Our Session Today

- The need for progressions in learning and curriculum
- A framework for learning that promotes coherence and learning progressions: (CMI)
- Experience and engage with tasks to see and feel the progression and better understand the framework used in the MVP materials
Calls for Coherence and Progressions

**NCTM Curriculum Principle:**
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(PSSM, 2000)
Calls for Coherence and Progressions

- **conceptual understanding**—comprehension of mathematical concepts, operations, and relations
- **procedural fluency**—skill in carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently, and appropriately
- **strategic competence**—ability to formulate, represent, and solve mathematical problems
- **adaptive reasoning**—capacity for logical thought, reflection, explanation, and justification
- **productive disposition**—habitual inclination to see mathematics as sensible, useful, and worthwhile, coupled with a belief in diligence and one’s own efficacy.

The most important observation we make about these five strands is that they are interwoven and interdependent. This observation has implications for how students acquire mathematical proficiency, how teachers develop that proficiency in their students, and how teachers are educated to achieve that goal.

*(Adding it Up, 2001)*
Calls for Coherence and Progressions

“The Common Core State Standards in mathematics were built on progressions...informed both by research on children’s cognitive development and by the logical structure of mathematics.”

Progression Document Introduction
http://ime.math.arizona.edu/progressions/
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(CCSSM Publisher’s criteria, pg. 2)
“Coherence is about making math make sense. Mathematics is not a list of disconnected tricks or mnemonics. It is an elegant subject... 

(CCSSM Publisher’s criteria, pg. 3)
“Fragmenting the Standards into individual standards, or individual bits of standards, erases all these relationships and produces a sum of parts that is decidedly less than the whole.”

Phil Daro, Jason Zimba, Bill McCallum
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(Zimba wiring diagram)
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(NCTM, 2014)
More to it then what one might first think...

The message about coherence and progression has been building for a decade, or more, but hopefully we have learned from prior experiences in mathematics education reform and will take better advantage of the opportunity we have.

I hear teachers often say things like:

• “So, how often do you do tasks with your students?”
• “I have a couple of hands-on activities that I really like.”
• “I love the foldables that I have started doing.”
• “I would do more tasks if they didn’t take so much time.”

We need to do better than this! We need a sustained, persistent press for student thinking, development of ideas over time and productive struggle that occurs on a daily basis.
There is a need for a framework.

- Chazan and Ball (1999), argue that educators are often left “with no framework for the kinds of specific, constructive pedagogical moves that teachers might make.”

- Stein et al. (2008) refer to a first generation of instructional reform from which “many teachers got the impression that in order for discussions to be focused on student thinking, they must avoid providing any substantive guidance at all,” and they refer to a second generation of instructional reform “that re-asserts the critical role of the teacher in guiding mathematical discussions.”
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• Levels of Cognitive demand
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<td>• Have no connection to the concepts or meaning that underlies the facts, rules, formulas, or definitions being learned or reproduced</td>
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<td>• Require students to analyze the task and actively examine task constraints that may limit possible solution strategies and solutions</td>
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*Purple Book (NCTM, 2009)*

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(NCTM, 2011)
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The Three Acts Of A Mathematical Story
May 11th, 2011 by Dan Meyer

2013 May 14. Here’s a brief series on how to teach with three-act math tasks. It includes video.

2013 Apr 12. I’ve been working this blog post into curriculum ideas for a couple years now. They’re all available here.

Storytelling gives us a framework for certain mathematical tasks that is both prescriptive enough to be useful and flexible enough to be usable. Many stories divide into three acts, each of which maps neatly onto these mathematical tasks.

Act One
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- These are great!
- They have all assisted with the work of the 2nd generation of reform.
Calls for Coherence and Progressions

• The CCSSM publisher’s criteria, Principles to Actions, and others, wouldn’t urge us to do more if we had arrived.

• We need a sustained, persistent press for student thinking, development of conceptual understanding and procedural fluency, productive struggle that occurs on a daily basis.

• All of the effective mathematics teaching practices which promote the standards for mathematical practice.

• The effort to implement a **task** needs to lead to the implementation of a **progression of tasks** and a **curriculum** that is coherent, rigorous and focused.
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The framework on which MVP curriculum is built

- **Teaching Cycle**
  - Discuss
  - Launch
  - Teaching Cycle
  - Explore

- **Learning Cycle**
  - Practice Understanding
  - Develop Understanding
  - Solidify Understanding

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Discuss  
Launch

Teaching Cycle

Explore
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Teaching Cycle:

1. Anticipate student thinking
2. Monitor student thinking
3. Select student thinking
4. Sequence student thinking
5. Connect student thinking

Launch

Explore

Discuss

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Discuss
- Facilitate Meaningful Mathematics Discourse

Launch
- Establish Mathematical Goals to Focus Learning
- Implement Tasks That Promote Reasoning and Problem Solving

Teaching Cycle
- Pose Purposeful Questions
- Elicit and Use Evidence of Student Thinking
- Support Productive Struggle In Learning Mathematics
- Use and Connect Mathematical Representations

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A FRAMEWORK for Task Sequencing: Moving from a conceptual foundation to procedural fluency

Comprehensive Mathematics Instruction Framework

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Learning Cycle

- Discuss
- Launch
- Explore
- Teaching Cycle

PRACTICE
Understanding

- Launch
- Explore
- Teaching Cycle

DEVELOP
Understanding

- Discuss
- Launch
- Explore
- Teaching Cycle

SOLIDIFY
Understanding

- Discuss
- Launch
- Explore
- Teaching Cycle

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A FRAMEWORK for Coherence and Progression:
Looking at progression in students’ mathematical proficiency

Develop
- Ideas
- Strategies
- Representations

Solidify
- Concepts
- Algorithms
- Tools

Practice
- Definitions and Properties
- Procedures
- Models

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Getting Ready for a Pool Party

A Develop Understanding Task

Sylvia has a small pool full of water that needs to be emptied and cleaned, then refilled for a pool party. During the process of getting the pool ready, Sylvia did all of the following activities, each during a different time interval.

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<td>Sylvia and her two friends removed water with three buckets</td>
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1. Sketch a possible graph showing the height of the water level in the pool over time. Be sure to include all of activities Sylvia did to prepare the pool for the party. Remember that only one activity happened at a time. Think carefully about how each section of your graph will look, labeling where each activity occurs.

2. Create a story connecting Sylvia’s process for emptying, cleaning, and then filling the pool to the graph you have created. Do your best to use appropriate math vocabulary.

3. Does your graph represent a function? Why or why not? Would all graphs created for this situation represent a function?
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What mathematical ideas are surfaced in this task?

How would you describe the nature of the work?
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Key Features of function
- Steepness - rate of change
- Discrete
- Continuous
- Increasing
- Decreasing
- Flat - no change
- X-intercept
- Y-intercept
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How would you describe the nature of the work?

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MVP Mathematics Vision Project
Floating Down the River

A Solidify Understanding Task

Alonzo, Maria, and Sierra were floating in inner tubes down a river, enjoying their day. Alonzo noticed that sometimes the water level was higher in some places than in others. Maria noticed there were times they seemed to be moving faster than at other times. Sierra laughed and said “Math is everywhere!” To learn more about the river, Alonzo and Maria collected data throughout the trip.

Alonzo created a table of values by measuring the depth of the water every ten minutes. Maria created a graph by collecting data on a GPS unit that told her the distance she had traveled over a period of time.

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1. Use the data collected by Alonzo to interpret the key features of this relationship.

Intersection:

\[ y = 4 \]

Max = 12

Min = 4

Increasing:

\[ [0, 30) \]

\[ (60, 90) \]

Decreasing:

\[ [30, 60) \]

\[ [90, 120) \]

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- for the purpose of developing deeper levels of understanding of mathematical ideas, strategies, and/or representations
Features of Functions

A Practice Understanding Task

For each graph, determine if the relationship represents a function, and if so, state the key features of the function (intervals where the function is increasing or decreasing, the maximum or minimum value of the function, domain and range, x and y intercepts, etc.)
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A Practice Understanding Task

- **y-intercept:** 4
- **x-intercept:** -6
- **Maximum:** 5
- **Minimum:** -3
- **Increases:** 
  \([-8, 0), [0, 10]\]
- **Decreases:** 
  \([0, 6]\]
- **Domain:** 
  \([-8, 10]\]
- **Range:** 
  \([-4, 4]\]
- **Continuous**
Features of Functions
A Practice Understanding Task

- **Increasing**: $[-7, \infty]$
- **Decreasing**: None
- **Max**: $\infty$ (we don't know)
- **Min**: $-7$
- **Domain**: $[2, \infty]$
- **Range**: $[-7, \infty]$
- **X-int**: .25 ish
- **Y-int**: -1

**No Decrease**
Features of Functions

A Practice Understanding Task

- **Domain**: [2, 4]
- **Range**: [0, 4]
- **Discrete**
- **Decreasing**: \( \{ x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq 4 \} \)
- **\( y = y \text{ even}, y \leq 4 \)\**
- **Max**: 4
- **Min**: 2
- **Y-int**: 4
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## Features of Functions

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- **Domain:** \( \{ x \in \mathbb{N} \} \)  
- **Range:** \( \{ y \in \mathbb{R} \} \)

- \( x \mapsto -2 \)
- \( y \mapsto -2 \)

- Min: \(-3\); (1, -3)
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The framework on which MVP curriculum is built

**Learning Cycle**
- **Practice Understanding**
  - Make Sense of problems and Persevere in solving them
- **Develop Understanding**
  - Reason Abstractly and Quantitatively
  - Use Appropriate tools strategically
- **Solidify Understanding**
  - Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning
  - Construct viable arguments and Critique the reasoning of others
- **Discuss**
- **Launch**
- **Explore**
- **Teaching Cycle**

**Attending to Precision**
- Discuss
- Launch

- **Look for and make**
  - Use of structure
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How do learning cycles fit within a module of instruction?

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