

Session 2: Length Learning Trajectory –
Developmental Progression

**Building
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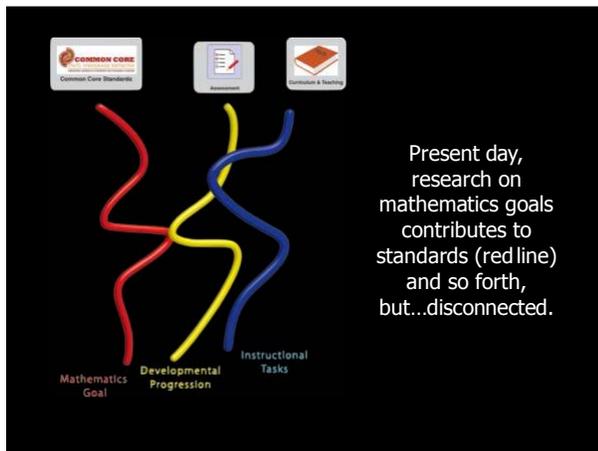
Overview of Session 2

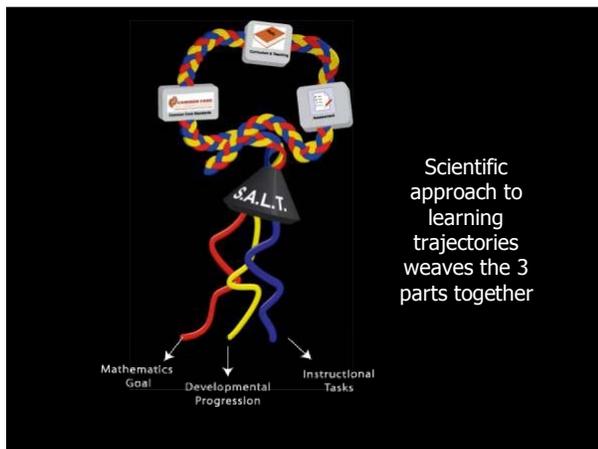
- Unpacking learning trajectories for length by watching students measure
- Taking notes to support learning and note taking in teaching
- Applying learning trajectories to your work with students on the “Broken Ruler”

Learning trajectories approach

- Goal
- Developmental Progression
- Instruction







Learning trajectories in our sessions

- Goal (Session 1)
- Developmental Progression
- Instruction

Mathematical Goal + Developmental Path + Set of Activities = Learning Trajectory

Goals and the big ideas of mathematics

Number, Operations, and Algebraic Thinking

Numbers can be used to tell how many, describe order, and measure; they involve numerous relationships, and can be represented in various ways.

Operations can be used to model a variety of situations and to solve problems; they can be carried out in various ways.

Mathematics involves going beyond surface appearances to detect underlying structure or commonalities (patterns and relations).

Geometry

Geometry can be used to understand and represent the objects, locations, and directions in the world, as well as the relationships between them.

Geometric shapes can be described, analyzed, transformed, and composed and decomposed into other shapes.

Measurement

Comparing and measuring can specify how much of an attribute (e.g., length) objects possess. Measures can be determined by repeating a unit or using a tool.

Patterns and Structure

Patterns and structures can be used to recognize relationships and can be extended to make generalizations.

Data

Data analysis can be used to represent, classify, and use information to ask and answer questions.

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- Goal (Session 1)
- Developmental Progression (Session 2)
- Instruction

Today!

Mathematical Goal

+

Developmental Path

+

Set of Activities

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Learning Trajectory

Length developmental progression

- Let's study students at different levels
- View and analyze each video
- What characterizes the students' thinking?

Learning trajectory levels (Length) –
Length Quantity Recognizer

- **Length Quantity Recognizer**
- Length Comparer
- End-to-End Length Measurer

Length Quantity Recognizer (LQR)

- Identifies length as attribute
- Another example:
 - “I’m tall, see?”

Learning trajectory levels (Length) –
Length Comparer

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Length Direct Comparer (LDC)

- Physically aligns two objects to determine which is longer or if they are the same length
- Another example:
 - Stands two sticks up next to each other on a table and says, "This one's bigger"

Learning trajectory levels (Length) – Length Comparer

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Indirect Length Comparer (ILC)

- Compares the lengths of two objects by representing them with a third object
- Another example:
 - Compares length of two objects with a piece of string

Learning trajectory levels (Length) –
End-to-End Length Measurer

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- Length Comparer
- **End-to-End Length Measurer**

End-to-End Length Measurer (EE)

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- Another example:
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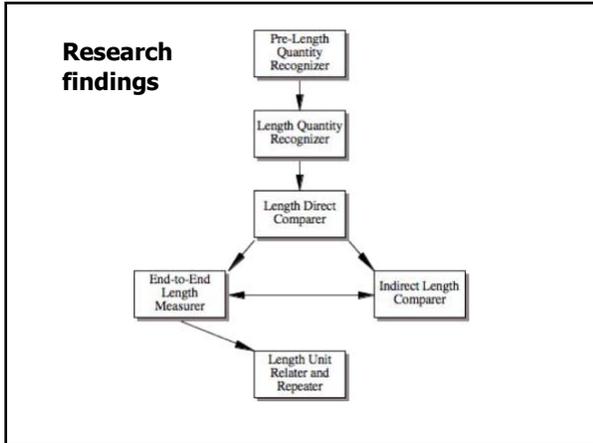
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Learning trajectory levels (Length) –
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Length Unit Relater and Repeater (LURR)

- Relates size and number of units
 - “If you measure with centimeters instead of inches, you’ll need more of them, because each one is smaller”
- Repeats or iterates a single unit to measure. Sees need for identical units. Uses rulers with guidance
 - Measures a book’s length well with a ruler
- Uses rulers with guidance



Learning trajectory levels (Length) – Consistent Length Measurer and Conceptual Ruler Measurer

- Length Quantity Recognizer
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- **Consistent Length Measurer**
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Consistent Length Measurer (CLM)

- Measures, knowing need for identical units, relationship between different units, partitions of unit, zero point on rulers
 - Begins to estimate
 - Considers the length of a bent path as the sum of its parts (not the distance between the endpoints)
 - “I used a meter stick three times, then there was a little left over. So, I lined it up from 0 and found 14 centimeters. So, it’s 3 meters, 14 centimeters in all”

Conceptual Ruler Measurer (CRM)

- Possesses an “internal” measurement tool. Mentally moves along an object, segmenting it, and counting the segments.
 - Estimates with accuracy
 - “I imagine one meter stick after another along the edge of the room. That’s how I estimated the room’s length is 9 meters”
 - Operates arithmetically on measures (“connected lengths”)

**Learning trajectory levels (Length) –
Integrated Conceptual Path Measurer**

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Integrated Conceptual Path Measurer (ICPM)

- Computes perimeter of a polygon
- Changes one part of a figure and adjusts other sides to compensate for length changes to maintain overall lengths
- In selection of units, shows well-developed ideas of precision and accuracy

Abstract Length Measurer (ALM)

- Constructs derived units with linear measures, such as miles per hour, and make appropriate unit conversions
- Measures to the degree of precision allowed by a tool by estimating to a fraction of the smallest calibration mark provided on the instrument

Reflecting on the length developmental progression

- Read and discuss handout
- How does each level make sense in view of your assessments and our work here?
- Questions or comments?

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Test ourselves

- Let's see if we agree on these levels!
- Take notes as you watch:
What do they do and why?
- Think-pair-share about what level can be seen in each video.
- Why?...

Why take notes?

- For us, good aids to memory and discussion
- In school, several particular purposes
 - Compiling main solution strategies
 - Deciding who to call on for class discussions
 - Considering what to focus on next in formative assessment
 - Accumulating information over time to support summative assessment (report cards or rich information to share at conferences)

Test ourselves: Focus questions

Two focus questions:

- How are students reasoning about measuring?
- How are students making sense of the length?



Notes and interpretations for example 1

- Did you agree on the level of the learning trajectory?
- What in your notes helped you in the interpretation and discussion?
- What might you do differently?

End-to-End Length Measurer



Notes and interpretations for example 2

- Share the notes you took
- Any particularly helpful insights to share with the whole group?
- Trying pictures or diagrams may help

Length Direct Comparer

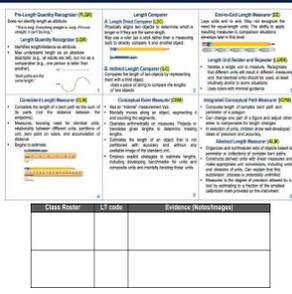
Revisiting the Broken Ruler

- Discuss your students responses to the broken ruler task
 - What was consistent or not with the learning trajectory (LT)?
 - How did or could the LT provide a framework for understanding their responses and strategies?
 - How could the LT help plan “next steps” (formative assessment)?

Using a form for taking anecdotal notes

Take notes on the performances of your students in ways that:

- Connect with the learning trajectory levels
- Support task selection and anticipation of student’s thinking
- Structure space to record key information



Session 2 Classroom Connection Activities (CCAs)

- Assessments of students
- Bring in a curriculum lesson or activity on length

Summary

In this session you:

- Analyzed examples of student engagement in measurement using the learning trajectory on length
- Considered the purposes and nature of note taking in teaching
- Connected the performance of your own students to the learning trajectories

Learning trajectories: Looking ahead

- Goal (Session 1)
- Developmental Progression (Session 2)
- Instruction (Session 3)