



On The Shoulders of Technology

Ideas for Using Technology in the
Mathematics Classroom
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Bridging the Digital Divide

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Spreadsheet Sliders

- Software: Excel[®],
- Adopted from: *Spreadsheet Sliders as new graphing tools*. Presented by Sergei Abramovich and Rory Szwed, NCTM Chicago 2000
- Also see: *Making Sense of Slope*, Mathematics Teacher Feb. 2000, p. 114

Sliders in Sketchpad

- Software: Geometer Sketchpad[®]
- Adopted from: *Visualizing Functions: Introductory Algebra Activities with The Geometer Sketchpad* by Nicholas Jackiw, NCTM Pittsburgh 1999

Fractal drawing

- Software: Word[®], AppleWorks[®], Geometer Sketchpad[®]
- Many sources
- A special thank you to Alan Russell from Elon U
- Also see: *Fractals for the classroom* by Maletsky, Perciante, Yunker, Peitgen, Saupe, Jurgens, NCTM 1995

The Chaos Game

- Software: Excel[®]
- Adopted from: Various Sources

Digital Images—Problems Around Us

- Digital Camera
- From: Some original ideas, others from various sources

Digital Images—Making Parabolas

- Software: Geometer Sketchpad[®]
- Adopted from: *Using A Digital Camera To Verify Quadratic Behavior*, by Harris S. Shultz, Mathematics Teacher, April 1999

Digital Images—Permutations & Combinations

- Software: PowerPoint®
- Adopted from: *Photographs and Committees: Activities That Help Students Discover Permutations and Combinations*, by Jennifer Earles Szydlik, Mathematics Teacher, February 2000

Digital Images—Video to frame a problem

- Software: PowerPoint®/Excel®/Video Editing Software/TI Interactive®/Sketchpad®
- Original Idea!
- Basketball video copyright ESPN 2003

The Birthday Problem

- Software: Excel®/AppleWorks®
- Adopted from: Original Idea!
- Also see: *Exploring the Birthday Problem with Spreadsheets* by Lawrence M. Lesser, Mathematics Teacher May 1999

Teaching while away.

- Software: Geometer Sketchpad, Windows Journal, Camtasia Studio, TI Smartview.
- Out of necessity... or good substitutes are hard to find.

Chaos—Newton's Square Root Algorithm

- Software: Excel®/AppleWorks®
- Adopted from: Newton's Method for Square Root: A spreadsheet investigation and Extension into Chaos by Sharon Dugdale, Mathematics Teacher, October 1998

Also see: *Chaotic Behavior in the Classroom*, Mathematics Teacher, Feb. 2000

Dynagraphs

- Software: Geometer Sketchpad®
- Adopted from: Sample files on Sketchpad CD

Other Resources:

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Free Math Clipart and Fonts

- Software: Netscape®/Internet Explorer®
- Website: <http://www.educaide.com/downloads/graphics.html>

Math Jeopardy & Other Games People Play

- Software: PowerPoint®/HyperStudio®
- Adopted from: Technology Tips by Mary Kathryn Geesaman, Mathematics Teacher, January 2000

Make your own Clipart!

- Software: Geometer Sketchpad®