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The hotel has several floors, the ground floor with number zero, and below the ground floor there are several parking floors. The following table shows which floor you can reach after a few seconds. You have checked in on the 14th floor and are about to take the lift down to the parking lot to your car.

| Počet sekúnd | Počet poschodí |
|--------------|----------------|
| 0 | 14 |
| 2 | 10 |
| 4 | 6 |
| 6 | 2 |
| 7 | ? |

- A. Which floor will the lift be on after seven seconds? Explain your answer.
- B. At what speed is the lift descending? Explain your answer.

Activity 1: Lift





(a) Na ktorom poschodí bude výťah po siedmich sekundách? Vysvetlite svoju odpoveď.

to 2 sekendx prijole 4 poschodic ... 79 1 sekanoh 2 poschedi: toda 70 t sekuna ... 7.2 = 14 tat sekuna prejou vitan 14 poschodi atoda bude na pitenan

(b) Akou rýchlosťou klesá výťah? Vysvetlite svoju odpoveď. Vyhah klesá rychlordou z poschodia ka sekundu. Rychlord vypour came and N= - = draha (porchochia) I kabulky jasne vyrlýra, ne výkak klesne na i sekundy o 4 poschodia, keda re koho writme rycklost 4 pododia /2 sek = = 2 poschodia na sekundu

s = vt

poítame rýchlos pre 10. poschodie: naše s = koko poschodí naše v = neznáma = 2 sekundy (výah sa po 2s dostane na 10 poschodie) naše t doplníme do vzorca: 4 = v . 2 🚤 $1 = v \cdot 0.5$ 2m/s = v2 = v2 m/s = v

riešenie: výah sa pohybuje rýchlosou 2 m/s.

Activity 2: Hexagons



The first figure (1 hexagon) has a perimeter of 6.

The third figure (3 hexagons on top of each other) has a perimeter of 14. The second figure (2 hexagons on top of each other) has perimeter _____

The fifth figure (5 hexagons on top of each other) has perimeter _

A. Describe how you would determine the perimeter of a figure composed of 100 hexagons on top of each other without knowing the perimeter of a figure composed of 99 hexagons on top of each other.

B. Write a formula to calculate the perimeter for any number of hexagons in a chain above.

C. Explain why your formula should be correct.

Activity 2: Hexagons



$$o = 6 + (6 - 2)(n - 1)$$

 $o = 6n - 2(n - 1)$
 $o = 5.2 + 4n$

(b) Napíšte vzorec na výpočet obvodu pre ľubovoľný počet šesťuholníkov v reťazci nad sebou.

O = obvod útvaru v reazci n = poet 6-uhoníkov v reazci o = obvod jedného šesuholníka s = poet spoloných strán šesuholníkov v reazci

O = (n . o) - 2s

(c) Vysvetlite prečo by mal byť váš vzorec správny.

Poda ma je môj vzorec jednoducho pochopitený a jasný.

Activity 3: Adam is running



Adam started from point **A** and ran 10 km (see picture).



Choose a graph (circle the letter) that can describe its run and justify your choice.



Note: **S** denotes the distance of Adam from point **A** (in meters) and **t** denotes the time (in minutes).

Activity 3: Adam is running





Activity 4: Without training

The textbook states,

"There are several differences between the heart rate waveform of a regularly exercising - trained and untrained person:

- the trained person has a lower resting heart rate before the start of the exercise,
- her heart rate rises more slowly with exercise and reaches lower values,
- her heart rate drops faster after exercise and returns to resting value in a shorter time."

In the figure is a graph of the heart rate of a trained person. In the same figure, sketch what the heart rate graph of an untrained person would look like for the same exercise, satisfying all the above differences.





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Activity 4: Without training



Activity 5: Runners



Find out the following information from the figure:

- A. How many meters will **Runner**2 run in the time range t = 4s to t = 6s?
- B. When is **Runner 1** faster than **Runner 2**?
- C. C. Which runner is the fastest at time t = 12s?

Give reasons for your answers.





Z nasledujúceho obrázku zistite



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(a) Koľko metrov zabehne Bežec 2 v časovom rozmedzí t = 4s až t = 6s? 10 metrov

- (b) Kedy je Bežec 1 rýchlejší ako Bežec 2? od zaiatku, bežec 2 ho dobehne 15 sekunde
- (c) Ktorý bežec je v čase t = 12s najrýchlejší? bežec 1

Activity 6: Graph of a function



Decide which of the graphs shown in the following figures is the graph of a function. If possible, determine the defining domain and the range of the function.



Activity 6: Graph of a function





Activity 7: Formula from the table



Continue to fill in the table and find the formula of a function:

| x | 1 | 2 | 100 |
|------|---|---|-----|
| f(x) | 5 | 8 | |
| | | | |

Activity 7: Formula from the table





Activity 8: Verbal description of a function



Decide whether the relations described below are functions. Circle your answer and give reasons for your decision:

A. Dependence of theme park admission price on age as shown in the table:

| age (years) | Price (€) |
|-------------|-----------|
| 0 - 2 | 0 |
| 3 - 15 | 15 |
| 16+ | 25 |

Yes / No, Reason:

- B. The area of the triangle ABC, which is assigned to the length of its side AB. Yes / No, Reason:
- C. To the number of pages in a mathematics textbook is assigned the number of sentences on that page.

Yes / No, Reason:

D. To a student in your class are assigned the names of their siblings. Yes / No, Reason:

Activity 8: Verbal description of a function





Activity 8: Verbal description of a function



iv. Žiakovi vo vašej triede sú priradené mená jeho súrodencov, ÁNO / (NIE Zdôvodnenie: 1.) remaine len étoelne hodnet 2.) Jeelnemen menn / coole prinadime aj viac remakzele bodnod.

d) Vie-jednemu zighovi vjeme priradit ha viac mien

iv. Žiakovi vo vašej triede sú priradené mená jeho súrodencov. $$\rm NO^{\prime}$/ MD^{\prime}$$

Zdôvodnenie:

iv. Žiakovi vo vašej triede sú priradené mená jeho súrodencov. ÁNO NIE Zdôvodnenie: I tricdu môžu byť dvaja súroduvci VLTOVÍ maju dalšícho spoložného súroduvca

Activity 9: Stone



A stone was thrown vertically upwards. Select one of the graphs that illustrate the correspondence between velocity and time (neglecting air resistance). Justify your choice.



Activity 9: Stone







Activity 9: Stone







Helenka wants to organize a birthday party in the children's playroom. She decides between the following offers:

Playground A: The price for each guest is 15 €. 15 per guest.

Playground B: The price for each guest is $12 \in In$ addition, a fixed cost of $50 \in In$ sayable.

Playground C: The price for each guest is 18 €. A discount of 30 € will be given on the final price.

Which offer is the most advantageous for her?

Activity 10: Playground





Ktorá ponuka je pre ňu najvýhodnejšia? Neviene to jednoznačne určiť, závisť to od počtu detí. Ktorá ponuka je pre ňu najvýhodnejšia? a: y=15x, b: y=12x+50, c: y=18x-30

závisí od poctu hostí

• Inrisko C: Cena za kazdeno nosta je no ci u noncon je no kon kontu.
Ktorá ponuka je pre ňu najvýhodnejšia? Kavisí No od pvěku kostí.

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 $A: 15.20 = 300$
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 $A: 15.20 = 290 = nojvýhodnýme$
 $C: 18.20 - 30 = 330$
 $A: 15.16 = 240 = nojvýhodnýme$
 $B: 12.20 + 50 = 290 = nojvýhodnýme$
 $A: 15.16 = 240 = nojvýhodnýme$
 $B: 12.16 + 50 = 242$
 $11. c: 18.16 - 30 = 258$

Activity 11: Population



The table shows Nevada's population from 2000 to 2006.

| Year | Population (in millions) | Population growth (millions) |
|------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2000 | 2,020 | |
| 2001 | 2,093 | 0,073 |
| 2002 | 2,168 | 0,075 |
| 2003 | 2,246 | 0,078 |
| 2004 | 2,327 | 0,081 |
| 2005 | 2,411 | 0,084 |
| 2006 | 2,498 | 0,087 |

- A. Divide the population in each year by the population in the previous year. What do you observe?
- B. Write down how the size of the population depends on the number of years that have passed since 2000..

Activity 11: Population



- the ratio of two consecutive terms is about 1.035 this satisfies the definition of a geometric sequence, or we can see that it is an exponential function.
- $p(x) = 2,02 \cdot 1,035^x$, where x is the number of years that have elapsed since 2000.
 - 13.V tabuľke je populácia Nevady v rokoch 2000 až 2006 V tabuľke je populácia Nevady v rokoch 2000 až 2006 200n Zmena v populácii Populácia Zmena v populácii Populácia Rok 200(11-7) Rok (v miliónoch) (v miliónoch) v miliónoch (v miliónoch) 2000 2.0202000 1,036 2.0200.073 0.073 2001 2.0931,036 0.075 2001 2.0931.0361 0.075 2002 2.1681,036 0.078 1,0358 20022.1682003 2.2461,006 0.078 0.081 2004 2.3272003 2.2461,0359 1036 0.084 0.0812005 2.4111,036 1.0361 2004 2.3270.087 bardy role sa populacia 0.084 2006 2.4981,0361 2005 2.4110.087 (a) Vydeľte populáciu v každom roku populáciou v predchádzajúcom roku. Čo pozorujete? -> (WOUST 1/016- MOSOLOWE) 1,0361 2006 2.498Nárast populácie v (b) Zapíšte ako závisí veľkosť populácie od počtu rokov, ktoré uplynuli do roku 2000. percentách, hodnoty sú (a) Vydeľte populáciu v každom roku populáciou v predchádzajúcom roku. Čo pozorujete? približne rovnaké P(X)= 2,02+7,036.X T X-> point rolen No 2000 (napr x 1200+)=+) (b) Zapíšte ako závisí veľkosť populácie od počtu rokov, ktoré uplynuli do roku 2000. 2006 an=an-1*1.036 2000 2020 2498 (a) Vydeľte populáciu v každom roku populáciou v predchádzajúcom roku. Čo pozorujete? hodnody na kovna te (b) Zapíšte ako závisí veľkosť populácie od počtu rokov, ktoré uplynuli do roku 2000. a) $\frac{2006}{2005} = 1,036$ 2003 = 1,036 2002 = 1,036 2,327 2,246 $\begin{array}{c} 2005 \\ \hline 2004 \\ \hline 2004 \\ \hline 2003 \\ \hline \end{array} = 1,036 \\ \hline 2002 \\ \hline 2002 \\ \hline 1,036 \\ \hline 2001 \\ \hline 2001 \\ \hline \end{array} = 1,036 \\ \hline 2001 \\ \hline 1,036 \\ \hline 2001 \\ \hline \end{array}$ 2,168 21093 2,020 2001 = 1,036 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006

Activity 12: Slope



- A. The graph represents the function f such that $f: x \rightarrow x$.
 - I. What is the function slope? How did you determine it?
 - II. Divides the graph of a function f halves the angle bisected by the positive part of the coordinate axis x with the positive part of the coordinate axis y? Yes / No

Justification:

III. Can you calculate the tangent of the angle that the graph of a function f with the positive part of the coordinate axis x? If yes, determine its value. If not because of what?



Activity 12: Slope



B. The student used software to draw the same functionf. It gave him the following graph:

- I. What is the function slope? How did you determine it?
- II. Divides the graph of a function f halves the angle bisected by the positive part of the coordinate axis x with the positive part of the coordinate axis y? Yes / No Justification:
- III. Can you calculate the tangent of the angle that the graph of a function f with the positive part of the coordinate axis x? If yes, determine its value. If not because of what?



Activity 13: Balloon



When riding in a hot air balloon, the function indicates H the height of the balloon after t minutes of ride. Its graph is shown below:

- a) Determine the value H(30) and explain your answer in the context of a hot air balloon ride.
- b) Find values of t such that H(t) = 600. Explain your answer in the context of a hot air balloon ride.
- c) What range of heights was recorded for the balloon?
- d) How long was the balloon ride?
- e) Can you read the distance travelled by the balloon from the graph of function *H*? Yes / No

Justification:





Activity 14: Features of a function



- A. Is there a function whose defining domain is (0,5) a the range of values is (2,5)? If yes, draw its graph, write its prescription, or describe it in some other way.
- B. Is there a function whose defining domain is the set of numbers {1,2,3} and the doma of values is the set {1,2}? If yes, draw its graph, write its prescription or describe it in some other way.
- C. Is there a function whose defining domain is the set of numbers {1,2} and the doma of values is the set {1,2,3}? If yes, draw its graph, write its prescription, or describe it in some other way.
- D. Is there a function that for any real numbers x satisfies the following requirements? If so, draw its graph or describe it in some other way.

 $f(x + y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$ f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) + f(y)$

E. If we substitute 1 for x in the expression $ax^2 + bx + c$. we get a positive number, substituting 6 we get a negative number. How many solutions does the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ have? Justify your answer.

Activity 14: Features of a function





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Use one word to answer the question: What is the goal of teaching and learning mathematics?


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THNKING

4 tasks



- Solve the following tasks in as many ways as possible
 - think about how younger or older pupils would solve the problem
- When solving the tasks, think about the following questions:
 - What are the differences between each solution?
 - How are the solutions for different tasks similar?
 - What knowledge and skills are needed to solve these tasks? Be as specific as possible.



We have the following situation:

"The candle is initially 24 cm tall. It shrinks by 2 cm every hour." How can you mathematically express the situation?

adapted, original task by R. Nitsch, <u>www.codi-test.de</u>

Activity:

Solve this task in as many ways as you can. Write down your solutions.

4 tasks: Cards

Emil has set the displayed first three patterns with circle cards.

- a) What will be the amount of cards in the fifth pattern?
- b) What formula can be used in order to determine the amount of cards for any of the patterns? Tick the correct box.
 - $\Box s = n + 6$ $\Box s = 5n + 2$ $\Box s = 3n + 4$
- *n* indicates the pattern number *s* indicates the number of chips

Adapted from a task of the Realschule final examination, Germany

Activity:

Solve this task in as many ways as you can. Write down your solutions.





4 tasks: Orchard



A farmer plants apple trees in a square pattern. In order to protect the trees against the wind he plants conifers all around the orchard (see picture). Complete the table:

| Number of apple trees | Number of conifers |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 8 | |
| 8 | x |
| X = conifer | X = conifer |
| • = apple tree | = apple tree |
| | |
| ••• | |

When (for what *n*) will be the number of conifers be the same as the number of apple trees?

Activity:

Solve this task in as many ways as you can. Write down your solutions.

OECD, 2009, p. 102

Four tasks: Skier



Activity:

Solve this task in as many ways as you can. Write down your solutions..



A skier already has an initial speed at the time 0 seconds and then let himself glide down the hill (without intentionally braking).

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Aspects of functional thinking and representations



Discussion:

What knowledge and skills are needed to solve these tasks?

Pupils must describe and interpret functional relationships using different **representations**. Consequently: link and change these representations

Pupils need to consider functional relationships from different **perspectives/aspects**.

Aspects of function and representation

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The importance of representations: Provide access to a mathematical object that is needed for concept formation and problem solving (e.g. Pittalis et al., 2020; Hußmann & Laakman, 2011)

- Understanding
- > Link
- Change

... representations of functions / functional relationships

Typically used function representations:

- Graphs
- Equations
- Tables
- Descriptions and pictures of situations ...



Aspects of function and representation



Discussion:

What knowledge and skills are needed to solve these tasks?

Pupils need to think about functional relationships from different **perspectives/aspects**.

Aspects: Malle, 2000; Pittalis et al., 2020; Vollrath, 1989)

- Input-output: exploring how a certain input value will lead to an output value; finding a rule
- Correspondence: understanding the relationship between independent and dependent variables and being able to represent it; more formal definition of a function as a set of ordered pairs.
- > Covariation: the study of how one variable changes when another one varies.
- Object: a function is considered as a mathematical object with its own representations and properties that can be compared to other mathematical objects or functions.

Aspects of function and representation: input - output



Aspects: Malle, 2000; Pittalis et al., 2020; Vollrath, 1989)
Input-output: exploring how a certain input value will lead to an output value; finding a rule.

Representations:

- Chain of numbers
- 24 2 22 2 20 2 18 2 ...
- Graphical: Point in the coordinate system



- Table without perceptions of any other relationships
- Function machine
- General formula

We have the following situation:

"The candle is initially 24 cm high. Every hour it shrinks by 2 cm."

How can you mathematically express the situation?

Aspects of function and representation: correspondence



Aspects: Malle, 2000; Pittalis et al., 2020; Vollrath, 1989)

Correspondence: understanding the relationship between independent and dependent variables and being able to represent it; a more formal definition of a function as a set of ordered pairs.

Representations:

• Table - if the pupil perceives individual ordered pairs

| Time | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|
| Height of the candle | 24 🗸 | 22 🔸 | 20 🔸 |

General regulation

| svieč | ca | |
|----------|-----------------|--|
| Ohodin | a 24 cm | |
| Kaīda di | álšia2 cm | |
| 24 | - x · 2 | |
| kde | X = pocet hodin | |

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• Graph

Graph a function where the pupil perceives ordered pairs x and f(x)



Aspects of function and representation: correspondence



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Representations:

• Venn diagram with arrows



We have the following situation:

"The candle is initially 24 cm high. Every hour it shrinks by 2 cm."

How can you mathematically express the situation?

• Nomogram



Aspects of function and representation: covariation



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Covariation: the study of how one variable changes when another changes.

Representations:

• Table - if the pupil perceives changes in individual variables



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How can you mathematically express the situation?

• Graphically - reading the change and rate of change from the graph - using slope in argumentation



Aspects of function and representation: object



Aspects: Malle, 2000; Pittalis et al., 2020; Vollrath, 1989)

Object: a function is considered a mathematical object with its own representations and properties that can be compared with other mathematical objects or functions. We have the following situation:

"The candle is initially 24 cm high. Every hour it shrinks by 2 cm."

What formula would you use to express this situation?

Representations:

- Formula use of general formulas of functions (e.g. y = ax + b is linear function)
 - Identification of the properties of a given function (decreasing negative "a")
- Graphically using the properties of a given class of functions (the graph of a linear function is a straight line)
 - Identifying the properties of a given function (decreasing correct slope of the line)
 - comparing different graphs

Task



• Draw the graph of the following function: $y = 2x + 3, x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Activity:

Solve this problem. Produce more solutions, make sure you use different aspects of the functional thinking.

Also write down the thought process you have in mind.

Four tasks: Cards

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Questions for reflection



- Which tasks would you choose if you wanted to see which aspects students naturally prefer?
 - A. Candle
 - B. Buttons/Card
 - C. Orchard
 - D. Skier

- Which tasks would you choose if you wanted to find out if pupils can use the covariation aspect to solve a task?
 - A. Candle
 - B. Buttons/Card
 - C. Orchard
 - D. Skier



Which tasks would you choose if you wanted to see:

- input-output aspect in the solution?
- covariation aspect in the solution?
- correspondence aspect in the solution?
- object aspect in the solution?
- which aspect students prefer?



- In a group, create a digital poster about one of the aspects of functional thinking.
- Include all relevant information: representations, tasks, solutions, etc.





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What does "Development of functional thinking" mean?





ASPECTS

- to perceive the concept of function in its diversity including the aspects of functional thinking:
 - input-output
 - covariance
 - correspondence
 - object
- using the appropriate aspect for the given situation

REPRESENTATIONS

 understanding different forms of representations graph formula table verbal description

change of representation choosing the appropriate representation for the situation

APPLICATIONS

- see and use functions and functional thinking within mathematics
- see and use functions and functional thinking outside mathematics

Task - Curricular material study



- Each group is assigned a type of school for the following tasks.
- A. Study the curriculum documents for the given type of school.
- B. Distribute the 12 points between the aspects of functional thinking according to their importance at the given type of school / grade level.
- C. For each representation, indicate whether it is used at the given type of school/ grade level (P – used, I – used "introductory", "preparatory", "propaedeutic", X – not used). In the free space, explain important information. For example, what kind of propaedeutic is used, why is the representation not used, etc. Moreover, state what other representations of functions occur.
- D. List specific mathematical topics in which functional thinking can be developed. Explain how this can be accomplished.
 - within the scope of the function
 - outside of the scope of function
- E. List several practical applications of functional thinking appropriate for the given type of school/ grade level. Focus also on the curriculum of other school subjects.

Aspects of functional thinking in the curriculum



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Aspects of functional thinking in the curriculum



| | primary | low-secondary | high- secondary (continue with job) | high- secondary (continue with university without mathematics) | high- secondary (continue with university with mathematics) |
|----------------|---------|---------------|--|---|---|
| Input-output | 7 | | | | |
| Covariation | 2 | | | | |
| Correspondence | 2 | | | | |
| Object | 1 | | | | |

Aspects of functional thinking in the curriculum



Course name

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Explain four aspects of the functional thinking on the following functions:

A: $y = \sin x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

B: $y = \cos x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Representations in the curriculum



| | primary | low-secondary | high-secondary (continue with job) | high-secondary (continue with university without mathematics) | high-secondary (continue with university with mathematics) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------|--|---|---|
| Graph | | | | | |
| Formula | | | | | |
| Table | | | | | |
| Verbal description | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | |

Representations in the curriculum



| | primary | low-secondary | high-secondary (continue with job) | high-secondary (continue with university without mathematics) | high-secondary (continue with university with mathematics) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--|---|---|
| Graph | Ι | Р | Ρ | Ρ | Р |
| Formula | I | I-P | Р | Ρ | Р |
| Table | Р | Р | Р | Ρ | Ρ |
| Verbal description | Ι | I - P | Р | Р | Р |
| Other | Chain, nomogram, Venn diagrams, | | | | |

Course name



Represent the function y = 5x + 10, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ in as many ways as possible.

A: Explain, how different representations pinpoint different aspects of functional thinking.

B: Discuss, what are the benefits and restrictions of these representations.



- What is needed to be able to use the graphical representation correctly?
- Developing the concept of number
 - $\bullet \ \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Q}^+ \to \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$
 - When is the number line "full"?

Coordinate system

- propedeutics coordinates in the chessboard and filling in the table
- problems with the order:
 - in the chessboard A1 and 1A are the same square
 - in a table, many people prefer the row (y-coordinate) over the column (x-coordinate)
- a square in the chessboard/table vs. a point in the coordinate system

Formula - propedeutics



What does it take to know how to use a formula correctly?

Different understandings of the letter in mathematics

1. The letter represents one specific value

denotes an unknown number, which we determine by logical reasoning or guessing (not using equivalent equation modifications), for example What number should we substitute after x to make the equation hold: x-5=12.

2. We don't need to know the value of the letter

For example, in the problem: For the numbers x and y, x+y=10. What is x+y-8=?

3. Letter as a designation

is an agreed designation, a naming convention, e.g. the letters a, b, c denote the sides of a triangle, the letter t denotes a tone, and so on. For example, 3f=1y, where f denotes feet and y denotes yards.

4. Letter as one unknown value

a letter represents one specific number, we often talk about an unknown that can occur in equations or when modifying expressions, for example 3x-5=4x. When working with the letter in this context, for example, we use a variety of methods for modifying equations, including equivalent modifications.


What does it take to know how to use a formula correctly?

Different understandings of the letter in mathematics

5. The letter takes more than one value (any value from the definition field)

a letter here denotes several numbers (even infinitely many), as in the inequality 4x-5<15. Meanwhile, when working with a letter at the level of a letter as an unknown, for example when modifying equations, we often use a letter in this context.

6. Letter as a constant

e.g. π, e.

7. Letter as parameter

for example, the letters k and q in the notation of the general prescription of the linear function y=kx+q

8. Letter as a variable

In this context, pupils encounter the letter in the context of the concept of function, which also appears implicitly in school mathematics before its introduction, for example, in the context of exploring the dependence of path on time.

Thematic area of functions in the curriculum



| primary | low-secondary | high-secondary (continue with job) | high-secondary (continue with university without mathematics) | high-secondary (continue with university with mathematics) |
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Thematic area of functions in the curriculum



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|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Propedeutics | Direct and indirect proportionality Linear function | | | |

Thematic area of functions in the curriculum



Which properties of a function or which concepts can be discussed for which functions?

| Linear function | Monotony Inverse function |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Power functions | Evenness / Oddness |
| Goniometric functions | Periodicity |
| Exponential, Logarithmic | Monotony Inverse function |

Functions in other areas of the mathematics curriculum



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Functions in other curriculum areas



- Geometric formulas (perimeters, contents, ...) as functions
 - Creating tables
 - Noticing differences and similarities between tables (the content of a square grows faster than its content)
- Conformity and similarity of formations
 - Ratio and direct proportionality
- Analytical equations of some geometric figures
 - Quadratic function parabola, Linear function straight line, ...
- Equations and inequalities
 - Graphical solutions of equations and inequalities
 - Using properties of functions in reasoning about modifications (change of sign because the function is decreasing; non-equivalence of the modification because the function is not simple, ...)
- Statistical models
 - Linear function as a regression line



You have **10 minutes** to walk across the university building and write down a list of all observed functional dependencies. The group with the longest and at the same time meaningful list wins!



Functions in other subjects - examples of applications

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Functions in other subjects - low-secondary



- Chemistry:
 - calculate the mass fraction of a component in solution; the mass of solute, solvent and solution
 - carry out experiments to measure thermal changes in chemical reactions, record the results of the experiments in tables and interpret them,
- Geography:
 - describe the apparent path of the sun and moon in the sky (pictures, sketches),
 - determine from the map of time zones where on earth there are more hours than in Slovakia and where there are fewer,
 - identify a selected location on a map using geographical coordinates
 - compare distances on maps of different graphical scales,
 - talk about balloon travel from the equator to the polar countries -> summarize changes in the air with increasing altitude



Physics:

- analyse graphs, explain the graph progression, process the measured values in the form of a graph (in general)
- construct a graph of the linear dependence of the trajectory on time for a uniform rectilinear motion
- construct a graph of the constant velocity versus time for uniform straight-line motion
- construct a graph of the direct proportionality between current and voltage from the measured values
- linear dependence of the gravitational force and the mass of the body
- graphical representation of velocity and trajectory over time
- constructing a graph of electric current versus electric voltage
- Informatics:
 - information in tables, cell, relationships between cells, graphs

Functions in other subjects - high-secondary

- Chemistry:
 - solve problems to calculate the mass fraction, and the concentration of a component,
 - sort a group of elements into elements with small and large electronegativity values based on their location in the periodic table
 - Calculate the mass of the reactant or product based on the chemical equation, given the mass of the solid product or reactant,
 - determine the value of the heat of reaction of the reverse reaction based on the value of the heat of reaction of the direct reaction using the 1st thermochemical law
 - compare the rate of chemical reactions by observation
 - Explain the nature of the effect of changes in temperature, reactant and catalyst concentration on the rate of a chemical reaction,
 - explain the nature of the effect on the equilibrium state of a system of adding a reactant or removing a product, changing temperature and pressure

Functions in other subjects - high-secondary



- Geography:
 - determine the location of any place on the map using geographical coordinates
 - retrieve and interpret statistics, facts and relevant facts from reliable information sources
 - creatively use geographical knowledge in various graphic forms (content of thematic maps, tables, diagrams, charts, cartograms, carto-diagrams)
 - understand and use adequately the data presented in GPS instruments and navigators
 - calculate the actual distance of places on a map from a numerical or graphical scale
 - correctly interpret climate data presented in various graphical and textual forms (tables, charts, graphs, climate diagrams, thematic maps),
 - know the meaning and reliability of meteorological forecasts,
 - compare the influence of internal and external geological processes on the formation of the Earth's surface
 - correctly interpret information on population development and composition presented in the form of graphs, tables, age pyramids, diagrams and thematic maps,
 - correctly interpret statistical data and economic indicators of the economic performance of countries and regions of the world
 - correctly interpret statistical data and economic indicators of the economic performance of individual regions, states
 - correctly interpret information on the development and composition of the region's population presented in the form of graphs, tables, age pyramids, diagrams and thematic maps
 - correctly interpret information on the development and composition of the population of Slovakia, presented in the form of graphs, tables, age pyramids, diagrams and thematic maps
 - estimate the development and possible risks of changes in key industries in Slovakia,



Physics:

- analysis of the graphical representation of the dependence of the trajectory on time (uniform, non-uniform, decelerated and accelerated movements)
- interpret the slope of a graph of linear dependence and the intersections of the graph with the coordinate axes
- display of the work done in a force versus displacement graph
- free fall constructing a graph of path versus time, determining the dependence of speed on time
- temperature dependence of electron motion, temperature dependence of electrical resistance
- linear dependence, linear dependence graph
- temperature dependence of metallic conductor resistance
- harmonic oscillatory motion (the time diagram of the oscillatory motion is a sinusoid or cosine-sinusoid)



Informatics:

- analyze the problem, propose an algorithm for solving the problem, write the algorithm in an understandable formal form, verify the correctness of the algorithm
- understand the finished programs, determine the properties of inputs, outputs and relationships between
- them
- solve tasks using commands with various constraints on the use of commands,
- variables, types and operations
- input and output of information depending on its type
- spreadsheet calculator formula, function
- input and output devices
- problem, algorithm, algorithms from everyday life, ways of writing an algorithm
- programming language commands (assignment, input, output), variables







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Introduction to learning environments

Conference, Place Date

Agenda

Design principles

- Inquiry-based learning
- ➢ Situatedness
- ➤ Embodiment
- ➤ (Digital) tools

Learning environments

- General information
- Exploration of a learning environment

Learning objectives:

- > Learn about the four design principles (more later).
- > Know the structure of the learning environments with handouts and teacher guide
- Identify the learning objectives of the learning environments and link them to the basic concepts of functional thinking





Overview



1. Inquiry-based learning



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Access to tools and resources

From problems to explanations (not from examples to practicing)

Support of:

- Curiosity & critical thinking
- Construction & application of new knowledge
- Cooperation & Communication

 \rightarrow Students formulate questions and answer them

explain

extend

Central activities:

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2. Situatedness

Fundamental for function concept:

Identify, create & reproduce dependencies or relationships between variables of the physical, social and / or spiritual world.

(Freudenthal, 1983, p. 494)



Temperature

For a school project, you are collecting and analyzing temperature data. You display your results as an arrow diagram and as a temperature-time graph.

Here you can see the two different representations that show the temperature in relation to time.



Today you'll discover how to identify unique mappings and functions. To do this, you will examine the relationship between temperature and time in arrow diagrams and graphs.

(for more on this, see e.g. Freudenthal, 1983; Gravemeijer & Terwel, 2000).



3. Embodiment

Central ideas:

- Everything that a person (consciously) experiences and perceives becomes part of cognition
- Physical experiences are essential for cognition
- Mathematical understanding processes can build on physical experiences / movements

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(for more on this, see e.g. Duijzer et al., 2019; Lakoff & Nunez, 2000).

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4. (Digital) tools

Central ideas:

- Use of tools expands scope of action & allows many (cognitive) tasks to be completed more easily and efficiently
- Variety of digital tools available for mathematics education
- Combintation with embodiment possible

(for more, see e.g. Drijvers, 2019; Hoyles, 2018; Monaghan et al., 2016).



Introduction to the learning environments

Components of the learning environments:

- Teacher guide
 - First page(s)
 - ✓ Module name
 - ✓ Time required
 - ✓ Target group
 - ✓ Module description
 - $\checkmark\,$ Focus of the design principles
 - ✓ Aspects of Functional Thinking
 - ✓ Learning objectives



Teacher Guide

| Module: | Temperature | | | |
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Teaching Hours: | 60 minutes | | | |
| Grade Level: | Grade 7 & 8 | | | |
| Brief Description: | In this module, the arrow diagram representation is introduced and students renew their knowledge about representational changes between table and graph. Students examine the uniqueness of a functional mapping in the arrow diagram and coordinate system representations and switch between the representations. By using different representations of functional relationships, students become aware of their properties and learn to switch between them. In doing so, students distinguish between non-unique and unique mappings. To improve understanding and implementation, temperature data is | | | |
| Design Principles | Inquiry | | | |
| besign ranopies. | Situatedness | | | |
| | Digital tools | | | |
| | Embodiment | | | |
| Functional Thinking: | Input - Output | | | |
| | Covariation | | | |
| | Correspondence | | | |
| | Object | | | |
| Learning Goals: | ✓ Introduction of the function as a unique mapping. ✓ Recognize functions in different forms of representation. ✓ Check whether a situation/representation shows a functional relationship or not. | | | |



Introduction to the learning environments

Components of the learning environments:

- Teacher guide
 - First page(s)
 - Lesson plan with further materials
 - Tasks with explanations (sample solutions)
 - > If necessary, further materials
 - Didactic notes

Activity 1.

The student assignment (identical with the one in the student handout).

Students are engaged in identifying patterns that could be created with their classmates. The teacher is anticipated to select ideas of students' patterns and engage students in constructing them in class. The activity intends to be concluded by identifying repeating and growing patterns.

Useful questions: How is the pattern constructed? Why is it a pattern? (repeats or grows?) What does it does it does it stay the same each time?

Suggested tools/materials: Students

Estimated duration: 15 minutes

Activity 2.

The student assignment (identical with the one in the student handout).

It is anticipated for students to explore the structure of a growing pattern, that of Human Pyramid,





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"next" one). Students could be



Introduction to the learning environments

Components of the learning environments:

- Teacher guide
- Student handout



b) When is a mapping unique? Describe your observations.

Activity 5:



Chosen Learning Environment



Activity (40 minutes partner work):

Getting to know the chosen learning environment.

- Familiarise yourself with the teacher guide.
- Work on the tasks in the handout.
- Answer the following questions:
 - > What prior knowledge do you expect for the learning environment?
 - What are the learning objectives of this learning environment / the different tasks?
 - > Which aspects of functional thinking are addressed in this module?
 - What forms and changes of representation are focused on in this learning environment?

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Discussion / Reflection

Chosen Learning Environment



Activity (small group work):

Create further tasks to match the chosen learning environment. Provide details of:

- Learning objective(s)
- Addressed aspects of functional thinking
- Representations used or changes in representation





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Inquiry-based learning as a design principle

Date

Agenda



- Inquiry-based learning
 - As a design principle
 - Example of implementation

Learning objectives:

- Familiarization with the design principle inquiry-based learning in the context of different tasks
- > Explore and reflect possible implementations in learning environments

Inquiry-based learning



Activity (handout):

Below you see three different approaches from textbooks to introduce powers.

- 1. Compare the different didactical approaches. In particular, consider the extent to which the examples incorporate students' prior knowledge.
- 2. Which example would you choose? Provide reasons.



Inquiry-based learning



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Inquiry-based learning



Inquiry-based learning in mathematics education (Christou et al., 2023)

• Base:

A question or problem for which answers can be found through exploration or investigation.

• Context:

Problems arise from everyday life, history, art or science

Lesson design:

- Consideration of mathematical concepts involved
- Inclusion of elements that support research and experimentation
- Use of adequate language
- Use of appropriate tools
Role of the teacher

- Supporting students in ...
 - Formulating questions
 - Use of prior knowledge
 - Structuring during the development of knowledge
- Encouraging discussions

Prerequisite: Tasks that facilitate research-based learning



(Dorier & Maass, 2020)

Inquiry-based learning – IBE (first approach)



Research cycle 5E



Curiosity and critical thinking

- Constructing and applying new knowledge
- Cooperation and communication

Further information: Dorier & Maass, 2020; Artigue & Blomhøj, 2013 Students formulate questions and seek answers to them





Phase 1: Romance (Christou et al., 2023)

- Introduced with the idea of exploration
- Pupils learn about objects, phenomena and ideas in a casual and unstructured way by listening, looking and manipulating (Evans, 1998).
- Curiosity for a new mathematical concept is stimulated in students.
- Interest is maintained, on the basis of which skills and knowledge are to be developed.



Example of Phase 1: Romance (Athanasiou et al., 2016b, p. 116)

Learning Goal: Students recognise antiproportional relationships in everyday situations.

Task: A factory has a certain number of machines with the same production capacity each that are operated independently. The production manager wants to plan production for a specific order with a fixed delivery date. The person in charge has the option of varying the number of machines producing. Which of the following diagrams shows the time needed to complete the order depending on the number of machines? Explain.











Exploration (Christou et al., 2023)

- Enables lively, exciting learning opportunities based on own experiences
- Promotes understanding of mathematical content by identifying problems and exchanging them
- Encourages students to reflect on / discuss the chosen content / ideas.
 - \rightarrow Exchange / reflections change thinking
- Provides space for students to think about problems and link their own interests to real problems.

 \rightarrow Encourages curiosity

• Offers students the opportunity to do mathematics, to see the world through mathematical glasses and to "be a mathematician" (cf. Marshman et al., 2011).



Phase 2: Precision (Christou et al., 2023; Evans, 1998)

- Students develop knowledge and skills needed to develop a new concept
- Includes finding and organizing conceptual structures, rules, etc.
- Is supported by investigation
 - Includes editing of a variety of examples
 - > Starting from the procedure in specific cases, rules are generalized



Example of exploration in phase 2 (precision)

In GeoGebra you see a rectangle with a constant size of 24cm². One of the vertices of the rectangle is the fixed point O (0/0). The opposite point is the point A. Link: <u>https://www.geogebra.org/m/kzktxmch</u>

Move point A and fill in the table:

| Length side a | Length side b | Area rectangle | Coordinates of A (a/b) |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | | $24cm^2$ | |
| | 12 | $24cm^2$ | |
| | 8 | $24cm^2$ | |
| 4 | | $24cm^2$ | |
| | 3 | $24cm^2$ | |
| | 2 | $24cm^2$ | |



Example of investigation in phase 2 (precision)

Determine the relationship between the x and y coordinates of point A (corresponding to sides a and b of the rectangle):

 \rightarrow What do you recognize if you look at different values of a and the assigned values of b?







Phase 3: Generalization (Christou et al., 2023)

- Results in the comprehension-oriented development of a new concept and prevents memorization
- Typical activities: Linking newly learned skills with prior knowledge, applying in different contexts, generalising.



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Example for phase 3: Generalization

- Move the slider k and observe the change in the coordinates of point A.
- Display the trace by activating trace. Describe the resulting graph.
- Describe the graph of an antiproportional assignment.
 - \rightarrow What is the corresponding function equation?





Investigation (Christou et al., 2023)

- Refers to an activity that has its origins in mathematics or the real world and is suitable for investigation
- Includes asking questions, collecting data, hypothesising, reflecting and drawing conclusions.
 - \rightarrow These processes take place individually, in small groups and in the class as a whole.
- The curiosity aroused during the exploration phase can be satisfied
- In the course of the investigation, students develop skills that can be applied to other problems.
 - \rightarrow Expanding their knowledge and skills.



Learning process in inquiry learning in mathematics education (Christou et al., 2023)





Activity teaching example (15 min individual work / plenary):

Look at the lesson sequence and work through the following questions:

- 1. To what extent do the activity and discussion support inquiry-based learning? Provide reasons!
- 2. How could inquiry-based learning be further promoted?

Watch implementation video patterns.



Activity (15 min small group work):

Develop a task that facilitates inquiry-based learning using the following learning objective:

Year 8 pupils understand the slope of a straight line as change. Introduce the slope triangle.

First think about a suitable situation. The following GeoGebra application can be used and adapted: https://www.geogebra.org/classic/mvvajgsr



Example: The concept of slope (Athanasiou et al., 2016b, p. 64)





Example: The concept of slope (Athanasiou et al., 2016b, p. 65)

- Select point A and then change the coordinates of point B, so that the robot moves one unit to the right (horizontal change). Calculate the vertical shift of the above movement. Consider whether this applies to any starting point A.
- ✓ If the robot moves from point A to two units to the right, how large will the vertical change be? Does this apply to any starting point A?
- ✓ What do you think will be the vertical change if it moves from point A, 5 units to the right? Check your answer with the use of the app.



Precision





Example: The concept of slope (Athanasiou et al., 2016b, p. 65)



Link: <u>https://www.geogebra.org/m/rrqucyde</u>



Example: The concept of slope (Athanasiou et al., 2016b, p. 65)

Students find a general rule for calculating the slope using two points on the line.

- ✓ Consider the ratio $\frac{vertical change}{horizontal change}$ for any two points A and B of the line.
- Change the cursors α and β and observe how the ratio $\frac{vertical \ change}{horizontal \ change}$ relates with the equation of the line.

Generalization

Link: https://www.geogebra.org/m/rrqucyde





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Teacher course: embodied design for functional thinking Authors / Speakers

Conference, Place Date





- 1. Hands-on experience with embodied design
- 2. Input on nomograms and embodied design
- 3. Hands-on experience with embodied design nomogram tasks
- 4. Reflecting on the experience with the learning environment, with a focus on embodied design principles

Hands-on experience with embodied design



Actvity 1

Time: 20 minutes

Material: touch-screen device (phone, tablet, laptop)

Go to website:

https://embodieddesign.sites.uu.nl/activity/

Explore the tasks:

- Move the points (or one point) and make the feedback green.
- Find another green position.
- Keep the feedback green (move the points in a way that the feedback would be green all the time). It is rather challenging but possible in each case!
- When you are fluent (let your "body" practice at first!), reflect what is the rule that determines the green colour of the feedback.
- Move to the next task by listing the tasks on the bottom of the screen.

Take notes:

- what do you experience when you perform the task?
- a didactical perspective: how does the task invite to mathematical learning?
- what are the common characteristics of this design genre?





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- 4. Reflecting on the experience with the learning environment, with a focus on embodied design principles

Embodied design



- The theory of <u>embodied cognition</u> states that cognition cannot be separated from the perception and motor systems in the body
- Cognition is fundamentally intertwined with and dependent on action and perception
- Perceptual and motor systems solve coordination problem that allow a mathematical perspective on daily base.
- Research shows that perceptual and motor systems are involved in cognition on more abstract matters as well

(Abrahamson, 2009; Barsalou, 1999; 2008; Shapiro & Stolz, 2019)

Embodied design

Embodied design in three steps

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A motor problem. Learn to move in new ways: a new coordination.

Find a rule that underlies the new movement

Reflect and mathematize the rule/movement





(Alberto et al., 2021)



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Duration: 10 minutes In pairs, explore the module:

Nomogram Intro



Link: https://app.dwo.nl/embod/?responsive=true&locale=en&profile=108&hash=%23s%3A706362#s:7063 62



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Nomograms



Light rays provide a context for a meaningful emergence of the nomogram concept. We draw a finite number of arrows, but there are an infinite number.









- 1. Hands-on experience with embodied design
- 2. Input on nomograms and embodied design
- 3. <u>Hands-on experience with embodied design nomogram tasks</u>
- 4. Reflecting on the experience with the learning environment, with a focus on embodied design principles

Embodied design for nomograms

Duration: 20 minutes

In pairs, explore the modules:

Embodied Design Tasks Nomogram

https://app.dwo.nl/embod/?responsive=true&locale=en&profile=108&hash=% 23s%3A706405#s:706405

Embodied Design Tasks Nomogram-Graph relation

https://app.dwo.nl/embod/?responsive=true&locale=en&profile=108&hash=% 23s%3A706770#s:706770

Take notes on three levels on the large sheet:

- what do you experience themselves when you perform the tasks?
- how might the task relate to mathematical learning?
- what are the common characteristics of this design genre?

Writes at least three comments/notes.







Embodied design for nomograms

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Task 1 – 4 no number lines: focus on movement ("how do you do it?"). Then number lines: mathematization ("what is the rule?")



Embodied design for nomograms



Find the green arrows of the nomogram. We use x to represent the input numbers on the left number line, and y to represent the output numbers on the right number line. To check your answer, type your equation in the following box and press [enter]. v =Input14. 14 Output **X** 13. 13 12 12. Last tasks: more formal/algebraic 11 11 ("What is the equation?") 10. 10 9 9 8 8 7 7 6 6 5 5 2 2






- 1. Hands-on experience with embodied design
- 2. Input on nomograms and embodied design
- 3. Hands-on experience with embodied design nomogram tasks
- 4. <u>Reflecting on the experience with the learning environment, with a focus on embodied</u> <u>design principles</u>

Embodied design for nomograms



Duration: 15 minutes Final discussion

- Why has the designer of the tasks chosen for these designs?
- Would these tasks improve students functional thinking?
- What is the interplay between embodiment and functional thinking? Does the aspects of embodiment in these tasks foster/support the development of functional thinking?





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- Introduction with hands-on experience: learning environment walking graphs
- Reflection on the experience with the learning environment
- Input:
 - $_{\odot}$ Tool use as a design principle
 - $_{\odot}$ Experiments with real and digital tools to foster functional thinking
- Reflection on the learning environment with a focus on tool use

Learning goals:

- Familiarization with the learning environment walking graphs
- Familiarization with tool use as a design principle
- Awareness of current research results regarding experiments with real and digital tools to foster functional thinking



Watch teaser video walking graphs LUE

Introduction learning environment: walking graphs



Task: With help of the provided handouts, experience the learning environment walking graphs.

Keep the following questions in mind:

- What are the learning goals for each task and overall?
- What aspects of functional thinking are addressed?
- What prerequisites are necessary?
- What learning difficulties could appear?
- How do the used tools support the learning process?

Group A: Complete the tasks in the following order:

- Walking graphs physically with the sensor
- Walking graphs physically with the web

app: https://tim-

lutz.de/funktionenlaufen/indexSelbstZeichnen.html

- Walking graphs digitally with GeoGebra

Group B: Complete the tasks in the following order:

- Walking graphs physically with the web app: https://tim-

lutz.de/funktionenlaufen/indexSelbstZeichnen.html

- Walking graphs physically with the sensor
- Walking graphs digitally with GeoGebra

Reflection learning environment: walking graphs



Task: Watch the video. Keep the following questions in mind and discuss in small groups:

- How would you describe the student answers?
- Do you recognize any misconceptions among the students?
- What instruction could be helpful to support the students' functional thinking?
- What else do you notice?



Watch implementation video: walkin graphs zig-zac

Reflection learning environment: walking graphs



Task: Watch the video. Keep the following questions in mind and discuss in small groups:

- How would you describe the student answers for student 1 and 2?
- Do you recognize any misconceptions among the students?
- What instruction could be helpful to support the students' functional thinking?
- What else do you notice?



Watch implementation video walking graphs exploration

Design principles of the learning environments





Design principles of the learning environments





Tool use: Global description



- Humans have always been using tools \rightarrow extend possibilities or simplify tasks
- Continuous development of tools → use for cognitive tasks including mathematics (Monaghan et al., 2016)





Using tools for learning mathematics is connected to affordances and constraints

- Tools transform mathematical activities (Hoyles, 2018)
- > Interplay between tool use and mathematical learning (Drijvers, 2019)
- > Much literature available BUT many things still unknown (Drijvers, 2019)

How to use technology to foster the learning of mathematics?

Tool use: dimensions





Tool use: dimensions



Task: How do these dimensions (general functionality, mathematical domain, didactical functionality) apply to the tools used in this learning environment?





GeoGebra:

 → sensor & program: limited and specific function, development of concepts → general: multiple specific functions in different mathematical domains, learning & doing mathematics

→ here: specific functionality in one domain for the development of a concept

Experiments with real and digital tools to foster functional thinking



Using real and digital tools, e.g., to foster functional thinking by experiments

• Arguments for experiments with real tools:

- > Functional thinking can be experienced (Ludwig & Oldenburg, 2007)
- > Connection between real world and mathematics (Vom Hofe, 2003)
- Concept formation (Barzel & Ganter, 2010)
- Fostering of the correspondence view, reference to real-world; perspective on relationship is rather static (Lichti, 2019)

• Arguments for experiments with digital tools:

- Systematic variation easy to implement (Roth, 2008)
- > Multi-representation-system directly available (Ballacheff & Kaput, 1997)
- > Learning gains significantly higher than with real tools (Lichti, 2019)
- Fostering covariation view, reference to graph; perspective on relationship rather dynamical (Lichti, 2019)

Experiments with real and digital tools to foster functional thinking



Using real and digital tools, e.g., to foster functional thinking by experiments

Using real tools: Focus on correspondence

- Value pairs set focus on correspondence (Hoffkamp, 2012)
- Table emphasizes point-by-point reading (Weigand, 1988)
- Static view can hinder covariation (Johnson, 2015)

Using digital tools: Focus on covariation

- Difficult for learners → underdeveloped (Malle, 2000)
- For covariation, local view not sufficient (Leinhardt et al., 1990)
- Qualitative approach to functions
 (Stellmacher, 1986)

Best effects: Combination of both approaches (Digel et al., 2023)

Experiments with real and digital tools to foster functional thinking



Using real and digital tools, e.g., to foster functional thinking by experiments

Key findings of this study:

- Digital simulations should complement experiments with real materials
 - Promotion of correspondence view through real experiment
 - Promotion of covariational view especially through qualitative simulation
 - Discourse on covariation essential for learning growth
 - Covariational view accessible even to learners at low skill levels
- Digital learning environments should be embedded in paper-pencil environment
 - Taking notes / Logging supports reflection
 - Better availability of the paper-pencil protocol

Best effects: Combination of both approaches (Digel et al., in press)

Reflection learning environment: walking graphs



Activity: Reflect on the tool use in this module. Exchange you thoughts in small groups.

Summary



What did we learn from today's course?

- Introduction to the learning environment walking graphs
- Hands-on experience with the learning environment
- Reflection on the experience with the learning environment with a focus on
 - Tool use as a design principle
 - Experiments with real and digital tools to foster functional thinking
- Reflection on the learning environment with a focus on tool use

Learning goals:

- > Familiarization with the learning environment walking graphs with related learning goals
- > Familiarization with tool use as a design principle
- Awareness of current research results regarding experiments with real and digital tools to foster functional thinking



Thank you for your attention!

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Forster students' functional thinking

Situatedness as design principle

Date

Agenda



- Situatedness as a design principle
- Introduction with hands-on experience: learning environments number line and distance-time (turtle)

Learning objectives:

- Familiarization with the design principle of situatedness in the context of the modules number line and distance-time (turtle) in more depth.
- Insights into the support of functional thinking through the learning environments presented.



Origin: Hans Freudenthal (1905-1990) proposes the concept of didactical phenomenology.

Mathematics as a human activity:

"What humans have to learn is not mathematics as a closed system, but rather as an activity, the process of mathematizing reality and if possible even that of mathematizing mathematics."

(Freudenthal, 1968, p. 7)

Consequence:

Assumption: Knowledge is situated.

- > It manifests itself in everyday activities.
- \succ It is a result of our actions.
- It emerges in the context and culture in which it is developed and used. (Brown, Collins, & Duguid, 1989, p. 32)





Adapted from Tressler (1978), Freudenthal (1991) & Barnes (2005)

Image: Majewska, D. (2019)

Mathematization

Horizontal mathematization

"Translation" of a real context into a mathematical model

Vertical mathematization

- "Translation" of a mathematical model into mathematical language - abstract consideration of the model
- Change of representation, solution methods, reorganisation of information, ...





Student solution:



Activity (5 minutes small group work):

In small groups, identify horizontal and vertical mathematization processes in the given task.



Horizontal and vertical mathematising VERTICAL (moving within) reorganising REAL integrating formulating translating information into mathematical SYMBOLS language HORIZONTAL (moving across) extracting important information informal strategies using tools

Adapted from Tressler (1978), Freudenthal (1991) & Barnes (2005)

Taxi 1:
$$5 \notin je$$
 Tabel
 $0,30 \notin je$ lun
 $Taxi 2: 3 \notin je$ Tabel
 $y=0,3x+5$
 $0,50 \notin je$ lun
 $y=0,5x+3$
 $0=0: 0=-0,9x+2$
 $x=10$
 $y=0,0x+5$
 $y=0,0x+2$
 $y=0,$

Activity (5 minutes small group work): In small groups, identify horizontal and vertical mathematization processes in the given task.

Majewska, D. (2019)

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Student task:

What distance (km) do you have to travel in order that both offers cost the same price?

Student solution:



Activity (5 minutes small group work): In small groups, identify horizontal and vertical mathematisation processes in the given task.

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Student solution:



Activity (5 minutes small group work): In small groups, identify horizontal and vertical mathematisation processes in the given task.

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Activity (40 minutes group work):

Explore the *number line* and *distance-time (turtle)* learning environments using the provided materials.

In doing so, think about the following questions:

- What are the learning goals of the learning environments and which aspects of functional thinking are addressed?
- What prior knowledge is required?
- What learning difficulties do you anticipate?
- Do mathematization processes take place and if so, which ones?
- To what extent are the activities being worked on situated?

Group A:

Complete the activities in the following order (about 20 min each):

- Number line
- Distance-Time (turtle)

Group B:

Complete the activities in the following order (about 20 min each):

- Distance-Time (turtle)
- Number line



Activity:

Explore additional learning environments: Double Number Line and Function Machine.

In doing so, think about the following questions:

- What are the learning goals of the learning environments and which aspects of functional thinking are addressed?
- What prior knowledge is required?
- What learning difficulties do you anticipate?
- Do mathematization processes take place and if so, which ones?
- To what extent are the activities being worked on situated?

Develop further activities on one of the above learning environments.






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Session number:

Intellectual output of FunThink (Erasmus+) project

Brainstorming: What does come to your mind when you hear:



Assessment

Reminder: Inquiry based education



Learning cycle 5E



Why is the evaluation inner part of inquiry based education?

Does the teacher always need to assign grades?

Assessment is communication



- The teacher gives information to the student, which is the goal of teaching mathematics.
- The student **informs** how they fulfils these goals.
 - To whom is this information directly accessible?
 - For the given pupil: an opportunity for self-assessment
 - To another student: an opportunity for peer assessment
 - To the teacher
 - What does the teacher do with this information?
 - He informs the student how he fared compared to the standard / class classification.
 - He informs the student how he can continue to learn, or what progress he has made.
 - He adapts teaching.

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Summative

He informs the student how he fared compared to the standard / class - classification. He informs the student how he can continue to learn, or what progress he has made.

He adapts teaching.

Assessment is communication



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- Formative He adapts teaching.







Types of formative assessment



Proximal FA

"Here and now"

- Present in verbal communication with pupils
 - Asking questions
 - Teacher's reaction to the correct answer
 - Teacher's reaction to an incorrect answer
 - The teacher's reaction to the student's initiative
- Spontaneous, but you can prepare for it

FA with an instrument *"Pre-prepared tool"*

- Specific formative assessment tools are present
 - Papers without marks
 - Clear communication of goals (rubrics, checklist, ...)
 - Activity / game
 - Prior assessment of understanding, pre-concepts
 - ..
- designed in advance

A good tool for formative assessment in mathematics



What do I want to formatively assess?



Procedural knowledge

• Timing:

- At the beginning or before starting the unit:
 - To identify level of entry procedural knowledge (e.g. before construction tasks in geometry, identify students level of using geometric tools)
- During the year:
 - Automation (speed and preciseness) of some procedures (e.g. fluency in using multiplication table)

In which case:

- Only what makes sense to process automatically (fast and precisely)
- Only what is already understood

Conceptual knowledge

- Timing:
 - At the beginning of the unit:
 - Preconceptions (e.g. before linear function, understand students perceptions of tables)Understanding the input knowledge
 - Understanding of prior knowledge
 - When using inquiry based learning:
 - It can serve as an indirect reference to knowledge which can be used when exploring the topic
 - At the end of the unit:
 - Level of understanding of the concept / solution method / ...
 - Possibility to verify propaedeutic goals as well

Mathematical content of the FA tool



Procedural knowledge

- Is the tool mathematically correct?
- Evaluates processes that need to be automated?

Conceptual knowledge

Is the tool mathematically correct?

Diagnostic potential of the FA tool



Procedural knowledge

 Does it allow you to evaluate progress? (related to speed or complexity)

Decide whether this is direct proportionality or indirect proportionality.

- Amount of flour for 1 pancake, for x pancakes.
- Travel time depending on speed.
- Amount of feed consumed depending on the number of animals.
- Amount of residual feed depending on the number of days.

Conceptual understanding

- Does it allow the teacher to reveal preconcepts or misconceptions?
- Does it help to identify deep vs. superficial understanding of the concept, method?
- Does it help to identify level of thinking, aspects used?
- Does it inform teacher concerning the next teaching steps?



Brainstorming: What exactly does a teacher do when formatively assessing?



Brainstorming: What exactly does a teacher do when formatively assessing?

- Observes and identifies
 - Ievels of thinking
 - pre-concepts
 - misconceptions
- Finds out students' preferences (e.g. which representation is closer to them)
- Recognises what language pupils use
- Responds to support pupil learning
 - adapts the language
 - works with pupil error
 - shifts the responsibility for correctness to the pupil
- Creates pressure for understanding in all pupils
- ----
- It is about moving from the role of "know-it-all" to the role of "facilitator"



Analyse the following student solutions



- Group work
 - Analyse the following student solutions. Assess their correctness, identify the representations and aspects of function that the student used.









Máme nasledujúcu situáciu:

"Taxislužba účtuje základný poplatok vo výške 2,50 € a za každý prejdený kilometer 0,80 €."

Ktorý z nasledujúcich predpisov správne opisuje situáciu? Napíšte, čo vyjadrujú premenné x a y.

$$[x] y = 2,5x + 0,8 \quad [y] y = 2,5x - 0,8 \quad [y] y = 0,8x + 2,5 \quad [y] y = -0,8x + 2,5$$
Premenná x vyjadruje: mikludný poplatok 45 \in
Premenná y vyjadruje: poplatok manyfil $0_1 \in \in$



Máme nasledujúcu situáciu:

"Sviečka je na začiatku 24 cm vysoká a každú hodinu sa zmenší o 2 cm."

Ktorý z nasledujúcich predpisov správne opisuje situáciu? Napíšte, čo vyjadrujú premenné x a y.

 $y = 24x - 2 \qquad \Box y = 2x + 24 \qquad \Box y = -24x + 2 \qquad X y = -2x + 24$ Premenná x vyjadruje: bodiny Premenná y vyjadruje: star svietíky























Solutions 9 -12



Tento graf znázorňuje, ako sa mení rýchlosť pretekárskeho auta na dlhom rovinatom pretekárskom okruhu počas druhého kola pretekov.



Nasledujúce obrázky sú náčrtmi štyroch pretekárskych okruhov. Na ktorom z týchto okruhov jazdilo pretekárske auto, ktorého graf rýchlosti je načrtnutý vyššie?



Do vázy na kvety, ktorá je znázornená na obrázku, napúšťame vodu rovnomerným prítokom vody. Načrtnite graf funkcie, ktorá vyjadruje výšku hladiny vody vo váze v závislosti od času.









Do vázy na kvety, ktorá je znázornená na obrázku, napúšťame vodu rovnomerným prítokom vody. Načrtnite graf funkcie, ktorá vyjadruje výšku hladiny vody vo váze v závislosti od času.





Solutions 14-16





Ktorý predpis zodpovedá grafu funkcie f?

- y = -4x + 3
- y = 3x + 0,75
- X y = 0.75x + 3





Zapíšte predpis funkcie zodpovedajúcej grafu.

$$y = -2x + 0_1 4$$

Stručne vysvetlite, ako ste postupovali. podľa Súraduic



Zapíšte predpis funkcie zodpovedajúcej grafu.

$$y = 4x+3$$

Stručne vysvetlite, ako ste postupovali.



Error vs. Misconception

- Misconception a misconception about some concept, property
- Error incorrect solution, answer for any reason inattention, different understanding of the task, misconception
- In small groups, write as long a list as possible of misconceptions that we might encounter specifically when teaching functions.

Misconceptions, errors and difficulties in teaching functions

What is function? 1.

- inaccurate ideas about what graphs of functions should look like (only graphs that show an obvious or simple pattern are understood as graphs of functions
- the idea that only graphs where a pattern is apparent represent functions; others look strange, artificial or unnatural.
- the ideas that the following functions are not functions: functions composed of arbitrary correspondences, functions given by more than one rule, and functions that are not officially recognized and labeled as functions by mathematicians
- the idea that functions must consist of quantities which are variable
- the idea that a function implies causality
- the belief that functions are always simple, the chaos between assigning "one to many" and "many to one"

Example:

Example:

to one y.

The graph does not represent a function because it does not exhibit an obvious pattern, a regularity.









2. Linearity

- the tendency to define a function as a relationship that, when represented graphically, produces a linear pattern
- the tendency to connect every two consecutive points with a straight line (in both contextual and abstract situations)
- only one function can pass through two given points (a generalization of a special property of linear functions)
- over-generalisation of properties of linear functions to other types of functions

Example:

Alex bought a new car with an odometer reading 80 km. However, that is about to change as he is going on a bigger trip tomorrow. Describe how (table, graph, equation) if his average speed is 70 km per hour.





3. Domain and range

- confusion of the value domain and the definition domain
- misunderstanding how the definitional scope affects the value scope
- ignoring the definitional scope in contextual tasks



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4. Difficulties with graphical representation and coordinate system

- representation or interpretation of continuous data in a discrete way or vice versa
- interval and point substitution
- confusion of slope and height
- a graph as an image
- difficulties in setting two axes for a Cartesian coordinate system
- scaling problems
- the effect of changing the scale of the axes on the appearance of the graph
- confusion of two axes of a graph
- misunderstanding the meaning of points in the same position relative to one of the axes
- points on the graph remain in the same position even if the axes change
- graphs always pass through (or start at) the origin
- the largest numbers marked on the axes represent the largest values reached

Example:

Graphically represent the dependence of the volume in the measuring cup





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5. Difficulties with formula and variables

- misunderstanding the difference between coefficients and variables (visible when fitting point coordinates to the general form of a given function)
- algebraic problems when modifying a prescription
- changing the symbol of a variable in a functional equation changes some critical aspects of the function
- misunderstanding the meaning of coefficients (e.g., directives)
- for a linear function:
 - intercepts as coefficients
 - the order of values in the verbal description affects the order of coefficients in the prescription
 - oconfusion between the coefficients k and q

Example: The taxi service charges a basic fee of €2.50 and €0.80 per kilometre travelled.

y = 2.5x + 0.8





6. Lack of understanding of different aspects

- Input Output
 - e.g. problems when filling in a table and reading data from it
- Covariance
 - e.g. ignoring covariance properties of individual functions
- Correspondence
 - e.g. inability to generalise a relationship using a prescription
- Object
 - e.g. difficulty in understanding the properties of functions
 - e.g. failure to identify the type of a function by its prescription if the prescription is not in its basic form