

ON TRACK FOR 4 YEARS OF MATH!

Discrete Mathematics and
Modeling for High School
Students and Teachers

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December 2008

- ◆ Graduating class of 2013 needs 4 years of Math credit
- ◆ One credit is equivalent to Algebra II

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- ◆ Only 18% of the student population were in Jr./Sr. level Math classes
- ◆ We needed more options for students not pursuing Calculus
- ◆ Aligned with the newly released AZ 2008 College and Career Readiness Standards

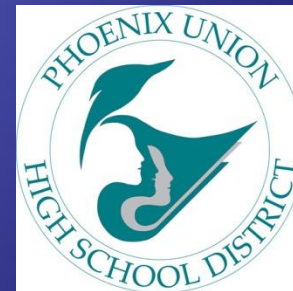
New Path

- ◆ MSP Grant:
Mathematics Modeling Partnership: Preparing Urban Teachers for Implementing College and Work Readiness Standards



Partnership PUHSD & ASU

- ◆ Goals were to create curriculum for 4th year course
- ◆ Increase teacher content knowledge
- ◆ Increase student achievement

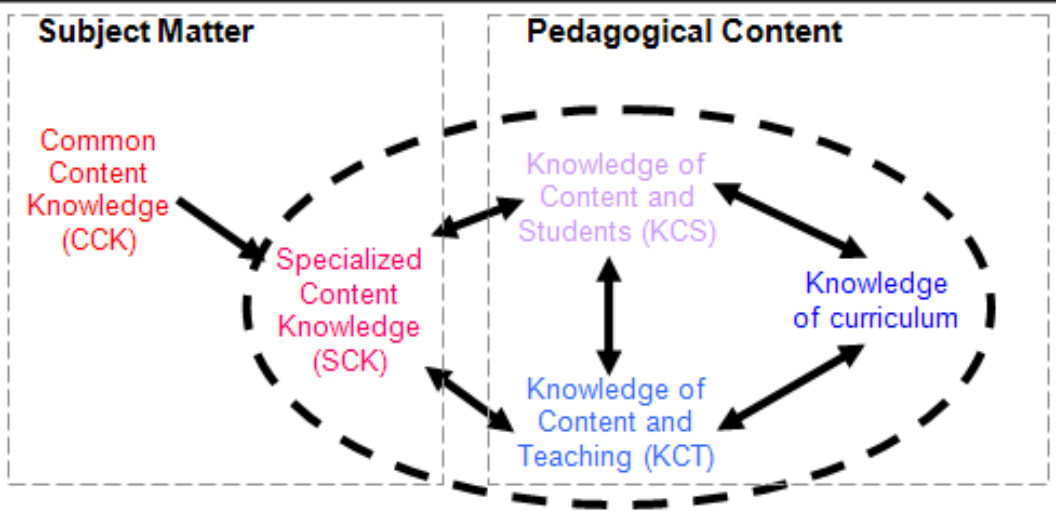


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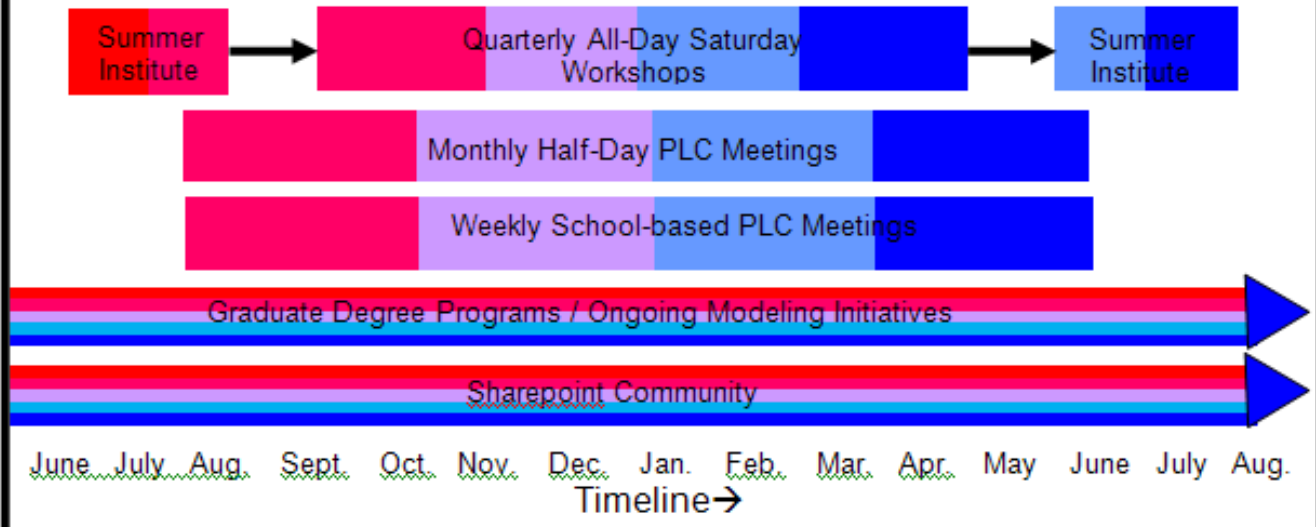


135 hours of PD

- ◆ 1 week workshop first summer
 - ◆ Developing teacher content knowledge (TCK) and “comfort”
- ◆ 8 Saturdays throughout the school year
 - ◆ Build curriculum and TCK
 - ◆ Modeling instruction
- ◆ 1 week summer workshop at the end of the grant



Focus of Project

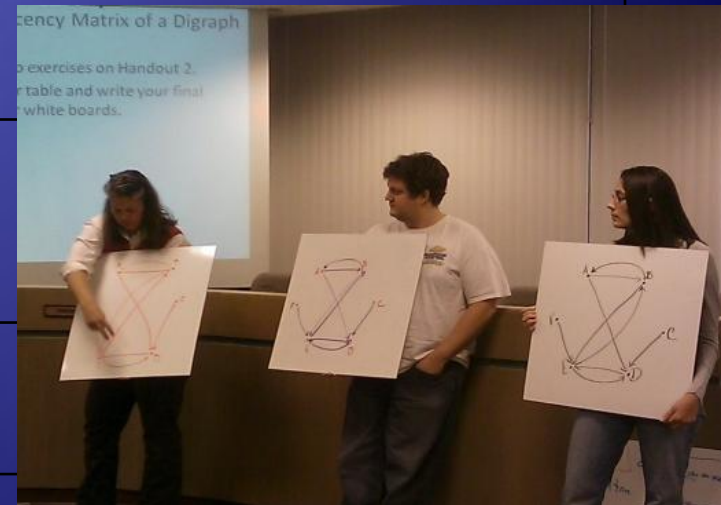


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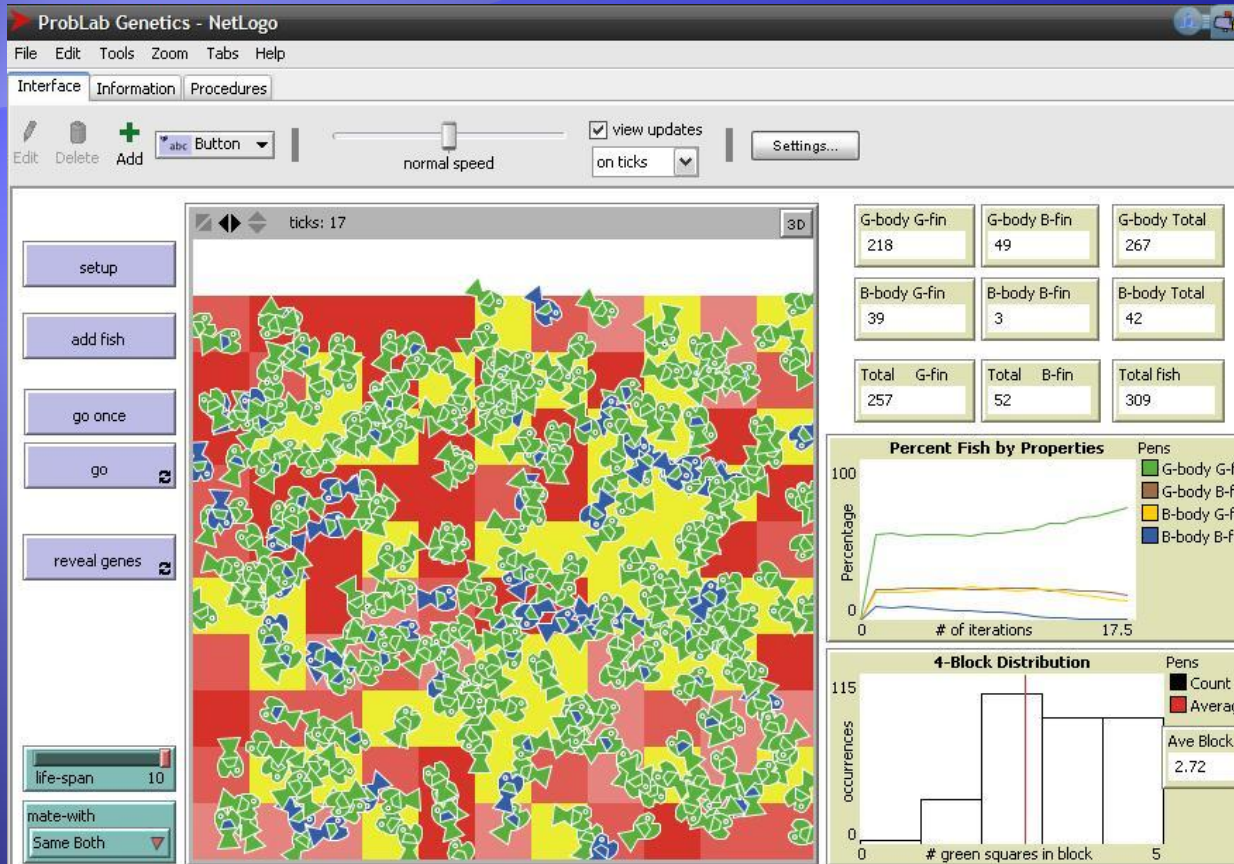
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Curriculum Process

Concept unit	Big Ideas
Algebra Modeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review linear functions • Modeling Physical/Phenomenon, Biology/financial etc. • Curve fitting families of curves • Linear, Polynomial, Exponential, Logistic
Data Modeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution /Error • Measures of center and measures of dispersions • Graphical Analysis
Probability and Combinatorics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic Counting • Dependency/conditional • Rules of Probability • Permutations/ Combinations • Normal distribution
Vertex-Edge Graphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euler Circuits/ Hamilton circuits • Traveling salesperson • Networks/Trees • Adjacency matrices
Complex Systems Modeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of change • Dynamical system • Iterative/recursive



Technology



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Explore a unit

Concept Unit Map

Key Concepts

Determine an Euler path and circuit.

Determine a Hamilton path and circuit.

Create vertex edge graphs from an adjacency matrix.

Create an adjacency matrix from a vertex edge graph.

Explain the difference between a path, a circuit, and a walk.

Devise, analyze and apply algorithms for solving vertex edge graphs.

Interpret row sums and the n th power of adjacency matrices for vertex edge graphs.

Examples

Rank players in a round-robin tennis tournament using matrices and Hamiltonian paths.

Determine how many different ways the American Idol judges can, traveling together, visit each of the cities for auditions and return to Hollywood.

Create a schedule of sports for campers to ensure that they may participate in any or all of seven offered sports.

Vertex Edge Modeling

Enduring Understandings:

There are many ways of representing information in mathematics, and carefully choosing the form you use can greatly simplify the problem-solving process. Vertex-edge graphs provide a useful way to represent and analyze real-world situations involving relationships among a finite number of elements, including scheduling, managing conflicts, and finding efficient routes.

While some vertex-edge graphical representations of information are complicated and difficult to use, adjacency matrices can provide the same information in a simpler format that can be mathematically manipulated to provide even more information than can be seen in the graph.

- What steps take a real-world pathway and abstract it to a circuit?
- What are the criteria to Eulerize a given path?
- What effect does Eulerizing have on a pathway event in a real-world situation?
- What is the importance of valences in determining an Euler Circuit?
- What are the criteria for creating a Hamiltonian circuit?
- What are the differences in criteria for Euler versus Hamiltonian circuits?
- What is the relationship between graphs and matrices?

Key Vocabulary

Trail
Loop
Walk
Circuit
Bridge
Euler Path
Euler Circuit
Hamiltonian Path
Hamiltonian Circuit
Tree
Spanning Tree
Vertex Coloring
Adjacency Matrix
Critical path
Directed graph
Connected graph
Degree
Traceable
Traveling Salesman Problem
Diagraph
Matrix

Resources

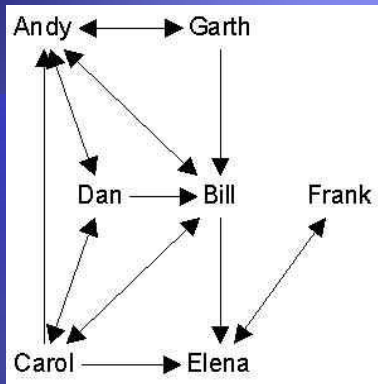
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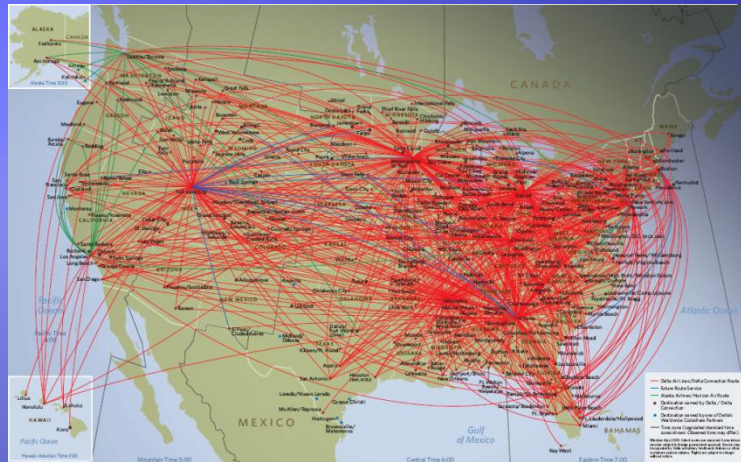
Textbook Resources

Graphs in Context

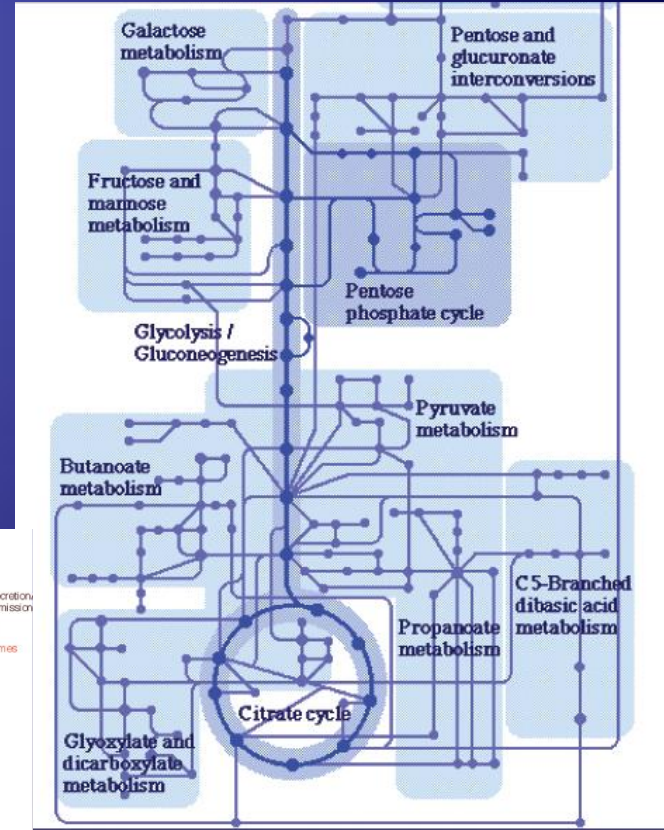
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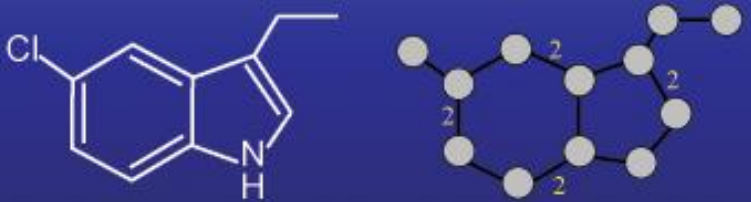
Transportation



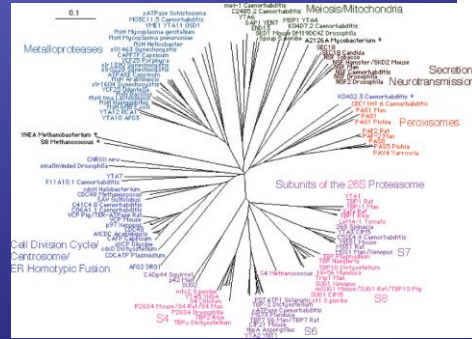
Metabolic Processes



Chemical compounds



Classification

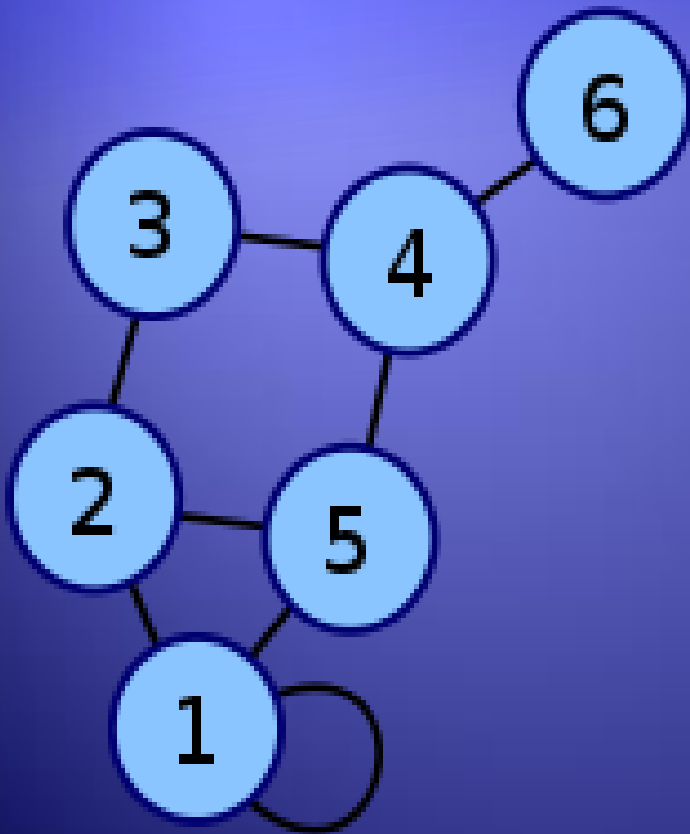


Networks

- ◆ Each group member will be given a clue to solve the problem
- ◆ One rule- you may not show your clue to anyone else. You may tell them about it, you may read it to them, but you cannot show it to them.
 - ◆ You have to tell others what you know
- ◆ Each clue contains connections between different barges that make up the city

Adjacency Matrix

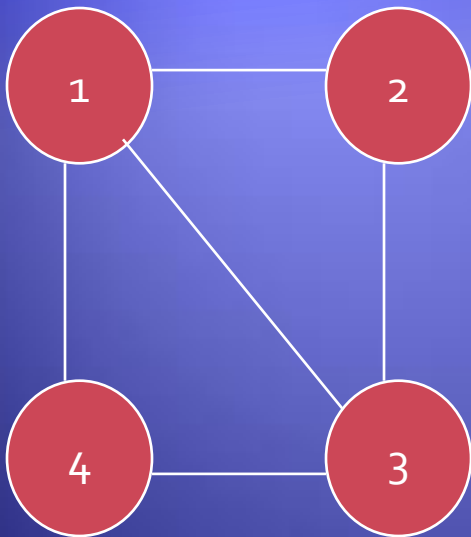
- ♦ adjacency matrix: a $|V| \times |V|$ array where each cell i,j contains the weight (or 1) of the edge between v_i and v_j (or 0 for no edge)



1	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0

Coloring

- ◆ **chromatic number:** the smallest number of labels for a coloring of a graph
- ◆ **vertex coloring:** coloring the vertices such that no edge in E has two endpoints with the same color
- ◆ What is the chromatic number of this graph?



The Four Color Theorem

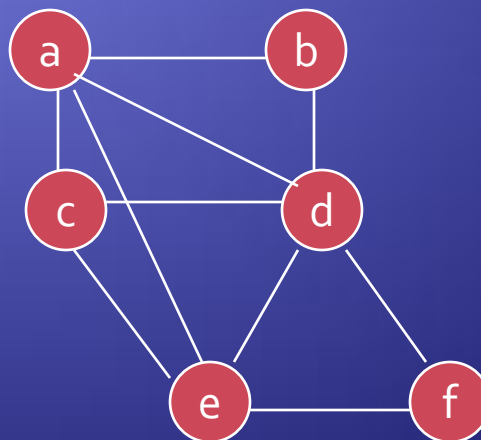
- ◆ The **four color theorem**, or the **four color map theorem**, states that given any separation of a plane into contiguous regions, called a *map*, the regions can be colored using at most four colors so that no two adjacent regions have the same color. Two regions are called *adjacent* only if they share a border segment, not just a point. This can be extended to all planar graphs.



Famous problem: Conflict graphs

- ◆ **Conflict graph:** a graph where each vertex represents a concept or resource and an edge between two vertices represents a conflict between these two concepts
- ◆ When the vertices represents intervals on the real line (such as time) the conflict graph is sometimes called an interval graph
- ◆ A coloring of an interval graph produces a schedule that shows how to best resolve the conflicts... a minimal coloring is the “best” schedule”
- ◆ This concept is used to solve problems in the physical mapping of DNA

	1	2	3	4
A	x	x	x	
B		x		
C			x	
D		x	x	x
E			x	x
F				x



Colors?

Assessment

- ◆ Must assess higher order thinking skills
- ◆ Rubrics to evaluate group progress

Student Assessment For Learning – Discrete Mathematics with Modeling: Unit 1

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

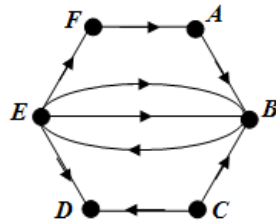
For each skill, mark whether or not you know this skill. For every review skill that **you do not know**, write an action plan describing how you will acquire that skill prior to the test.

Skill	Learning Target	Review		Test Assessment	
		Know it?	Don't Know?	Correct or Incorrect?	Simple or Hard?
	General form for various models				
	Linear $y = mx + b$				
	Quadratic $y = ax^2 + bx + c$				
	Polynomial $y = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$				
	Exponential $y = ab^{x-k} + k$				
	Logistic $y = \frac{c}{1 + ae^{-rx}}$				

Snapshot of an assessment

15. In a group of 8 friends, many have dated other members of the group. Phoebe has dated Eric, Scott, and Russell. Ruth has dated Scott; Claire has dated Eric and Russell; and Anne has dated Eric, Scott, Russell, and Matt. Draw a graph that models the dating relationships of the friends. (5 pts)

16. Find the adjacency matrix for the digraph below. (5 pts)



17. Draw a digraph with the adjacency matrix below. (5 pts)

$$\begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

18. How many **two-step** paths are there altogether in the digraph in #17 above? (3 pts)

19. How many **three-step** paths from *D* to *E* are there in the digraph in #17 above? (3 pts)

How did we do?

Table 1.1 DMCM
Comparison of Participant and Comparison Groups
Group comparison on Post-test Scores

Discrete Mathematics Content Measure		
Group	Post-score Mean (SD)	Significance p < .05
<i>Participant</i>	18.29 (3.29)	.00
<i>Control</i>	11.95 (3.17)	

Table 1.2 DMCM: Discrete Mathematics Content Measure
Participant Group Difference Pre-Post

Discrete Mathematics Content Measure: Participant Group			
Group	Pre-score Mean (SD)	Post-score Mean (SD)	Significance p < .05
<i>Participant</i>	10.47 (3.41)	18.29 (3.30)	.00

Table 1.3 DMCM: Discrete Mathematics Content Measure
Comparison Group Difference Pre-Post

Discrete Mathematics Content Measure			
Group	Pre-score Mean (SD)	Post-score Mean (SD)	Significance p < .05
<i>Control</i>	11.42 (2.72)	11.95 (3.17)	.24

How did we do?

Table 1.4 MSP Teacher Content Knowledge—Participants (Discrete Mathematics Content Measure)

PARTICIPANTS	
Project Name:	MSP
Test Name:	DMCM
My Name:	Haag
Year:	2010
P value <	0.00
Total number of records read:	27
Number of teachers with both pre-test and post-test scores:	27
Number of teachers with significant gains:	19

Table 1.5 MSP Teacher Content Knowledge—Comparison

COMPARISON	
Project Name:	MSP
Test Name:	DMCM
My Name:	Haag
Year:	2010
P value:	0.24
Total number of records read:	40
Number of teachers with both pre-test and post-test scores:	40
Number of teachers with significant gains:	0

How did we do?

Table 1.6 MSP Teacher RTOP Total—Participants

PARTICIPANTS	
Project Name:	PUHSD ASU MSP
Test Name:	RTOP
My Name:	Haag
Year:	2010
Z value:	-2.198
P value:	0.028
Total number of records read:	27
Number of teachers with both pre-test and post-test scores:	27
Number of teachers with significant gains:	20

- ◆ The Post RTOP score ($M = 68.56, SD = 17.29$) revealed a nine-point gain from the Pre RTOP score ($M = 59.78, SD = 17.59$), and the gain was significant ($p = .028$). PUHSD had a 15% increase in pre-post RTOP scores.

Observation Protocol

LESSON DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

- ◆ 1. *The instructional strategies and activities respected students' prior knowledge and the preconceptions inherent therein.*
- ◆ 2. *The lesson was designed to engage students as members of a learning community.*
- ◆ 3. *In this lesson, student exploration preceded formal presentation.*
- ◆ 4. *This lesson encouraged students to seek and value alternative modes of investigation or of problem solving.*
- ◆ 5. *The focus and direction of the lesson was often determined by ideas originating with students.*

CONTENT

- ◆ Knowledge can be thought of as having two forms: knowledge of *what is* (Propositional Knowledge), and knowledge of *how to* (Procedural Knowledge). Both are types of content. The RTOP was designed to evaluate mathematics or science lessons in terms of both.
- ◆ **Propositional Knowledge**
- ◆ 6) *The lesson involved fundamental concepts of the subject.*
- ◆ 7) *The lesson promoted strongly coherent conceptual understanding.*
- ◆ 8) *The teacher had a solid grasp of the subject matter content inherent in the lesson.*
- ◆ 9) *Elements of abstraction (i.e., symbolic representations, theory building) were encouraged when it was important to do so.*
- ◆ 10) *Connections with other content disciplines and/or real world phenomena were explored and valued.*
- ◆ **Procedural Knowledge**
- ◆ 11) *Students used a variety of means (models, drawings, graphs, symbols, concrete materials, manipulatives, etc.) to represent phenomena.*
- ◆ 12) *Students made predictions, estimations and/or hypotheses and devised means for testing them.*
- ◆ 13) *Students were actively engaged in thought-provoking activity that often involved the critical assessment of procedures.*
- ◆ 14) *Students were reflective about their learning.*
- ◆ 15) *Intellectual rigor, constructive criticism, and the challenging of ideas were valued.*

Observation Protocol

CLASSROOM CULTURE

- ◆ 16. *Students were involved in the communication of their ideas to others using a variety of means and media.*
- ◆ 17. *The teacher's questions triggered divergent modes of thinking.*
- ◆ 18. *There was a high proportion of student talk and a significant amount of it occurred between and among students.*
- ◆ 19. *Student questions and comments often determined the focus and direction of classroom discourse.*
- ◆ 20. *There was a climate of respect for what others had to say.*
- ◆ Student/Teacher Relationships
- ◆ 21. *Active participation of students was encouraged and valued.*
- ◆ 22. *Students were encouraged to generate conjectures, alternative solution strategies, and/or different ways of interpreting evidence.*
- ◆ 23. *In general the teacher was patient with students.*
- ◆ 24. *The teacher acted as a resource person, working to support and enhance student investigations.*
- ◆ 25. *The metaphor "teacher as listener" was very characteristic of this classroom.*

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Questions

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