

# Trigonometry before Geometry

Probably Makes Every Other Boy an Excited Engineer To Master Many – Box & Bundle

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# In Mathematics Education, what is the goal?

# Mastery of Mathematics?

Or is this but a means to the real end-goal:

## Mastery of Many

so we ask: Which Mastery of Many does a child have before school? Can Mathematics be learned as a language through communication?



Allowed to keep and develop their own flexible bundle-numbers, within ½ a year they begin to master digital numbers, negative numbers, decimals, fractions, functions, solving equations, proportionality, calculus, trigonometry

### With a Plain & Latin English, is there also a Plain & Latin Math? Let's look at 'a Language House'

The WORD-language assigns words in sentences with	<ul> <li>a subject</li> </ul>
	• a verb
The NUMBER-language assigns numbers instead with	• a predicate

Both languages have a META-language, a grammar, describing the language, that is learned before the grammar. Why does mathematics teach language after and not before grammar?

The Twin Language Houses	WORD-language	NUMBER-language
META-language, grammar	ʻis' is a verb	'x' is an operation
<b>INSIDE</b> Language	This is a chair	$\frac{Mathematics}{T = 3x4}$
<b>OUTSIDE</b> World		

### Is there a Plain Math communicating about Many? Let's ask a 3year old: How Old Next Time?

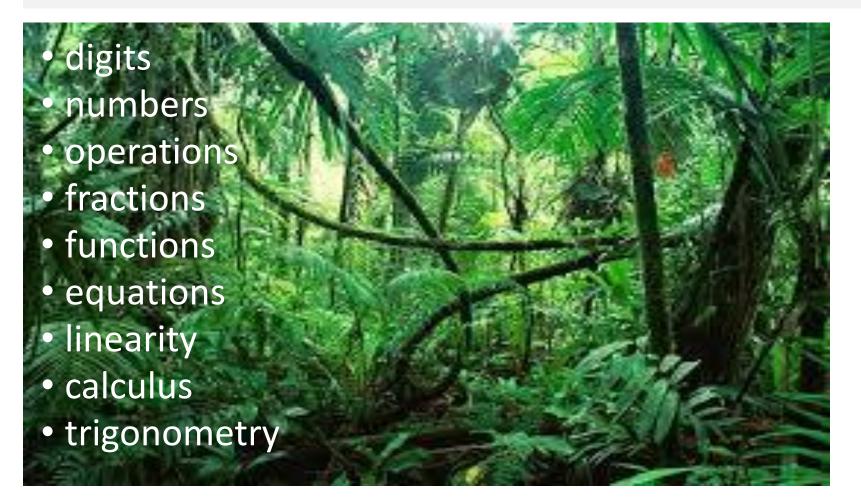
The answer is 4, showing 4 fingers But, reacting strongly to 4 fingers held together 2 by 2: "That is not four, that is two twos"



- <u>Observation 01</u>: Outside, children see what exists, and with units: bundles of **2s**, and 2 of them. So children use **BundleNumbers**
- <u>Observation 02</u>: Inside, children use full number-language sentences as in the word-language with a SUBJECT, a VERB, and a PREDICATE:

"That is two twos", shortened to "T = 2 2s".

# Exploring the Plain Math growing from children's own Bundle-Numbers, we soon find: All is different





# Why Teach Children if they Already Know?



With education curing the diagnose un-educated we ask:

To CURE, be SURE the diagnose is not

- already cured
- self-referring: *I teach math so you learn math* Core Questions:



- What <u>Mastery of Many</u> does children develop when adapting to it?
- What is a <u>Child-Grounded-Curriculum</u> in <u>Plain Math</u>?

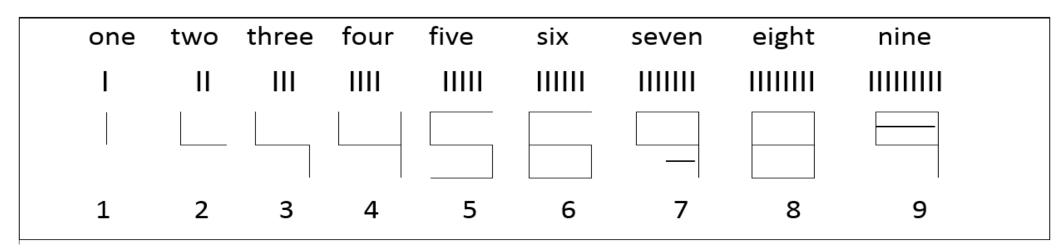
Question-guided, please, to be used for home education in a virus situation.

Will Plain Math make every other boy an <u>Exited Engineer</u>?



# Creating icons: $|||| \rightarrow |||| \rightarrow | \rightarrow |||$

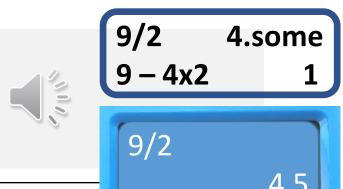
Children love making number-icons of cars, dolls, spoons, sticks. Changing four ones to one fours creates a 4-icon with four sticks. An icon contains as many sticks as it represents, if written less sloppy. Once created, icons become **UNITS** when counting in bundles, as kids do.



# Divide & Multiply & Subtract & Add may be '<u>de-modeled</u>' as Icons also

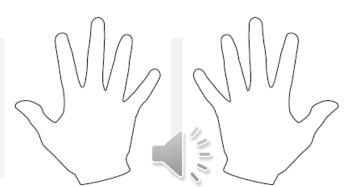
- From 9 **PUSH** away **4s** we write <u>9/4</u> <u>iconized</u> by a broom, called *division*.
- 2 times **LIFTING** the **4s** to a stack we write <u>2x4</u> <u>iconized</u> by a lift called *multiplication*.
- From 9 PULL away 2 4s' to find un-bundled we write <u>9 2x4</u>
   iconized by a rope, called *subtraction*.

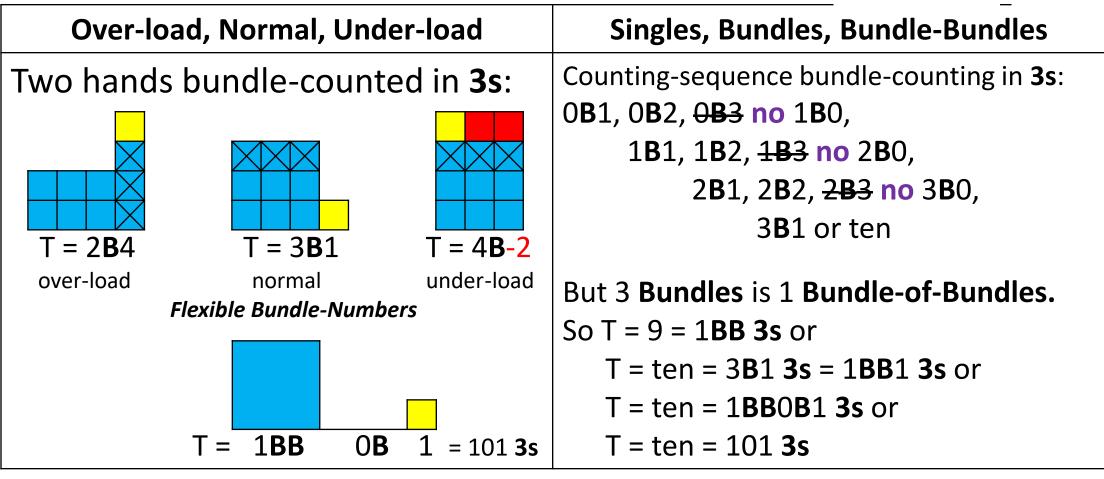
## BundleCounting a Total of 9 in **2s**



Outside Boxes		e Boxes	Inside Bundles	4.5
		<b>9</b> bundled in <b>2s</b> with 1 unbundled	From 9, 9/2 times push away 2. From 9, pull away 4 <b>2s</b> , leaving 1. Prediction by a calculator: T = 9 = 4B1 2s	1
4 <b>B</b> 1	5 <b>B</b> -1	stacked as 4x2 with 1 unbundled placed 41/ <sub>2</sub> B next-to or on-top	<ul> <li>The unbundled can be placed next-to the box</li> <li>iconized by a dot named a decimal point, 4.1 2s on-top of the box</li> <li>counting what is missing in a full bundle, 5B-1 2s</li> <li>counted in bundles as 1/2, giving 4 1/2 B 2s</li> </ul>	
	<b>2</b> s		So, inside decimals & negatives & fractions tell how to outside place the undbundled singles.	

# BundleCounting Fingers in **3s** using Flexible Bundle-Numbers





# BundleCounting fingers in 2s with flexible bundle-numbers: Bye-bye to place-values



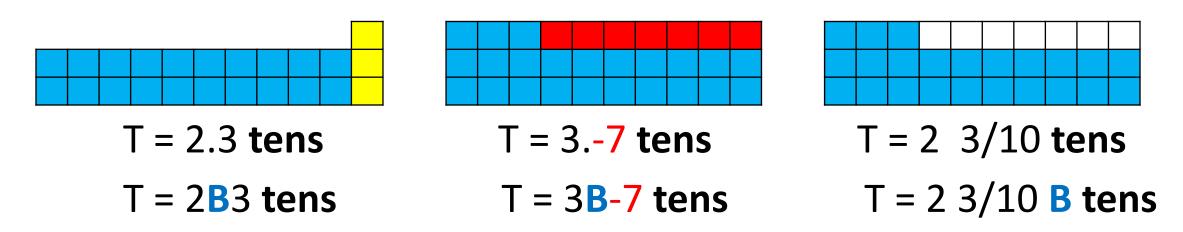
Outside	Inside					
	T = 5 $T = 1B3$ overload $T = 2B1$ normal $T = 3B-1$ (less 1)underload					
Seven ten four Three hundred seven ten four Counting formula (polynomial)	T = 74 = 7B4 = 6B14 = 8B-6 T = 374 = 3BB 7B 4 = 2BB 15B 24 T = 3*B^2 + 7*B + 4					

# Bundle-Counting in tens using Flexible Bundle-Numbers



Counting in **tens**, an outside Total of 2 **tens** & 3 can be described inside as **T** = **23**, if leaving out the unit and the decimal point.

- or as:



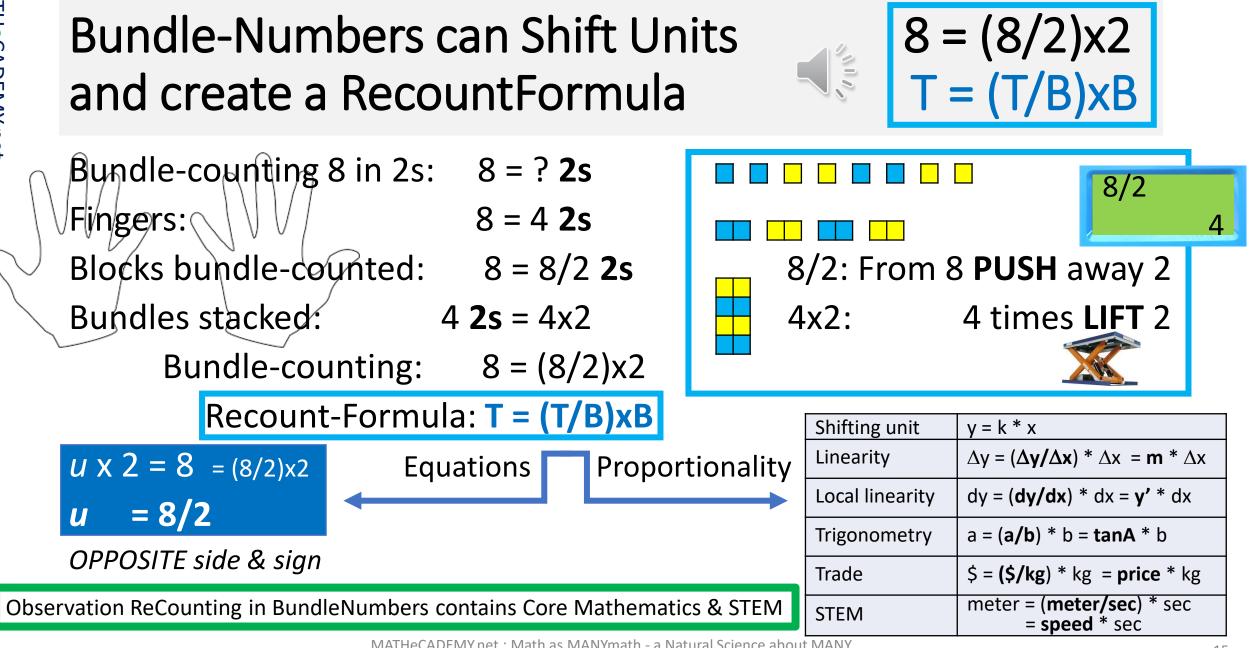
# Flexible BundleNumbers Ease Operations **Counting in tens, T** = 78 = 7**B**8 = 6**B**18 = 8**B**-2

Overload	Underload	Overload	Overload		
65 +27	6 5 - 2 7	7 x 48	336 /7		
6 <b>B</b> 5 + 2 <b>B</b> 7	6 <b>B</b> 5 - 2 <b>B</b> 7	7 x 4 <b>B</b> 8	33 <b>B</b> 6 /7		
8 <b>B</b> 12	4 <b>B-2</b>	28 <b>B</b> 56	28 <b>B</b> 56 /7		
9 <b>B</b> 2	3 <b>B</b> 8	33 <b>B</b> 6	4 <b>B</b> 8		
92	38	336	<b>48</b>		
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# Bundling-counting table

1BB0B0	1BB0B1	1BB0B2	1BB0B3	1BB0B4	1BB0B5	1BB0B6	1BB0B7	1BB0B8	1BB0B9	1BB0B10
10B0	10B1	10B2	10B3	1084	1085	1086	10B7	1088	1089	10810
9B0	9B1	9B2	9B3	9B4	9B5	9B6	9B7	9B8	9B9	9B10
8B0	8B1	8B2	8B3	8B4	8B5	8B6	8B7	8B8	8B9	8B10
7B0	7B1	7B2	7B3	7B4	7B5	7B6	7B7	7B8	7B9	7B10
6B0	6B1	6B2	6B3	6B4	6B5	6B6	6B7	6B8	6B9	6B10
5B0	5B1	5B2	5B3	5B4	5B5	5B6	5B7	5B8	5B9	5B10
4B0	4B1	4B2	4B3	4B4	4B5	4B6	4B7	4B8	4B9	4B10
3B0	3B1	3B2	3B3	3B4	3B5	3B6	3B7	3B8	3B9	
2B0	2B1	2B2	2B3	2B4	2B5	2B6	2B7	2B8	2B9	2B10
1B0	1B1	1B2	1B3	1B4	1B5	1B6	1B7	1B8	1B9	
0B0	0B1	0B2	0B3	0B4	0B5	0B6	0B7	0B8	0B9	0B10



# ReCounting in two Units creates PerNumbers & Proportionality

ReCounting in kg & \$, we get a PerNumber 4 kg per 5\$ = 4 kg / 5\$ = 4 / 5 kg / \$. With like units, per-numbers become fractions: 4\$ / 5\$ = 4 / 5, and 4\$ / 100\$ = 4 / 100 = 4%.

With 4kg linked to 5\$, we simply recount in the per-number.

(Or we recount the units directly. Or we equate the per-numbers. Or we use the before 1900 'Rule of 3' (regula de tri) alternating the units, and, from behind, first multiply, then divide.)

#### **Questions**:

12kg = ?\$	20\$ = ?kg
$12kg = (12/4) \times 4kg$	20\$ = (20/5) x 5\$
= (12/4) x 5\$ = 15\$	= (20/5) x 4kg = 16kg
\$ = (\$/kg) x kg = 5/4 x 12 = 15	kg = (kg/\$) x \$ = 4/5 x 20 = 16
u/12 = 5/4, so u = 5/4 x 12 = 15	u/20 = 4/5, so u = 4/5 x 20 = 16
If 4kg is 5\$, then 12kg is ?\$; answer: 12x5/4 = 15	If 5\$ is 4kg, then 20\$ is ?kg; answer: 20x4/5 = 16

### The ReCount formula is core mathematics & science

#### **T** = (**T**/**B**)\***B** is used to change unit, and is all over:

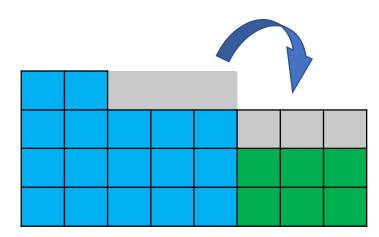
Proportionality	y = c * x	
Linearity	$\Delta y = (\Delta y / \Delta x) * \Delta x = m * \Delta x$	
Local linearity	dy = (dy/dx) * dx = y' * dx	<b>A</b> 1/
Trigonometry	a = ( <b>a/b</b> ) * b = <b>tanA</b> * b	Δχ
Trade	\$ = (\$/kg) * kg = price * kg	
Science	meter = ( <b>meter/second</b> ) * second = <b>speed</b> * second	A b
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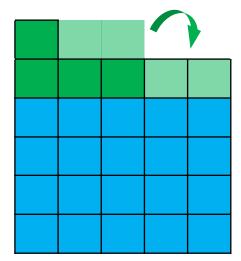
 $\Delta y$ 

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### Once Counted & Recounted, Totals may Add

BUT:	NextTo 🗪	or	OnTop
4 <b>5</b> s +	<b>2 3s</b> = 3 <b>B</b> 2 <b>8s</b>		4 5s + 2 3s = 5B1 5s
The are	eas are integrated	Th	e units are changed to be the same
Adding	areas = Integration	Chai	nge unit = ReCounting = Proportionality





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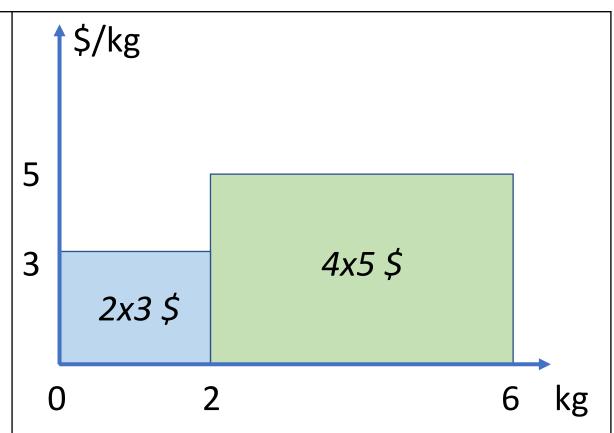
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# Adding PerNumbers as Areas (Integral Calculus)

### "2kg at 3\$/kg + 4kg at 5\$/kg = 6kg at ? \$/kg?"

2 kg at **3 \$/kg** + 4 kg at **5 \$/kg** (2+4) kg at **? \$/kg** 

- Unit-numbers add on-top.
- Per-numbers must be multiplied to unit-numbers, thus adding as **areas** under the per-number graph.
- Here, multiplication before addition
- So, per-numbers and fractions are not numbers, but operators needing numbers to be numbers.



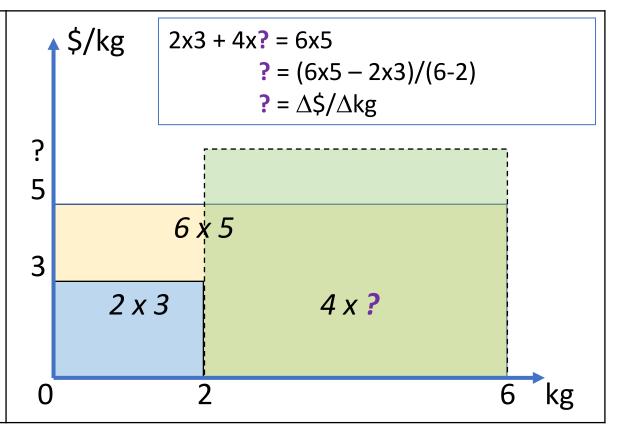
# Subtracting PerNumbers (Differentiation)



### "2kg at 3\$/kg + 4kg at what = 6kg at 5\$/kg?"

2 kg at 3 \$/kg + 4 kg at ? \$/kg 6 kg at 5 \$/kg

Reversed per-number addition is called differential calculus. Outside, we remove the initial 2x3 box, and recount the rest in 4s. So, we subtract areas to be reshaped by the recount-formula. So, here subtraction (giving a change,  $\Delta$ ) comes before division.



## Four Ways to Unite and Split a Total



A number-formula  $T = 345 = 3BB4B5 = 3*B^2 + 4*B + 5$  (a polynomial) shows the 4 ways to unite: +, \*, ^, nextto block-addition (integration). <u>Addition</u> and <u>multiplication</u> unite changing and constant unit-numbers. <u>Integration</u> and <u>power</u> unite changing and constant per-numbers. We might call this beautiful simplicity the 'Algebra Square' since in Arabic, algebra means to reunite. • The 4 uniting operations each has a reverse splitting operation: Addition has <u>subtraction</u> (–), and multiplication has <u>division</u> (/). Power has factor-finding (<u>root</u>, V) and factor-counting (<u>logarithm</u>, log). Integration has per-number finding (<u>differentiation</u> dT/dn = T'). Reversing operations is solving equations, done by moving to **opposite side** with **opposite sign**.

<b>Operations unite / </b> <i>split into</i>	changing	constant
Unit-numbers	T = a + n	T = a * n
m, s, \$, kg	T-a=n	<i>T/n = a</i>
Per-numbers	T =∫a dn	T = a^n
m/s, \$/kg, m/(100m) = %	dT/dn = a	$log_a T = n, n \sqrt{T} = a$

# Uniting Reversed = Solving Equations



OppoSite Side with OppoSite Sign				Add NextTo, Integration
u + 2 = 8	u*2 = 8	u^8 = 2	2^u = 8	2 3s + ? 5s = 3.2 8s
u + 2 - 0	u 2 – 0	u 0 – 2	2°°u – o	? = (3.2 <b>8s</b> − 2 <b>3s</b> )/5
u = 8 – 2	u = 8/2	u = 8√2	u = log2(8)	Solved by differentiation: $(T-T1)/5 = \Delta T/5$
plus \$ minus	multiply	exponent \$ root	base logarithm	Integration

#### **Hymn to Equations**

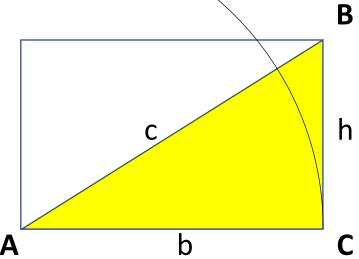
Equations are the best we know, they are solved by isolation. But first, the bracket must be placed around multiplication. We change the sign, and take away, and only x itself will stay. We just keep on moving, we never give up. So feed us equations, we don't want to stop!

### ReCounting Sides in a Box gives Trigonometry



Geometry means to measure earth in Greek. The earth can be divided in triangles; that can be divided in right triangles; that can be seen as <u>a box halved by its</u> <u>diagonal</u> thus having three sides: <u>the base b</u>, <u>the height h</u> and <u>the diagonal c</u> connected with the angles by per-number formulas re-counting the sides pairwise.

 $h = (h/c) x c = \sin \mathbf{A} x c;$   $b = (b/c) x c = \cos \mathbf{A} x c$   $h = (h/b) x b = \tan \mathbf{A} x b;$  $\tan \mathbf{A} = h/b = \Delta y / \Delta x = \text{diagonal gradient}$ 



# A CIRCLE has Many Half-Boxes



To find the length of a circle, we see, that a CIRCLE contains Many small Half-Boxes. The half circle's 180 degrees is split in 100 parts. In the half-box, we re-count the height *h* in the radius *r*, and insert tan *A*.

The length of the half-circle then is close to 3.14 times r, or  $\pi$  times r.

This gives a formula for pi

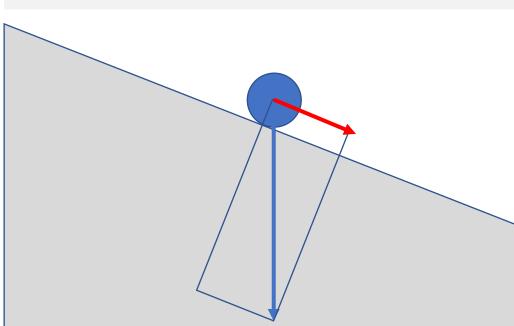
h = (h/r) \* r= tan A \* r = tan(180/100) \* r C = 100 \* h = 100 \* tan (180/100) \* r = 3.1426 \* r =  $\pi$  \* r

# Sides in a Half-Box add by squares $h^2 + b^2 = d^2$

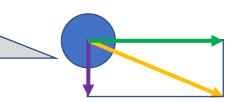


Arranging 4 like playing cards as a However, it also contains a height square (base + height) square, it contains a and a base square plus 2 full boxes. diagonal square plus 4 half-boxes. Consequently, the height square and the base square add up to the diagonal square as predicted inside by the Pythagorean formula  $h^2 + b^2 = d^2$ . So, in right angled triangles, the sides add by their squares.

### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Motion

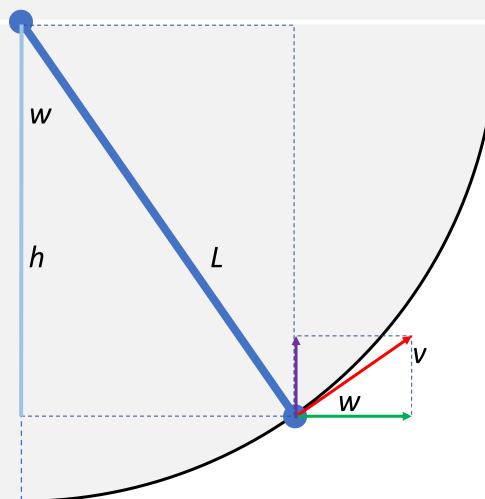


- Rolling down a slope, the gravity FORCE is boxed to find the EFFECT, in the parallel direction.
- Leaving the slope, the VELOCITY is again boxed to find its VERTICAL and HORIZONTAL parts.

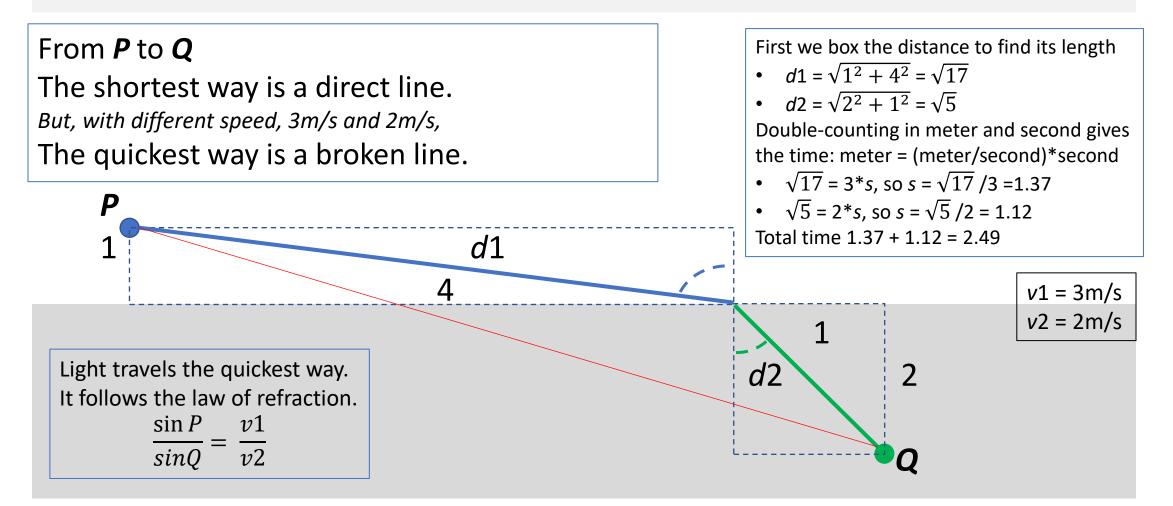


### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Jumping from a swing

- To find the length when jumping from a swing, first the rope *L* is boxed to find the height *h*, giving the speed  $v = \sqrt{20*L*\cos w}$ .
- Then the speed is boxed to find its horizontal part, v\*cos w, and its vertical part, v\*sin w.
- Then formulas for the horizontal motion without, and the vertical motion with acceleration allow finding the length.



### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Optics

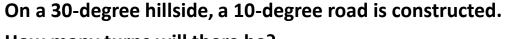


### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathe -A Piston Machine

The piston FORCE works on a rotating disk to change motion direction. So, we need to box the FORCE twice:

#### Box the piston FORCE to find the EFFECT Box the EFFECT to find the VALUE.

### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics How many turns on a steep 1 km by 1 km hillside?



How many turns will there be?

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In BCD, B is 30 degrees, and BD = u * \cos 30.
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So Pythagoras gives

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u^2 = CD^2 + BD^2 = CD^2 + u^2 * (\cos 30)^2, or
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CD^{2} = u^{2}(1 - (\cos 30)^{2}) = u^{2} (\sin 30)^{2}.
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In ACD, A is 10 degrees, and  $AD = AC * \cos 10$ .

So Pythagoras gives

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AC^{2} = CD^{2} + AD^{2} = CD^{2} + AC^{2} * (\cos 10)^{2}, or
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CD^{2} = AC^{2}(1 - (\cos 10)^{2}) = AC^{2} (\sin 10)^{2}.
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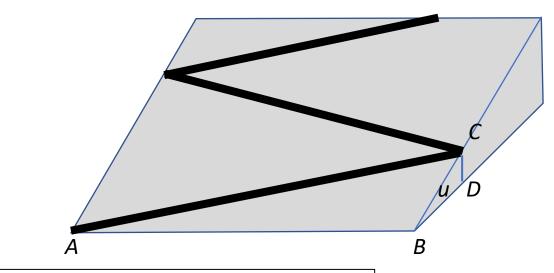
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In ACB, AB = 1 and BC = u,
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So Pythagoras gives

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AC^2 = 1^2 + u^2, or AC = \sqrt{1 + u^2}, so
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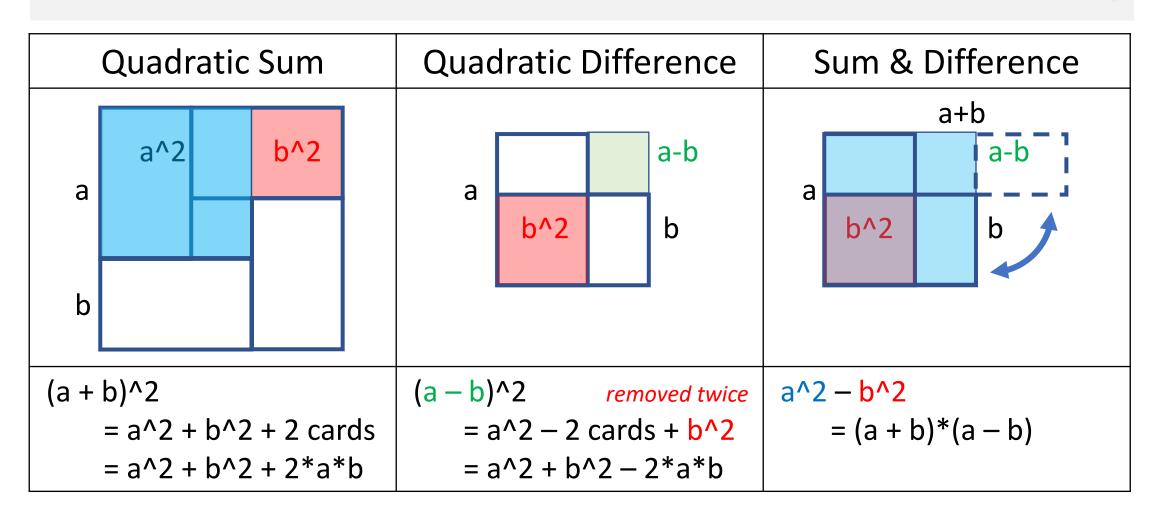
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u<sup>2</sup> * (sin 30)<sup>2</sup> = AC<sup>2</sup> * (sin 10)<sup>2</sup>, or
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u = AC * r, where r = sin 10/sin30
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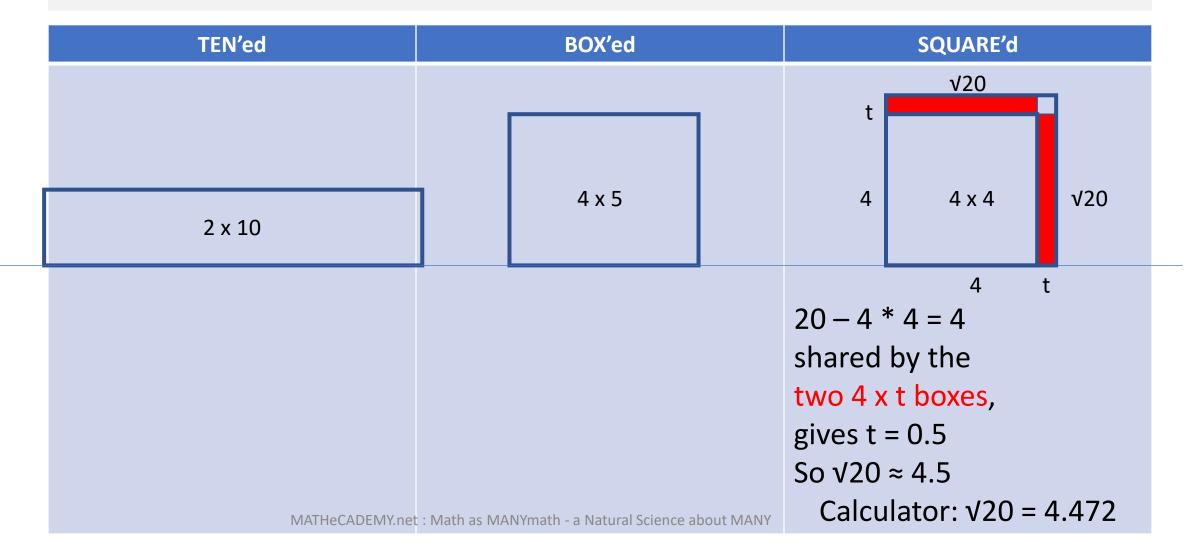


Consequently  $u = \sqrt{(1+u^2)} * r$ , or  $u^2 = (1+u^2) * r^2$ , or  $u^2 * (1-r^2) = r^2$ , or  $u^2 = r^2/(1-r^2) = 0.137$ , so  $BC = u = \sqrt{0.137} = 0.37$ . Thus, there will be 2 turns: 370 meter and 740 meter up the hillside.

### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Algebra - with two playing cards



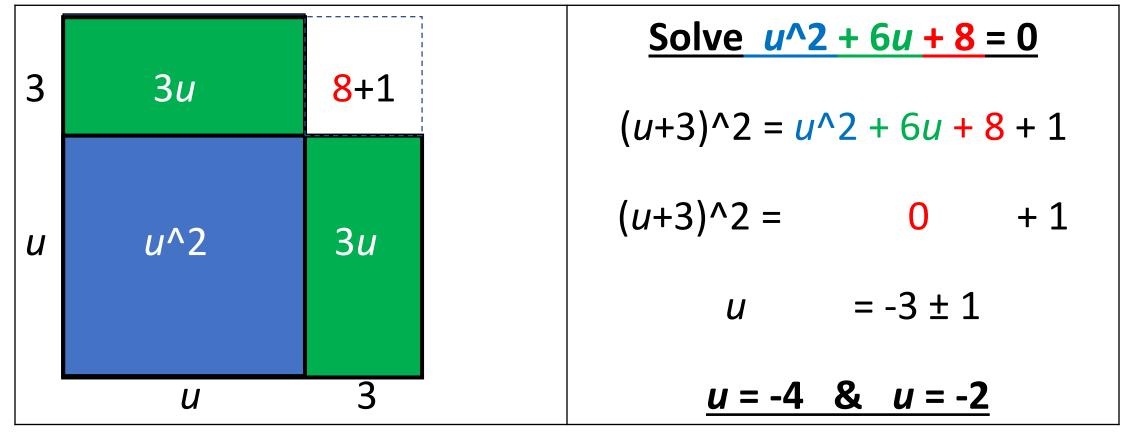
### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Algebra – Totals BOX'ed, TEN'ed or SQUARE'd



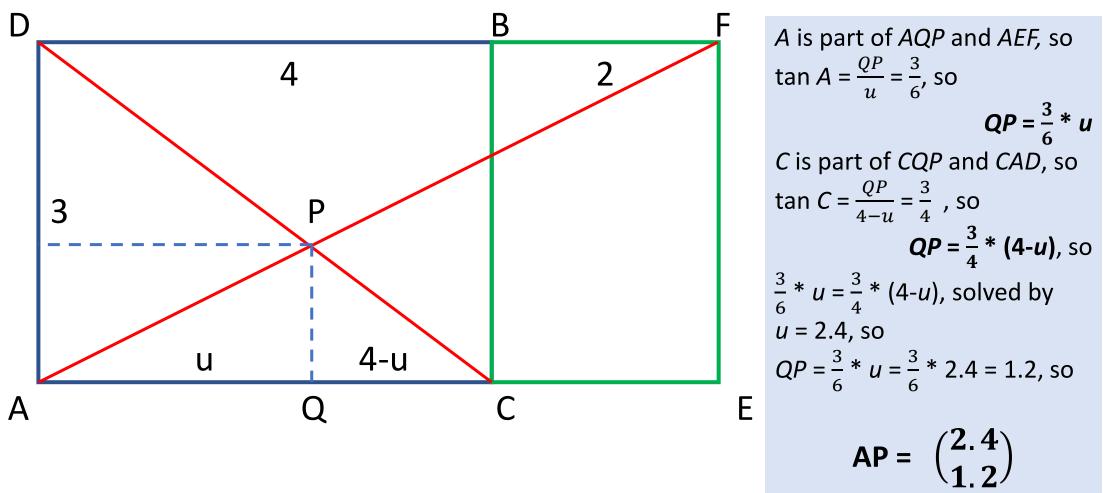
### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Algebra – squaring quadratic equations



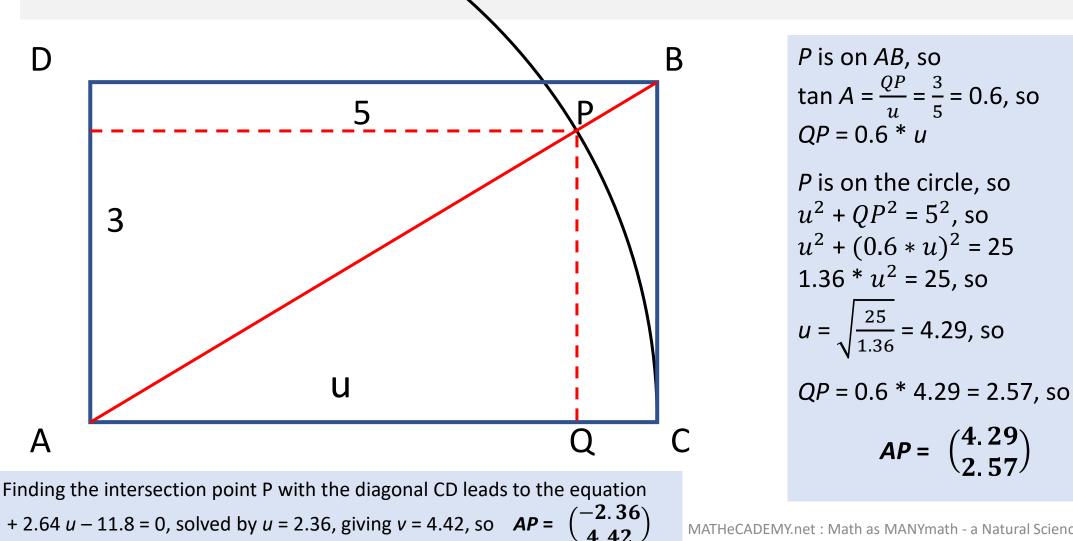
Solving a quadratic equation with 2 playing cards



### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Geometry boxed - Intersection Line-Line



# STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Geometry boxed - Intersection Line-Circle



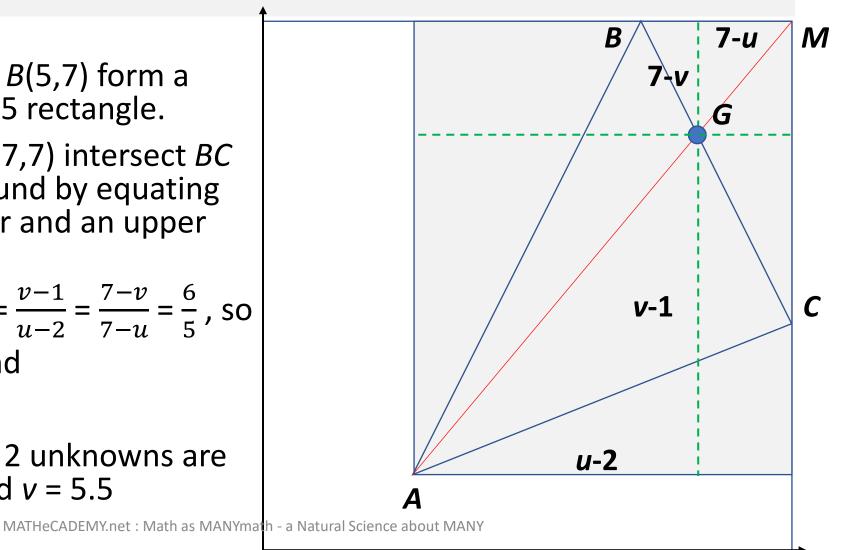
### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Algebra & Geometry – the Coordinate System I

A(2,1) and C(7,3) and B(5,7) form a triangle boxed in a 6x5 rectangle.

The line from A to M(7,7) intersect BC in the point G(u,v) found by equating tan A found in a lower and an upper right triangle

$$\tan A = \frac{v-1}{u-2} = \frac{7-v}{7-u} = \frac{6}{5}, \text{ so}$$
  
6(u-2) = 5(v-1) and  
6(7-u) = 5(7-v)

The 2 equations with 2 unknowns are solved by u = 5.75 and v = 5.5



### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Algebra & Geometry – the Coordinate System I

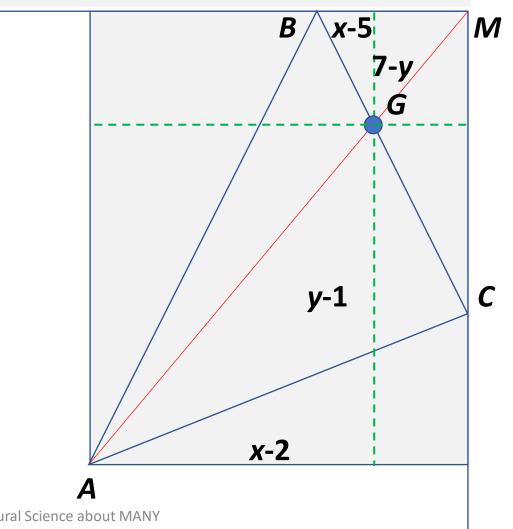
We may also find a formula for the points on the line AG by replacing u and v with x and y 6(x-2) = 5(y-1), giving y = 1.2(x-2) + 1. Likewise with the formula for the line BC:  $\tan B = \frac{7-y}{x-5} = \frac{4}{2}$ , so y = -2(x-5) + 7

Since the intersection point is situated on both lines, we equate their y's

y = 1.2(x-2) + 1 = -2(x-5) + 7,

solved by *x* = 5.75 and *y* = 5.5

In a similar way, intersection points between a line and a circle are quickly predicted by their formulas.



### STEM: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Adding or Subtracting Unspecified Numbers

Only add like units, so how to add  $T = 4ab^2 + 6abc$ ? Factors are units, so to find a common unit, we use a <u>factor-filter</u>

$T = 4ab^2 + 6abc = T_1 + T_2$	<i>T</i> 1	2	2	а	b
= 2 * 2 * a * b * b + 2 * 3 * a * b * c	<b>T</b> 2	2	3	а	b
= 2 * b * (2*a*b) + 3 * c * (2*a*b)	Com. unit	2		а	b
= (2 <i>b</i> +3 <i>c</i> ) * <b>2ab</b>	T <sub>1</sub> left		2		
= 2b+3c <b>2ab</b> s	T <sub>2</sub> left		3		

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## Discussion: What is the Difference?



		Traditional Math	Box & Bundle Math
Digit	4	Symbol	Icon with four strokes
Number	456	One number	Three numberings, 4 <b>BB</b> 5 <b>B</b> 6
Division	8/2	8 split in 2	8 counted in <b>2s</b>
Multiplication	6*7	42	6 <b>7s</b> or 4 <b>B</b> 2 <b>tens</b>
Addition	2+3	2+3 = 5	2 4s + 3 5s = 2B5 9s & 2 4s + 3 5s = 4B3 5s
Re-counting	8 = 4 <b>2</b> s	Does not exist	<b>T</b> = ( <b>T</b> / <b>B</b> )* <b>B</b> is core proportionality, changing units
Per-number	2/3	Does not exist	Created when recounting in a new physical unit
Fraction	2/3	Number 1/2 + 2/3 <b>IS</b> 7/6	Per-number, i.e., operator, needing numbers to become numbers: 1/2 of 2 + 2/3 of 3 <b>IS</b> 3/5 of 5
Function	T = 3* <i>u</i>	Subset in a set-product	A number-language sentence predicting a total
Trigonometry	sin, cos, tan	After geometry	Recounting sides in a half-box. Before geometry
Calculus	∫x dx dy/dx	First differential Then integral	Adding piecewise or locally constant per-numbers Before subtracting them

# Is Solving Equations Different? Solve 2\*u = 6

Many-math: To opposite side, with opposite sign

2 * u = 6 = (6/2) * 2	Solved by re-counting 6 in 2s
u = 6/2 = 3	Test: 2 * 3 = 6 OK

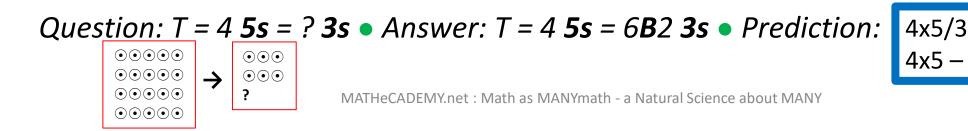
Meta-math: Balance & neutralize, using abstract algebra group theory

	2 * u = 6	Multiplication has 1 as neutral element, and 2 has 1/2 as its inverse element
	(2*u)*(1/2) = 6*(1/2)	Multiplying 2's inverse element to both number-names
$\downarrow$	(u * 2) * (1/2) = 3	Applying the commutative law to u*2, 3 is the short number-name for 6*1/2
$\downarrow$	u * (2 * (1/2)) = 3	Applying the associative law
$\downarrow$	u * 1 = 3	Applying the definition of an inverse element
Ţ,	u = 3	Applying the definition of a neutral element. With arrows, a test is not needed.

# The child's own Box&Bundle math curriculum

1) Digits are (sloppy) icons, with as many sticks as they represent.

- 2) Totals are counted by bundling, giving **OUTSIDE** geometrical boxes, and (when turned to hide the units behind) **INSIDE** algebraic bundle-numbers.
- 3) Operations are **INSIDE** icons, showing the 3 **OUTSIDE** counting steps: PUSHING & LIFTING bundles & PULLING stacks to find the unbundled ones.
- 4) The operation order is division first, then multiplication, then subtraction. Addition next-to & on-top comes later after totals are counted & re-counted.
- 5) Counting & re-counting is big fun, when predicted by a calculator with the recount formula: **T** = (**T**/**B**)**xB** (from T, T/B times, B can be pushed away)



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### Conclusion



- YES, we can learn mathematics as communication about boxes.
- They transform Many into flexible Bundle-numbers. And they split in two by their diagonals creating trigonometry formulas when recounting sides.
- And, boxing a line makes it a diagonal with trigonometry predicting its horizontal and vertical parts. Which leads to core STEM examples.
- And since societies scream for engineers able to master STEM problems, the time has come to teach trigonometry before or instead of geometry.
  This will help boys acquire a self-identity as 'Masters of Many'.
  This will improve world economy, and solve poverty and climate issues.

### Theoretical Background

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