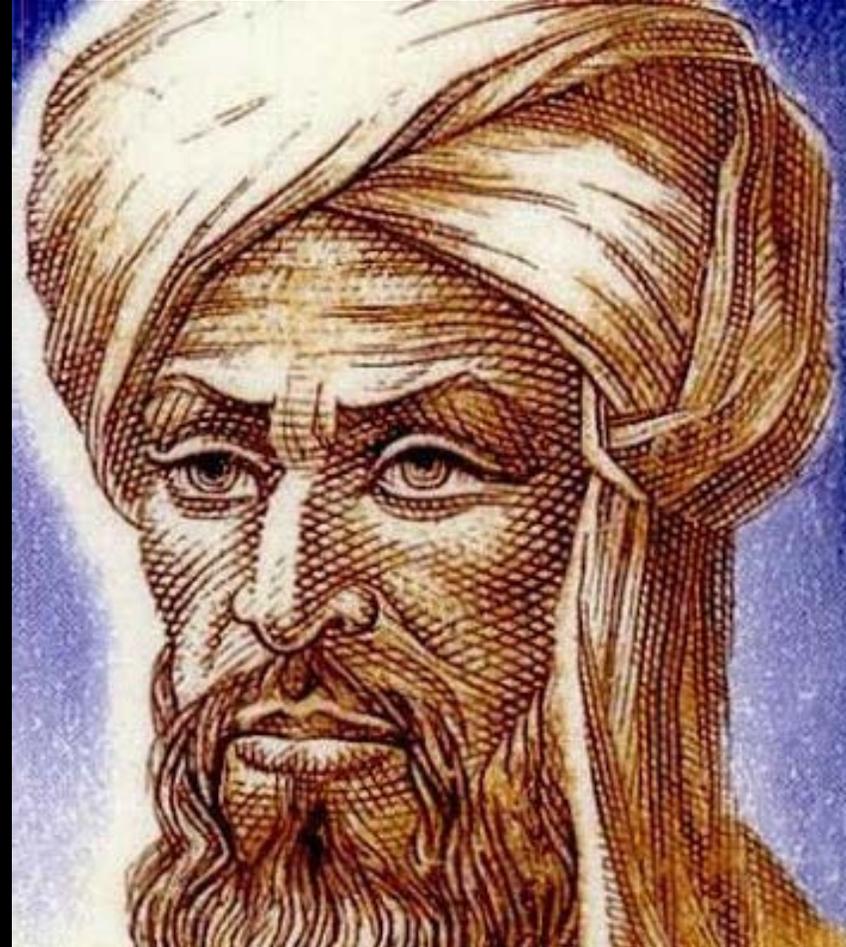
The Liber Abaci or Book of Calculation is by Leonardo Pisano Bigollo or Fibonacci, considered by many as one of the most talented western mathematicians of the Middle Ages. Featured in a rare 15th century manuscript estimated at between \$120,000-180,000 (£75,000 – 110,000). Photo: by Bonhams.

Liber abaci

Based on Indian numerals, place value and...

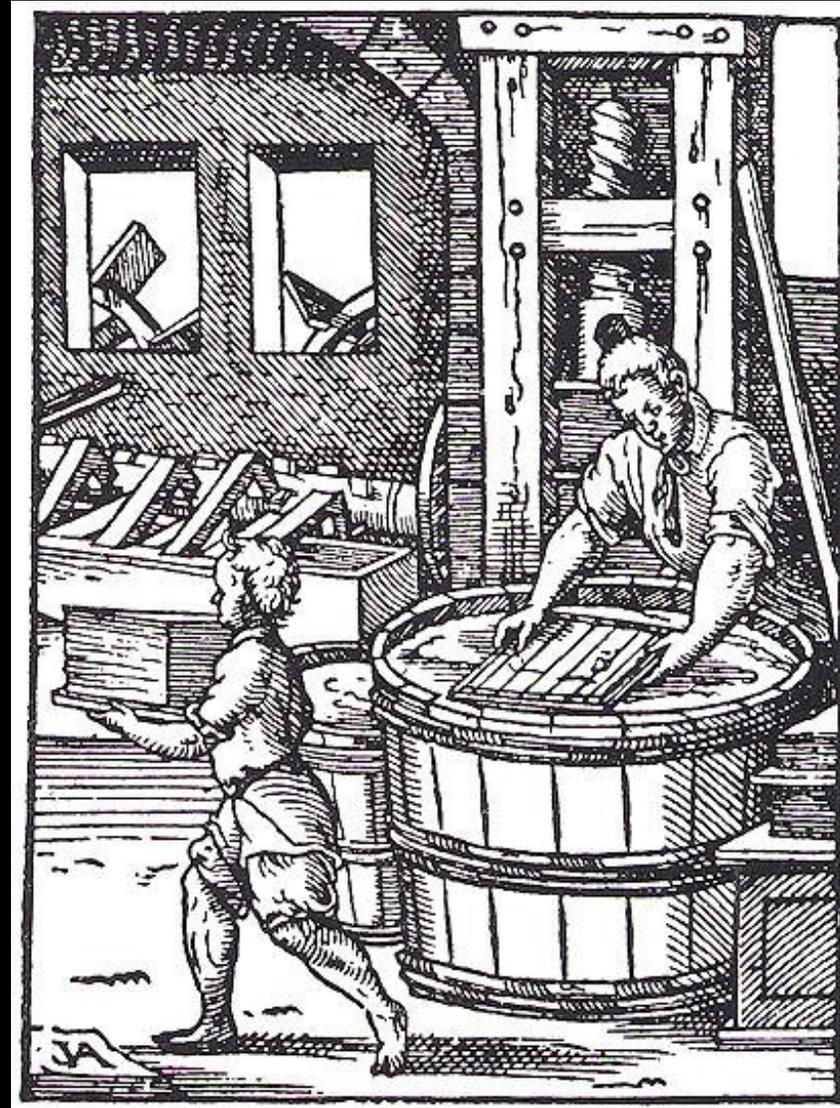


al Khwarizmi's
“algorithmic”
procedures in
arithmetic and
algebra



al Khwarizmi (c780-c850)

Using the new
technology...
paper



Paper introduced to Europe c. 1100

Leonardo's (**algorist**) math gradually become symbolic and made



Algorist vs. Abacist (woodcut 1504)

Leonardo's (**algorist**) math gradually become symbolic and made Roman (**abacist**) math...



Algorist vs. Abacist (woodcut 1504)

By the 17th century Leonardo's table of contents...

1. *On the recognition of the nine Indian figures and how all numbers are written with them. (place value)*
2. *On the multiplication of whole numbers*
3. *On the addition of them, one to another*
4. *On the subtraction of lesser numbers from greater numbers*
5. *On the division of integral numbers*
6. *On the multiplication of integral numbers with fractions*
7. *On the addition and subtraction and division of numbers and fractions and the reduction of parts to a single part*
8. *On the buying and selling of commercial things (ratio & proportion)*
9. *On the barter of commercial things (rate)*
10. *On companies made among parties (percents)*
11. *On the alloying of money (mixture problems)*
12. *On the solutions of many problems (Fibonacci sequence)*
13. *On the rule of elchataym by which problems of false position are solved. (solving linear equations)*
14. *On the finding of square and cube roots, on binomials and their roots.*
15. *On the pertinent rules of geometric proportions*

Defined by the
difficulty level of
the **algorithms**

$$\begin{array}{r} 5280 \\ +173 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 647 \\ -49 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 847 \\ \times 74 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

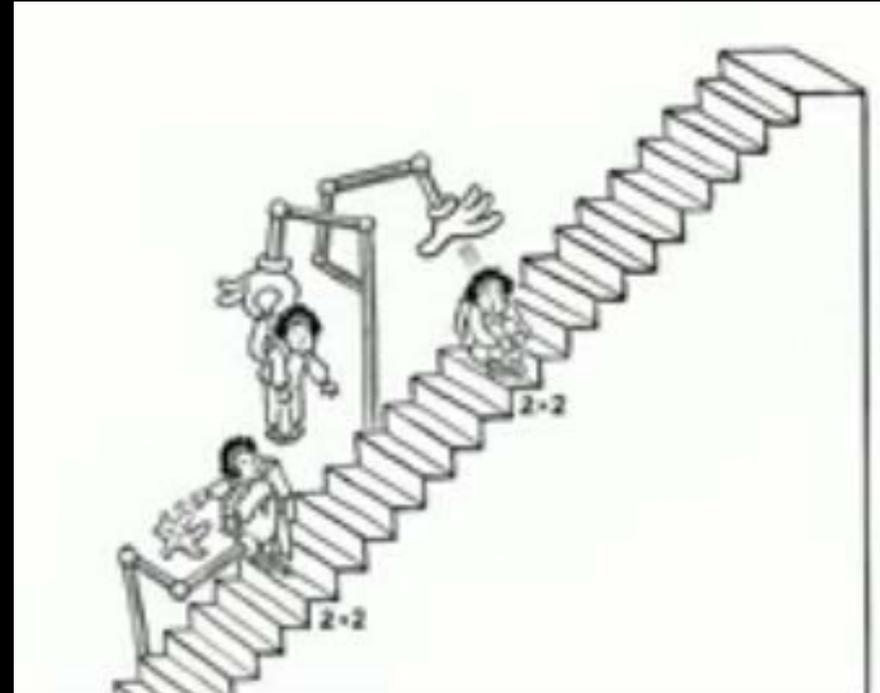
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Every student
must climb
today!



COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

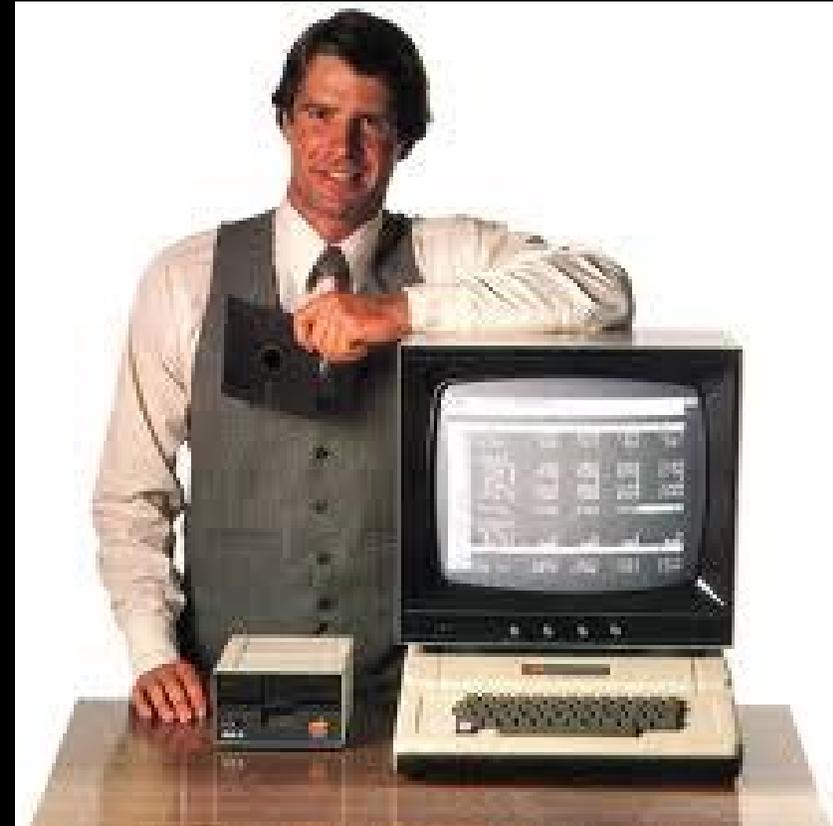
Yet, so many
“fall behind”
and
fail



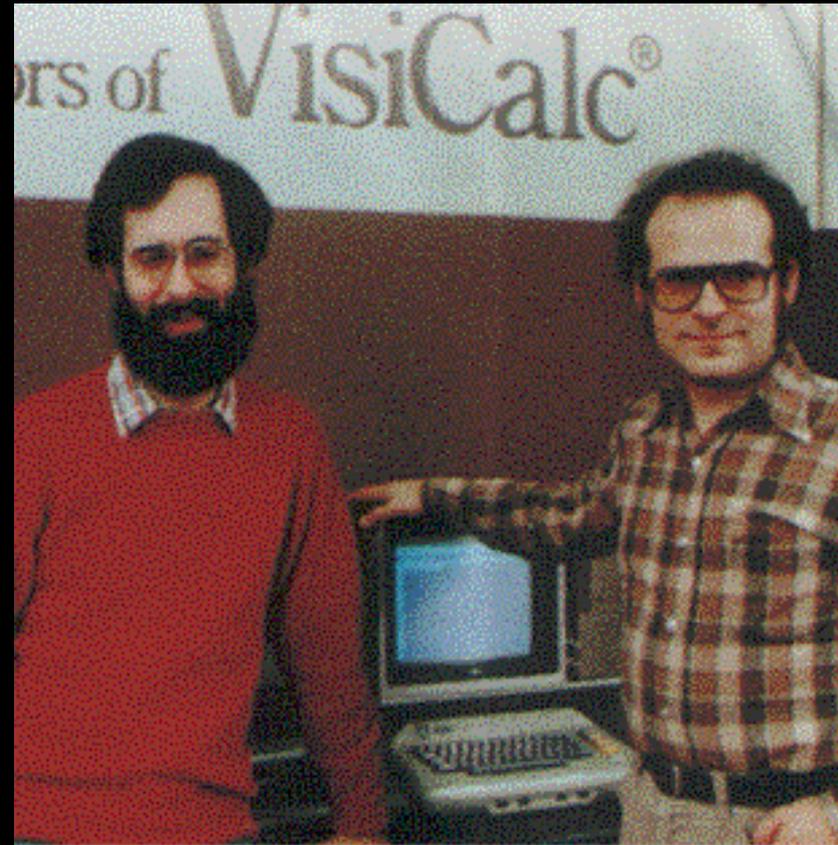
To understand what we should do about this great problem

we must first know what 21st century students need

For in 1979 a new
technology reinvented the
mathematics of business



Dan Bricklin



Dan Bricklin & Bob Frankston

A Harvard
Business
School
student



Working
on case
studies



Wanted
technology to
enable him to
ask
“What if...”

EasyGlo
Work Sheet
For Month Ended April 30, 2004

ACCOUNT TITLE	TRIAL BALANCE		ADJUSTMENTS		INCOME STATEMENT		BALANCE SHEET	
	DEBIT	CREDIT	DEBIT	CREDIT	DEBIT	CREDIT	DEBIT	CREDIT
Cash	1729.00						1729.00	
Petty Cash	200.00						200.00	
Accounts Receivable	561.00						561.00	
Supplies	895.00			(a) 695.00			895.00	
Prepaid Insurance	1000.00			(b) 250.00			1000.00	
Acct. Pay. Arroyo Supplies		500.00						500.00
Natasha Kabila, Capital		3500.00						3500.00
Natasha Kabila, Drawing	400.00						400.00	
Income Summary								
Sales		2300.00				2300.00		
Advertising Expense	425.00				425.00			
Insurance Expense			(b) 250.00		250.00			
Miscellaneous Expense	240.00				240.00			
Rent Expense	400.00				400.00			
Supplies Expense			(a) 695.00		695.00			
Utilities Expense	450.00				450.00			
	6500.00	6300.00	945.00	945.00	2460.00	2300.00	4785.00	4000.00
Net Loss						160.00		785.00
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So he and
 Bob
 Frankston
 invented the
 spreadsheet

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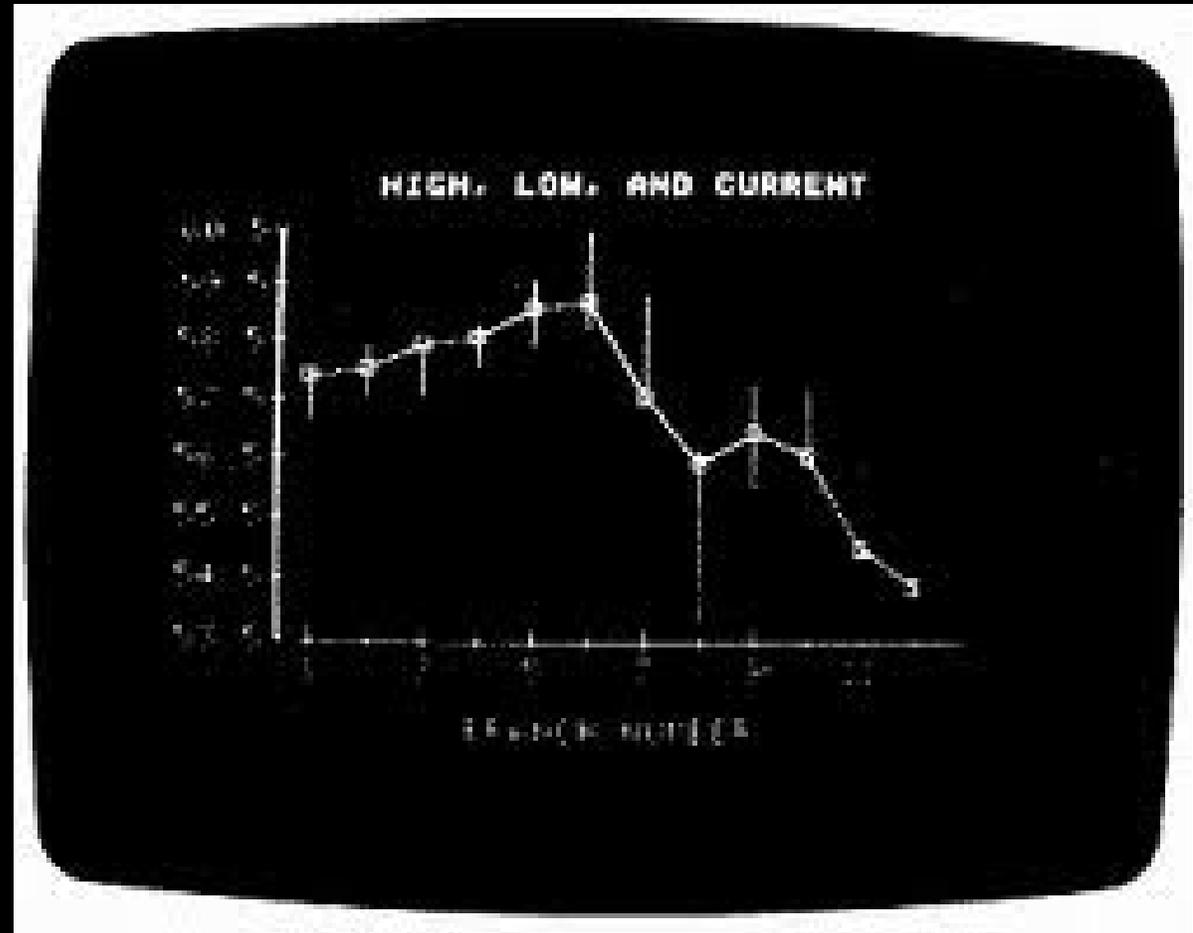
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1	HOME BUDGET, 1979			
2	MONTH	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
3	SALARY	2500.00	2500.00	30000.00
4	OTHER			

10	INCOME	2500.00	2500.00	30000.00
11	FOOD	400.00	400.00	4800.00
12	RENT	350.00	350.00	4200.00
13	HEAT	110.00	120.00	575.00
14	REC.	100.00	100.00	1200.00
15	TAXES	1000.00	1000.00	12000.00
16	ENTERTAIN	100.00	100.00	1200.00
17	MISC	100.00	100.00	1200.00
18	CAR	300.00	300.00	3600.00

19	EXPENSES	2460.00	2470.00	28775.00
20	REMAINDER	40.00	30.00	1225.00
21	SAVINGS	30.00	30.00	360.00

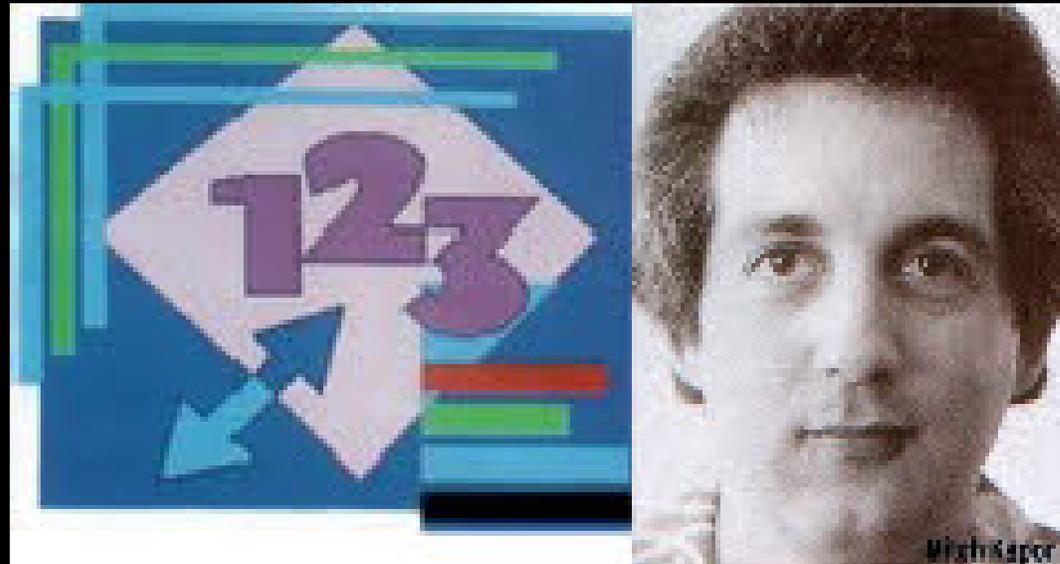
VisiCalc the Visible Calculator

Mitch Kapor
added
graphs



VisiPlot

And then a
database



Mitch and Lotus 123

Putting a PC on
every business
desk with...



To enable
business people
to now ask...

To enable
business people
to now ask...

What if...

Not only what is

What if...

$$\underline{5280 + 1732 = 647}$$

*44

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$$\frac{438}{25} = 17 r 14$$

$$\sqrt[3]{64} + \sqrt{81}$$

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$$A = \pi r^2$$

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$$\frac{10}{7}x + 1 = \frac{3}{2}x - 8$$

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Making
Leonardo's
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Making
Leonardo's
math...

Obsolète

What if we designed our math curriculum around
spreadsheets and...

And functional
thinking

A large, stylized yellow mathematical expression $f(x)$ is centered on the right side of the image. The letter 'f' is written in a bold, cursive font, and the letter 'x' is written in a smaller, cursive font below it.

Functions are...



HARVARD COLLEGE

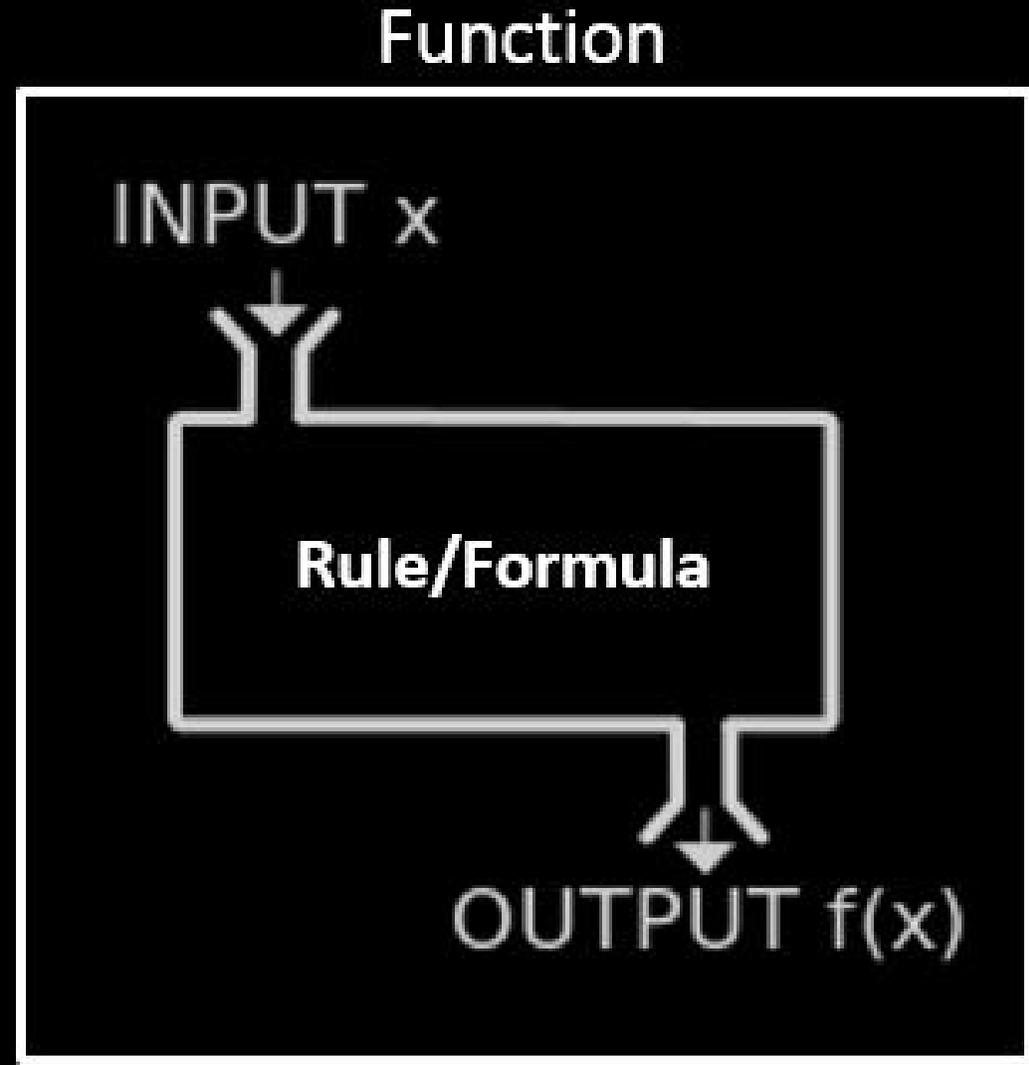
Handbook for Students

Perhaps **the most important concept of mathematics** is that of function, which provides us with the means to study dependence and change.

Professor Peter Kronheimer, Director of Undergraduate Studies (2013-14)



Spreadsheets
are **function**
machines with
Inputs
Outputs
Rules



“Spreadsheets have left us in a different world, though. It's a world where we are constantly asking what if. And by we, I mean not just accountants and people on Wall Street. Like, all of us - me more than I would like. It's gone way beyond spreadsheets. It's like, what if I flew Thursday instead of Friday? What if I took 78 instead of Route 280? Where is traffic better? What if I stopped exercising? What if I ate more vegetables?”

DAVID KESTENBAUM HOST -- NPR Planet Money Feb 25, 2015

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/money/2015/02/25/389027988/episode-606-spreadsheets>



Examples

Spreadsheet Lab Examples

- Place Value 1,000's – Place Value, large numbers, powers of 10 – (MP6 Precision)
- Solving Equations – Dynamic graphing, functions – (MP5 Appropriate tools)
- Magic Rectangle – Factors, times table fluency, commutativity – (MP3 Conjectures)
- Peter's Taxi – making problem solving and algebra concrete – (MP4 Modeling)
- Drawing Triangles – Spreadsheets can do interesting things – (MP7 Structure)
- Introducing Spreadsheets – Input, output, rules, functions – (MP2 Reasoning)
- Pascal's Triangle – Functions, patterns, sequences – (MP8 Regularity)
- Projectile Motion – a Lab in progress/our process – (MP1 Make sense of problems)
- Composition of Functions – Operations with Functions, patterns – (MP7 Structure)

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what if

Place Value: Thousands

Let's build larger numbers using what we learned in Place Value.

- Enter a 6 digit number by putting a digit in each cell to the right.
- If we make every cell a place then we can give it a value or a unit. This form is called expanded notation.
- And write the number compactly because we understand what it means. Change the numbers in the Places above and watch what you can do.

WHAT IF...?

Every cell has an address and can hold either a quantity or a rule. Rules start with = signs. What if you could build your own picture of place value to millions? What would it look like if it had both an expanded and a compact form?

The Places

7	5	3	1	2	5
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The Values

700,000	50,000	3,000	100	20	5
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The Numbers

753,125

The Units

7 hundred thousands	5 ten thousands	3 thousand,	1 hundreds	2 tens	5 ones
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- Solving Equations – Dynamic graphing, functions – (MP5 Appropriate tools)

what if

Solving Equations

Setting two functions equal to each other gives us an equation. If we graph those functions we can locate the "solutions" to that equation, the point or points where the functions intersect.

- Consider the equation $2x+5=1$. What if we looked at each side of the equation as individual functions? Can this lead to a solution of the equation?
- Compare the output columns of the two functions that make up this equation. **What x value produces the same output value for both functions?** What do you notice about the graphs of these functions?
- Have you identified the solution to this equation from the tables and the graph? Check your solution algebraically?
- Change the parameters m_1, m_2, \dots to create different equations. Find solutions to these equations from the tables and graphs? Solve them algebraically to confirm your solutions. Did you get the same answer both ways?
- Do the graphs always intersect at the value of x that is the solution to the equation? Why or why not?

WHAT IF...?
 What if the graphs of the two functions do not intersect? Does this mean there is no solution? How do the tables and equations help you decide?

$$f_1(x) = m_1x + b_1$$

$$f_1(x) = 0x + 1$$

$$f_2(x) = m_2x + b_2$$

$$f_2(x) = 2x + 5$$

Coefficients

m_1	0
b_1	1

m_2	2
b_2	5

Ordered Pairs

x	$f_1(x)$	$f_2(x)$
-10	1	-15
-9	1	-13
-8	1	-11
-7	1	-9
-6	1	-7
-5	1	-5
-4	1	-3
-3	1	-1
-2	1	1
-1	1	3
0	1	5
1	1	7

Linear Functions

- **Magic Rectangle – Factors, times table fluency, commutativity – (MP3 Conjectures)**



The Magic Rectangle

If you draw a rectangle on a multiplication table, will the products of opposite corners always be equal to each other?

- 1 Make the multiplication table on this grid without disturbing any colors by copy and pasting just the formulas (the rules).
- 2 Find the products of the opposite corners of this rectangle. Use the table on the right to do the computation using rules. I gave you a start, now fill in the rest.
- 3 Create another rectangle and try this again. Add this to the table on the right.
- 4 Does the size of the rectangle or its shape make any difference? Do you think this pattern is true for any rectangle you can draw?
- 5 Why? If you want a hint fill in the Table of Factors for each of the rectangles you tried.

WHAT IF...?

Does this pattern work for every multiplication table you can make? Does it work for an odd number times table for example? Or does it work for an times table that goes to 25*25?

Multiplication Table

12												
11												
10												
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7												
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5												
4												
3												
2												
1												
*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Table of Products

Left	Right	Product	=	Left	Right	Product
24	27		=			
			=			
			=			
			=			
			=			

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12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
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1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Table of Products

Left	Right	Product	=	Left	Right	Product
24	27	648	=	12	54	648
			=			
			=			
			=			
			=			

Table of Factors

4	6	9	3

4	3	9	6



WHAT IF...?

Magic Rectangles



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Sample Item

Click on all the equations that are true.

$8 \times 9 = 81$

$7 \times 5 = 25$

$49 \div 7 = 56 \div 8$

$54 \div 9 = 24 \div 6$

$8 \times 3 = 4 \times 6$

- Peter's Taxi – making problem solving and algebra concrete – (MP4 Modeling)

If you travel by taxi in Reno, you pay a fixed fare of \$1.90 per ride, plus \$1.60 per mile traveled. If you travel by taxi in Denver, you pay a fixed fare of \$1.50 per ride, plus \$.25 per 1/10th mile traveled. On a recent trip, a taxi ride to the airport in Denver cost \$12.20 more than a taxi ride to the airport in Reno. If the number of miles traveled to the airports in both cities is the same, find the distance.

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Peter's Taxi

$$R(m) = 1.90 + 1.60m$$

$$D(m) = 1.50 + 0.25(10)m \\ = 1.50 + 2.50m$$

$$D(m) = 12.20 + R(m)$$

$$1.50 + 2.50m = 12.20 + 1.90 + 1.60m$$

$$1.50 + 2.50m = 14.10 + 1.60m$$

$$.90m = 12.60$$

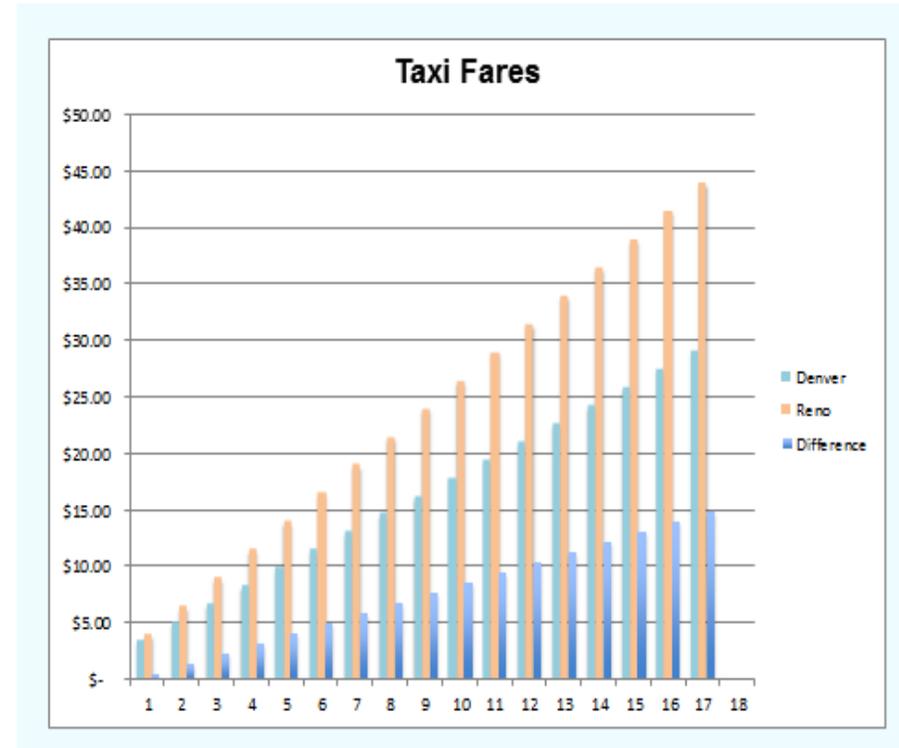
$$m = 14$$

14 miles

- Peter's Taxi – making problem solving and algebra concrete – MP 4 (Modeling)

	Reno	Denver
Fixed Fare	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.50
Variable Fare	\$ 1.60	\$ 2.50

Distance	Reno	Denver	Difference
1	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00	\$ 0.50
2	\$ 5.10	\$ 6.50	\$ 1.40
3	\$ 6.70	\$ 9.00	\$ 2.30
4	\$ 8.30	\$ 11.50	\$ 3.20
5	\$ 9.90	\$ 14.00	\$ 4.10
6	\$ 11.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 5.00
7	\$ 13.10	\$ 19.00	\$ 5.90
8	\$ 14.70	\$ 21.50	\$ 6.80
9	\$ 16.30	\$ 24.00	\$ 7.70
10	\$ 17.90	\$ 26.50	\$ 8.60
11	\$ 19.50	\$ 29.00	\$ 9.50
12	\$ 21.10	\$ 31.50	\$ 10.40
13	\$ 22.70	\$ 34.00	\$ 11.30
14	\$ 24.30	\$ 36.50	\$ 12.20
15	\$ 25.90	\$ 39.00	\$ 13.10
16	\$ 27.50	\$ 41.50	\$ 14.00
17	\$ 29.10	\$ 44.00	\$ 14.90
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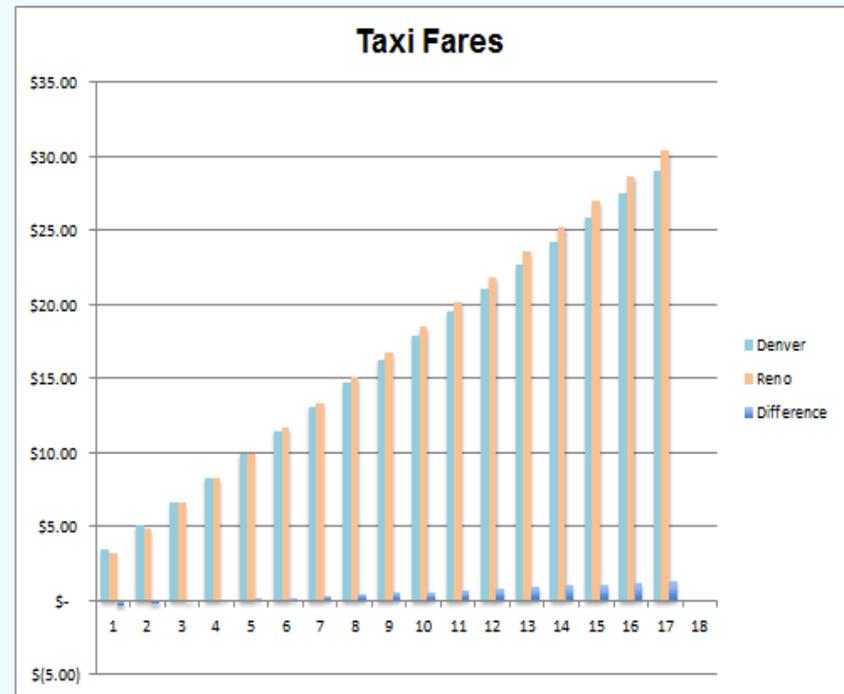
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8	\$ 14.70	\$ 15.10	\$ 0.40
9	\$ 16.30	\$ 16.80	\$ 0.50
10	\$ 17.90	\$ 18.50	\$ 0.60
11	\$ 19.50	\$ 20.20	\$ 0.70
12	\$ 21.10	\$ 21.90	\$ 0.80
13	\$ 22.70	\$ 23.60	\$ 0.90
14	\$ 24.30	\$ 25.30	\$ 1.00
15	\$ 25.90	\$ 27.00	\$ 1.10
16	\$ 27.50	\$ 28.70	\$ 1.20
17	\$ 29.10	\$ 30.40	\$ 1.30
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WHAT IF?

I would try to make the taxifares in Denver close to those in Reno by adjusting the Fixed Fare and/or the Variable Fare so that the total cost was about the same as in Reno.



- 17 Quinn works in Chicago and in New York City. He travels by taxi in each of the two cities.

In Chicago, he pays a fixed taxi fare of \$1.90 per ride, plus \$1.60 per mile traveled.

- a. Write an equation that expresses f , Quinn's total fare for a taxi ride in Chicago, as a function of m , the number of miles traveled.

In New York City, Quinn pays a fixed taxi fare of \$1.50 per ride, plus 25¢ per $\frac{1}{10}$ mile traveled.

- b. Write an equation that expresses f , Quinn's total fare for a taxi ride in New York City, as a function of m , the number of miles traveled.
- c. On a recent trip Quinn noticed that the total number of miles traveled by taxi from the airport to the hotel was the same in each of the two cities. Before tips were added, his taxi fare to the hotel in New York City was \$12.20 more than his taxi fare to the hotel in Chicago. What was the distance from the airport to the hotel in each city? Show or explain how you got your answer.

- Drawing Triangles – Spreadsheets can do interesting things – (MP7 Structure)

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Drawing Triangles

If you want to draw a geometric shape using a spreadsheet you can always use the drawing tools, but they are just drawing tools. They are not dynamic, you can't control them. How would you draw a triangle on a spreadsheet using functions?

- 1 We can use a graph. And since a triangle has 3 linear sides we would need 3 linear functions to graph each side.
- 2 I set the spreadsheet up for you with 3 linear functions -- their formulas and tables. I have graphed them as a scatterplot. Play with the slopes and y-intercepts to get familiar with them.
- 3 Create a triangle by changing the parameters in the functions. How would you classify your triangle? (**acute, obtuse, right, scalene, isosceles, equilateral**).
- 4 Change your functions to make as many of these other kinds of triangles as you can.

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What if you wanted to just show the triangle itself without the extended sides? What would have to do? Show an example.

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$$g(x) = m_2x + b_2$$

$$g(x) = 3x + 8$$

$$h(x) = m_3x + b_3$$

$$h(x) = 3x - 6$$

m ₁		b ₁	
3	1	3	1

Input	Output
x	f(x)
1	4
2	7
3	10
4	13
5	16
6	19
7	22
8	25
9	28
10	31

m ₂		b ₂	
3	8	3	8

Input	Output
x	g(x)
1	11
2	14
3	17
4	20
5	23
6	26
7	29
8	32
9	35
10	38

m ₃		b ₃	
3	-6	3	-6

Input	Output
x	h(x)
1	-3
2	0
3	3
4	6
5	9
6	12
7	15
8	18
9	21
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Input		Output	
m_1	3	b_1	1
x	f(x)		
1	4		
2	7		
3	10		
4	13		
5	16		
6	19		
7	22		
8	25		
9	28		
10	31		

Input		Output	
m_2	-3	b_2	8
x	g(x)		
1	5		
2	2		
3	-1		
4	-4		
5	-7		
6	-10		
7	-13		
8	-16		
9	-19		
10	-22		

Input		Output	
m_3	5	b_3	-6
x	h(x)		
1	-1		
2	4		
3	9		
4	14		
5	19		
6	24		
7	29		
8	34		
9	39		
10	44		

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m_1	3	x	f(x)
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		2	7
		3	10
		4	13
		5	16
		6	19
		7	22
		8	25
		9	28
		10	31

		Input	Output
m_2	-3	x	g(x)
b_2	8	1	5
		2	2
		3	-1
		4	-4
		5	-7
		6	-10
		7	-13
		8	-16
		9	-19
		10	-22

		Input	Output
m_3	5	x	h(x)
b_3	-6	2	4
		3	9
		4	14
		5	19
		6	24
		7	29
		8	34
		9	39
		10	44

Draw a Triangle

What mathematics do you see...?

- Pascal's Triangle – Functions, patterns, sequences – (MP8 Regularity)

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Pascal's Triangle

Some patterns are wonderful things for they can connect ideas in interesting ways. Pascal's Triangle, is one of those patterns, and spreadsheets enable us to explore it.

- 1 Choose a cell and enter a formula that adds two adjacent cells in the row directly above it.
- 2 Copy that formula and paste it into an area of the spreadsheet (the bigger the area the more you will see).
- 3 Now seed the first cell (the first adjacent cell) with the number 1. If you don't see a wonderful pattern like the one in row 50, then try again.
- 4 Look at this pattern. Can you find the whole numbers? Can you find the triangular numbers?
- 5 Can you find Fibonacci's numbers? Can you find a pattern of the powers of 2?

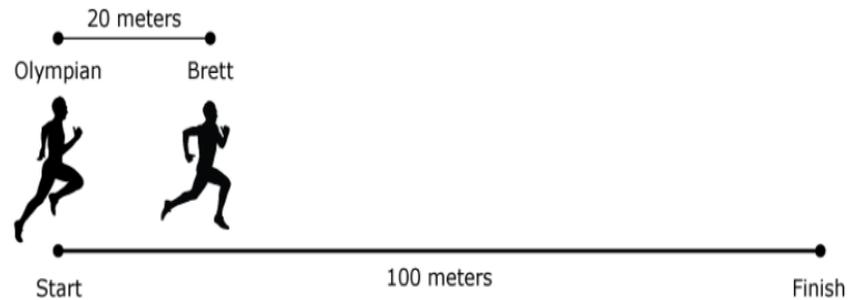
WHAT IF...?

What if you look more closely. Can you find any other of the amazing patterns in Pascal's Triangle? How big a Pascal's triangle can you make?

- Projectile Motion – a Lab in progress/our process – (MP1 Make sense of problems)

PARCC Sample Set HS Math -- <http://parcc.pearson.com/sample-items/>

Brett is on the high school track team and his coach surprises the team by having an Olympic track champion attend a practice. The Olympian challenges Brett to a 100-meter race. To make the race more interesting, the Olympian will not start the race until Brett reaches the 20 meter mark. Brett's average time in the 100-meter race is 12 seconds, while the Olympian's average time is 10 seconds. Assume that Brett and the Olympian run at a constant speed throughout the race.



Part A

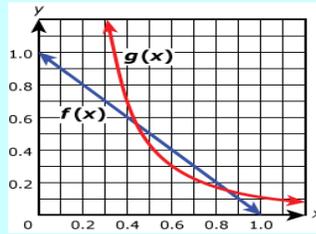
Based on each of the runner's average times, write an equation for each person that describes the relationship between his distance from the starting line, in meters, and time, in seconds.

Part B

Based on your equations in Part A, who will win the race and by how much? Justify your answer.

Function Labs

The functions $f(x) = 1 - x$ and $g(x) = \frac{0.11}{x^2}$ are defined for all values of $x > 0$. The graphs are shown in the coordinate plane.



Part A

Explain how you can use the graph to find the solution(s) of the equation $f(x) = g(x)$. In your answer, provide the approximate value(s) of the solution(s).

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Part B

Write the value(s) of $f(x)$ when x equals the solution(s) from Part A.

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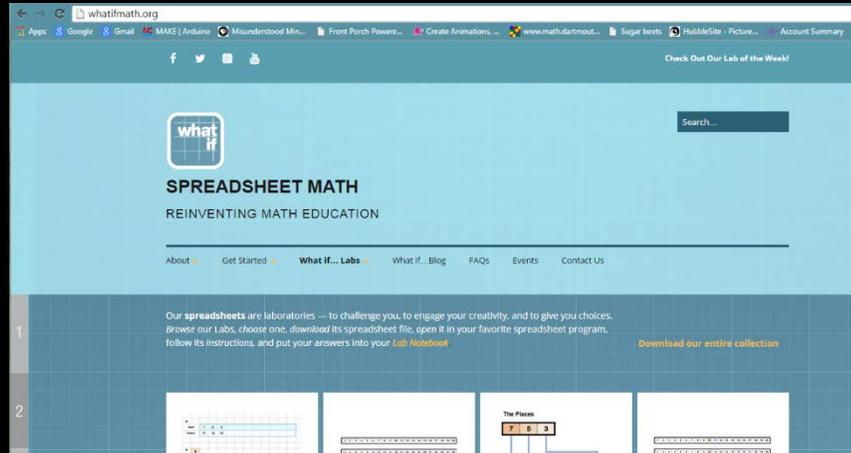
Part C

Let the function $h(x)$ be defined as $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$.

What are the coordinates of the point(s) on the graph of $h(x)$ when x equals the solution(s) from Part A? Explain your reasoning.

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Thank You



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