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## Discovering Mathematics

Implementing the
Common Core with
Discovering Mathematics

## Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them

- Make predictions and determining reasonableness of possible solutions
- Think through different strategies and possible representations needed to find the solution
- Use alternative representations to check solutions



## Investigation

## Working Out with Equations

Manisha starts her exercise routine by jogging to the gym. Her trainer says this activity burns 215 calories. Her workout at the gym is to pedal a stationary bike. This activity burns 3.8 calories per minute.
First you'll model this scenario with your calculator.

Use calculator lists to write a recursive routine to find the total number of calories Manisha has burned after each minute she pedals the bike. Include the 215 calories she burned on her jog to the gym.

Copy and complete the table using your recursive routine.

After 20 minutes of pedaling, how many calories has Manisha burned? How long did it take her to burn 443 total calories?

Manisha's Workout

| Pedaling <br> time (min) <br> $x$ | Total calories <br> burned <br> $y$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 215 |
| 1 |  |
| 2 |  |
| 20 |  |
| 30 |  |
| 45 |  |
| 60 |  |

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## Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

- Contextualize - taking an abstract representation and finding meaning within the context of a problem situation
- Decontextualize - taking a problem situation and developing abstract representations that can be used to find a solution

. Investigation On the Road Again

A green minivan starts at the Mackinac Bridge and heads south for Flint on Highway 75. At the same time, a red sports car leaves Saginaw and a blue pickup truck leaves Flint. The car and the pickup are heading for the bridge. The minivan travels $72 \mathrm{mi} / \mathrm{h}$. The pickup travels $66 \mathrm{mi} / \mathrm{h}$. The sports car travels $48 \mathrm{mi} / \mathrm{h}$.

When and where will they pass each other on the highway? In this investigation you will learn how to use recursive sequences to answer questions like these.



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## Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

- Present justifications for their solutions
- Make and test conjectures
- Use inductive reasoning
- Develop the capacity to build and critique deductive arguments



## . Investigation 1 Triangle Midsegment Properties

- patty paper
- a straightedge

In this investigation you will discover two properties of triangle midsegments. Each person in your group can investigate a different triangle.


Step 1


Step 3

Step 1 Draw a triangle on a piece of patty paper. Pinch the patty paper to locate midpoints of the sides. Draw the midsegments. You should now have four small triangles.
Step 2 Place a second piece of patty paper over the first and copy one of the four triangles.
Step 3 Compare all four triangles by sliding the copy of one small triangle over the other three triangles. Compare your results with the results of your group. Copy and complete the conjecture.

3. Complete this flowchart proof of the Isosceles Triangle Conjecture. Given that the triangle is isosceles, show that the base angles are congruent.
Given: $\triangle N E W$ is isosceles, with $\overline{W N} \cong \overline{E N}$ and median $\overline{N S}$
Show: $\angle W \cong \angle E$
Flowchart Proof



## Model with mathematics.

- Create mathematical models to represent relationships
- Know when approximate models are appropriate and when precision is required
- Use different representations to express a model
- Determine limitations of a given model



Step 1 Follow the Procedure Note to construct several different-size boxes from 16-by-20-unit sheets of paper. Record the dimensions of each box and calculate its volume. Make a table to record the $x$-values and volumes of the boxes.

Step 2 For each box, what are the length, width, and height, in terms of $x$ ? Use these expressions to write a function that gives the volume of a box as a function of $x$.

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v1日 (20-2x) (16-2 \(\mathrm{x}) \mathrm{X}\)
Ye日4 (X-6) (X-8)
\(x-10\)
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## Use appropriate tools strategically.

- Know not just "how" to use technology, but why
- Use technology as an inquiry tool
- Graphing calculators, Sketchpad, Internet resources, ruler, compass, paper and pencil


## Investigation 2

## Where Are the Largest and Smallest Angles?

## You will need <br> - a ruler <br> - a protractor

Each person should draw a different scalene triangle for this investigation. Some group members should draw acute triangles, and some should draw obtuse triangles.

Step 1 Measure the angles in your triangle. Label the angle with greatest measure $\angle L$, the angle with second greatest measure $\angle M$, and the smallest angle $\angle S$.
Step 2 Measure the three sides. Label the longest side $l$, the second longest side $m$, and the shortest side $s$.

Step 3 Which side is opposite $\angle L$ ? $\angle M$ ? $\angle S$ ?


Discuss your results with others. Write a conjecture that states where the largest and smallest angles are in a triangle, in relation to the longest and shortest sides.

## Side-Angle Inequality Conjecture

In a triangle, if one side is longer than another side, then the angle opposite the longer side is ?


## sketch

This sketch shows triangle $A B C$, the lengths of the sides, $A B, A C$, and $C B$, and the sum $A C+C B$. Drag any of the vertices to change the shape of the triangle. Observe how the measurements are related as you change the triangle.


## Investigate

1. Initially, how is the sum $A C+C B$ related to the length of side $A B$ ?
2. Does this relationship change when you drag the vertices of the triangle?
3. Find a location for point $C$ for which $A C+C B=A B$. Describe what happens to the triangle at this point.


## Attend to precision.

- Accurate use of terminology
- Pays attention to units
- Use appropriate amount of precision


## . Investigation Rocket Science

A model rocket blasts off and its engine shuts down when it is 25 m above the ground. Its velocity at that time is $50 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. Assume that it travels straight up and that the only force acting on it is the downward pull of gravity. In the metric system, the acceleration due to gravity is $9.8 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$. The quadratic function $h(t)=\frac{1}{2}(-9.8) t^{2}+50 t+25$ describes the rocket's projectile motion.

Known as the father of rocketry, Robert Hutchings Goddard fired the first successful liquid-fueled rocket in 1926. Learn more about Goddard at www.keymath.com/DA .



## Look for and make use of structure.

- Finds patterns in mathematical representations
- Number sense
- Uses known structures and patterns to build proof

Investigation

## Properties of Logarithms

Step 1 Use your calculator to complete the table. Record the values to three decimal places.
Look closely at the values for the logarithms in the table. Look for pairs of values that add up to a third value in the table. For example, add $\log 2$ and $\log 3$. Where can you find that sum in the table?

Record the equations that you find in the form $\log 2+\log 3=\log$ ?. (Hint: You should find at least six equations.)
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Write a conjecture based on your results from Step 2.

Step 4
Use your conjecture to write $\log 90$ as the sum of two logs. Do the same for $\log 30$ and $\log 72$. Then use the table and your calculator to test your conjecture.

| Log form | Decimal form |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\log 2$ | 0.301 |
| $\log 3$ |  |
| $\log 5$ |  |
| $\log 6$ |  |
| $\log 8$ |  |
| $\log 9$ |  |
| $\log 10$ |  |
| $\log 12$ |  |
| $\log 15$ |  |
| $\log 16$ |  |
| $\log 25$ |  |
| $\log 27$ |  |

Complete the following statement:
$\log a+\log b=\log$ ?

## Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

- Sees repeated patterns to connect recursive sequences to explicit functions
- Inductively examines relationships to determine properties and definitions
- Applies reasoning from one concept to another




## Learning Not Memorizing

Level 0: Visual

Level 1: Descriptive/ Analytic

Level 2: Abstract/ Relational

Level 3: Formal Deduction/Proof

Level 4: Rigor


## What shape is this?



## Match the response to the van Hiele level

- It is a rectangle because it is a quadrilateral with four right angles, the opposites are parallel, consecutive sides are perpendicular, etc...
- I can prove it is a rectangle if it's a parallelogram with one right angle
- I know it's a rectangle if it's a parallelogram with four right angles
- It is a rectangle because it looks like a door
- Well, if I draw that rectangle on a sphere



## Paragraph Proof <br> Lesson 2.5: Angle Relationships



Developing Proof You used inductive reasoning to discover both the Linear Pair Conjecture and the Vertical Angles Conjecture. Are they related? If you accept the Linear Pair Conjecture as true, can you use deductive reasoning to show that the Vertical Angles Conjecture must be true?

You can see from the diagram that the sum of the measures of angles 1 and 2 is equal to the sum of the measures of angles 2 and 3 because they are both linear pairs. Because angle 2 is the same in both sums, angle 1 must equal angle 3 . To write a
 deductive argument, go through this logic one step at a time.

## Deductive Argument

For any linear pair of angles, their measures add up to $180^{\circ}$.

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\begin{aligned}
& m \angle 1+m \angle 2=180^{\circ} \\
& m \angle 2+m \angle 3=180^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$

Since both expressions on the left equal $180^{\circ}$, they equal each other.

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m \angle 1+m \angle 2=m \angle 2+m \angle 3
$$

Subtract $m \angle 2$ from both sides of the equation.

$$
m \angle 1=m \angle 3
$$

Vertical angles 1 and 3 have equal measures, so they are congruent.


## Flowchart Proof

## Lesson 5.4: Properties of Midsegments

8. Copy and complete the flowchart to show that $\overline{L N} \| \overline{R D}$.

Given: Midsegment $\overline{L N}$ in $\triangle F O A$
Midsegment $\overline{R D}$ in $\triangle I O A$
Show: $\overline{L N} \| \overline{R D}$
Flowchart Proof


## Flowchart to Two-Column

## Lesson 13.3: Triangle Proofs



Thus the Angle Bisector Conjecture becomes the Angle Bisector Theorem.
As our own proofs build on each other, flowcharts can become too large and awkward. You can also use a two-column format for writing proofs. A two-column proof is identical to a flowchart or paragraph proof, except that the statements are listed in the first column, each supported by a reason (a postulate, definition, property, or theorem) in the second column.
Here is the same proof from the example above, following the same plan, presented as a two-column proof. Arrows link the steps.

## Statement

1. $\overrightarrow{A P}$ bisects $\angle Q A R$
2. $\angle Q A P \cong \angle R A P$
3. $A P \cong \overline{A P}$
4. Construct perpendiculars from $P$ to sides of angle so that $P C \perp \overrightarrow{A C}$ and $P B \perp \overrightarrow{A B}$
5. $m \angle A B P=90^{\circ}, m \angle A C P=90^{\circ}$
6. $\angle A B P \cong \angle A C P$
7. $\triangle A B P \cong \triangle A C P$
8. $P B \cong P C$
9. Right Angles Congruent Theorem
10. SAA Theorem
11. СРСTC

