CHALLENGING PROBLEMS WORTH SOLVING

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GOALS

- ❑ WHY DO WE NEED THEM?
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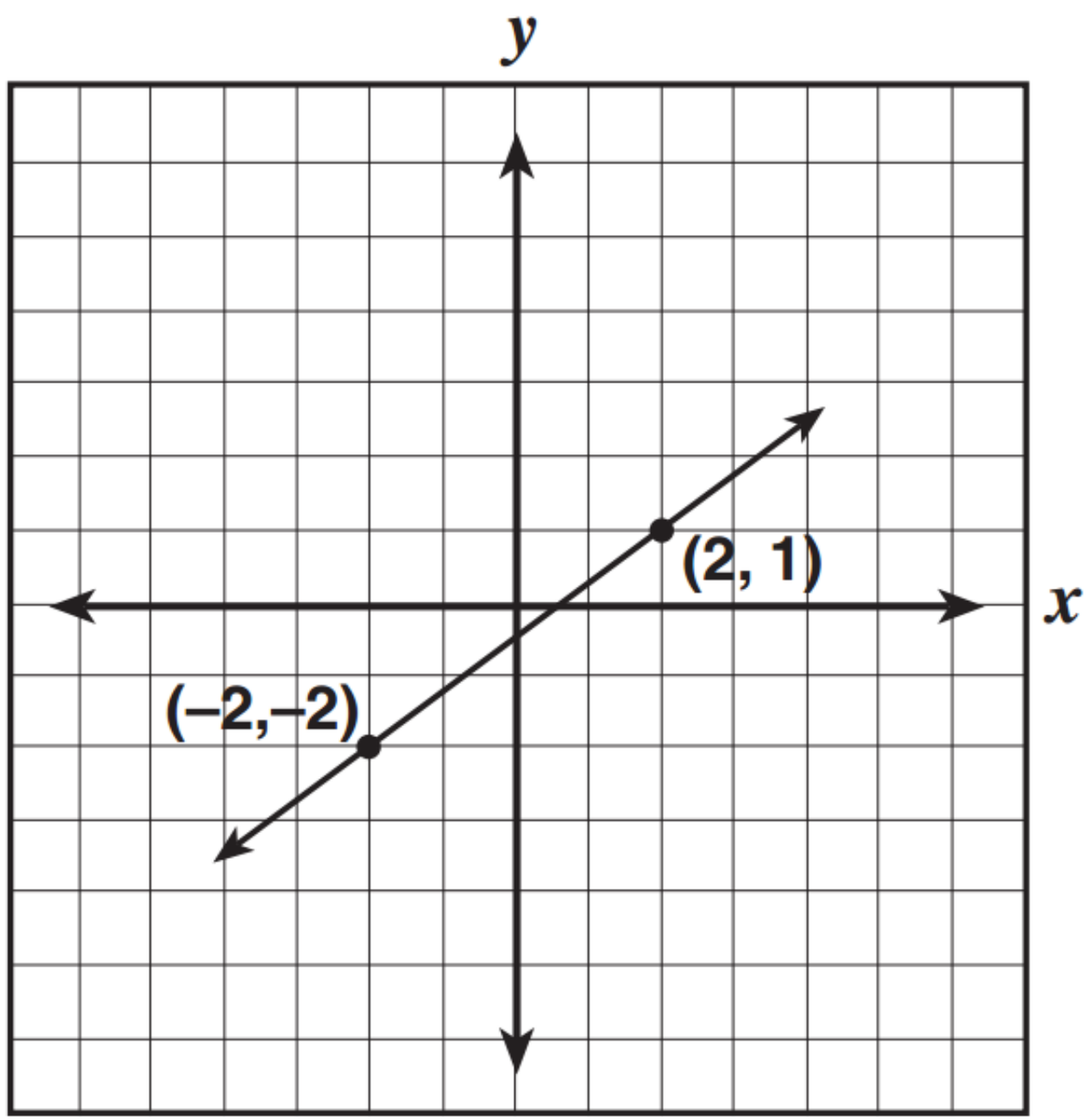

A $\frac{1}{2}$

B $\frac{3}{4}$

C 1

D $\frac{4}{3}$

Source: California Released Test Questions (7th Grade Math)

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PROBLEM ONE

Solve for x.

$$21 + x = 70$$

PROBLEM TWO

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, create two equations: one where x has a positive value and one where x has a negative value.

$$\square\square + x = \square\square$$

PROBLEM THREE

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, create an equation where x has the greatest possible value.

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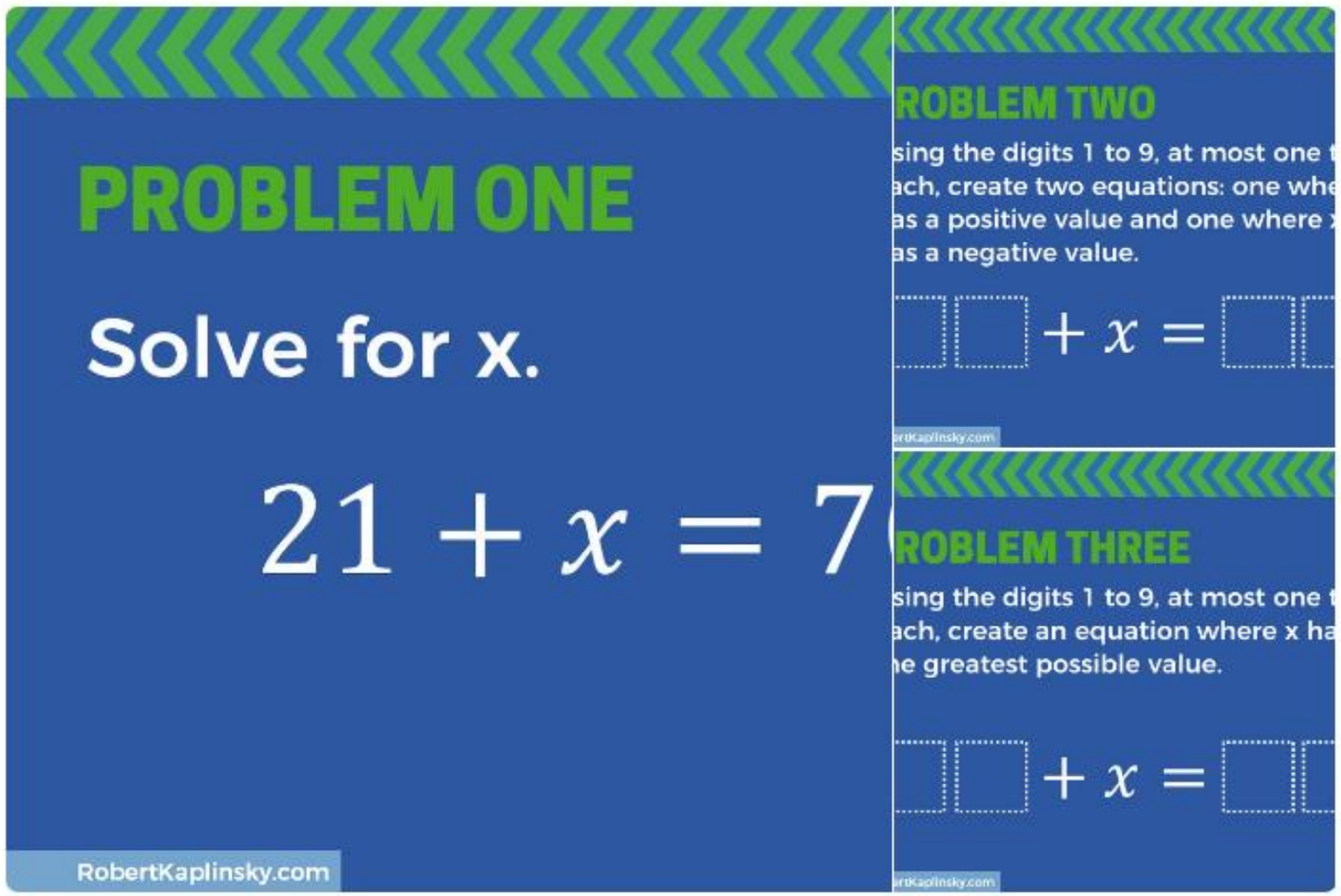

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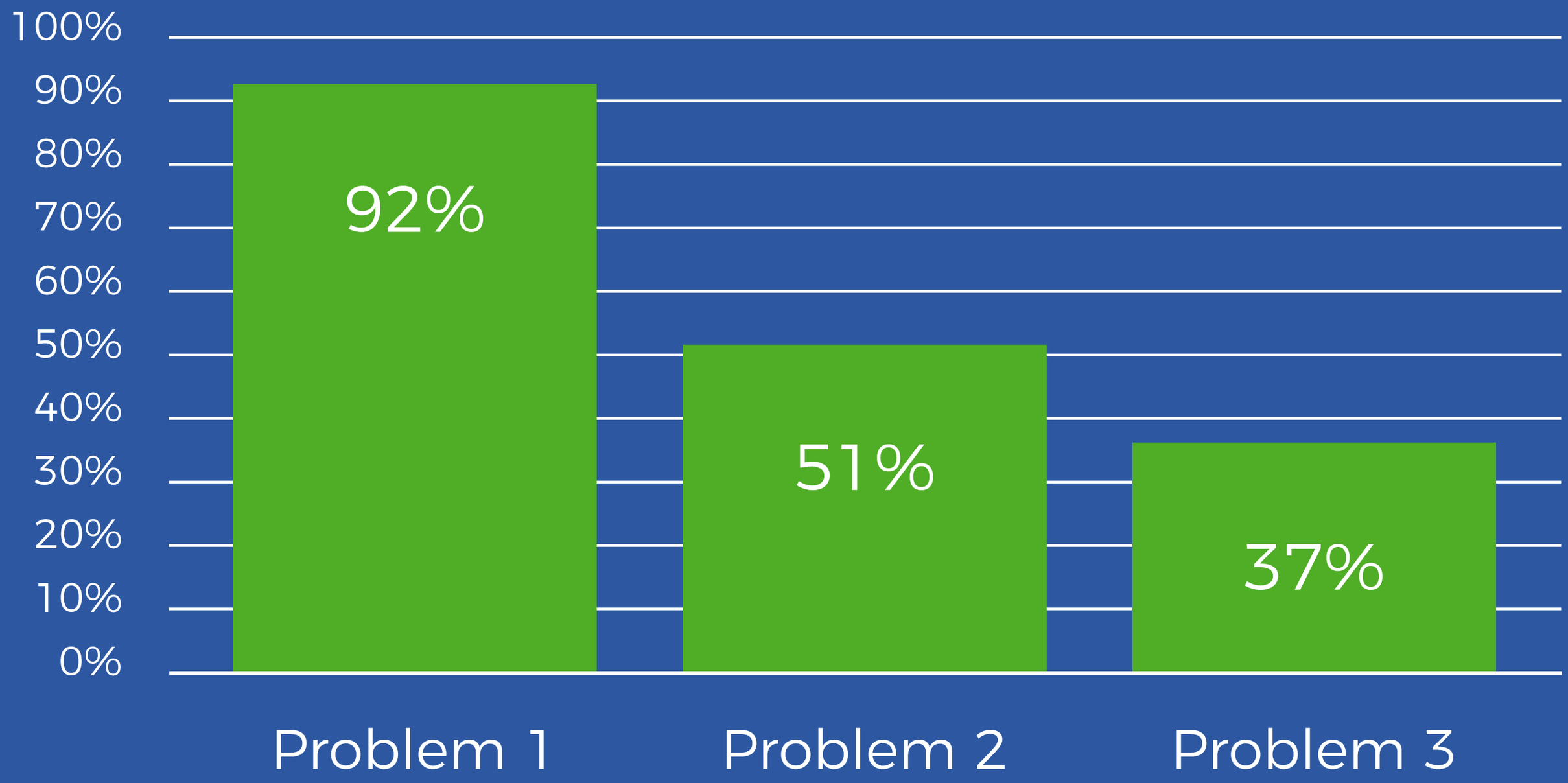
PROBLEM RESULTS



Depth of Knowledge Matrix - Secondary Math

Topic	Dividing Fractions	Solving One-Step Equations	Exponents	Solving Equations with Variables on Both Sides
CCSS Standard(s)	• 6.NS.1	• 7.EE.4a	• 8.EE.1	• 8.EE.8 • A-REI.3
DOK 1 Example	Evaluate. $\frac{4}{9} \div \frac{2}{5}$	Solve for x. $21 + x = 70$	Evaluate. 3^4	Solve for x. $3x + 2 = -2x + 4$
DOK 2 Example	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes to make two different pairs of fractions that have a quotient of 2/3. $\frac{\square}{\square} \div \frac{\square}{\square} = \frac{2}{3}$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to create two equations: one where x has a positive value and one where x has a negative value. $\square\square + x = \square\square$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes to make two true number sentences. $\square^{\square} = 64$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most <u>two</u> times each, to fill in the boxes to make an equation with no solutions. $\square x + \square = \square x + \square$
DOK 3 Example	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes to make two fractions that have a quotient that is as close to 4/11 as possible. $\frac{\square}{\square} \div \frac{\square}{\square}$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to create an equation where x has the greatest possible value. $\square\square + x = \square\square$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes to make a result that has the greatest value possible. $\square^{\square} = \square\square\square$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes so that the solution is closest to zero. $\square x + \square = \square x + \square$

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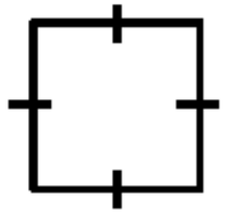
Depth of Knowledge Matrix - Secondary Math

Topic	Geometric Proofs	Complex Numbers	Trigonometric Functions	Definite Integral
CCSS Standard(s)	• G-CO.11	• N-CN.2	• F-TF.3	• N/A
DOK 1 Example	Add one geometric marking to demonstrate the quadrilateral is a square. 	Multiply the binomials. $(3+4i)(2+3i)$	Evaluate. $\sin\frac{\pi}{3}$	Solve. $\int_{2}^{6} x^3\,dx$
DOK 2 Example	Use exactly 5 geometric markings to show that a quadrilateral is a square.	Use the integers -9 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes twice: once to make a positive real number product and once to make a negative real number product. $(\square+\square i)(\square+\square i)$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes and make two true number sentences. $\sin\frac{\square\pi}{\square}=1$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes and make a positive and a negative solution. $\int_{\square}^{\square} x^{\square}\,dx$
DOK 3 Example	What is the least number of geometric markings needed to demonstrate that a quadrilateral is a square?	Use the integers -9 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes and make a real number product with the greatest value. $(\square+\square i)(\square+\square i)$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes to make two true number sentences. $\sin\frac{\square\pi}{\square}=\frac{\sqrt{\square}}{\square}$	Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to fill in the boxes and make a solution that is as close to 100 as possible. $\int_{\square}^{\square} x^{\square}\,dx$

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IMPLEMENTATION

- Open Middle Worksheet

First attempt: Points: _____/2 attempt _____/2 explanation

What did you learn from this attempt? How will your strategy change on your next attempt?

IMPLEMENTATION

- Open Middle Worksheet
- Classwork
  - Single problem for entire class
  - Extensions menu

QUESTION #1

Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to create an equation where x has the greatest possible value.

$$\square\square + x = \square\square$$

4 points

QUESTION #2

Solve for x.

$$3x + 7 = 19$$

1 point

QUESTION #3

Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to create two equations: one where x has a positive value and one where x has a negative value.

$$\square\square + x = \square\square$$

2 points

QUESTION #4

Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to make each equation true.

$$\square + a = \square$$

$$\square\, b = \square$$

$$c - \square = \square$$

$$a = \square,\ b = \square,$$

$$c = \square$$

SOLVING EQUATIONS EXTENSION MENU

You must earn <u>at least 12 points</u> by doing the problems of your choice. Circle the questions you have answered.

QUESTION #5

Use the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, to create an equation where x has the greatest possible value.

$$\square x + \square = \square$$

6 points

IMPLEMENTATION

- Open Middle Worksheet
- Classwork
  - Single problem for entire class
  - Extensions menu
- Homework
- Assessments

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STEP ONE

- Find a One-Operation Problem
  - Addition
  - Subtraction
  - Multiplying
  - Dividing
  - Exponents (including square root)
  - Trigonometric functions

ADDING 2-DIGIT NUMBERS

Solve.

$$41 + 36 =$$

MULTIPLYING FRACTIONS

Solve.

$$\frac{3}{7} \times \frac{2}{9} =$$

TRIGONOMETRY

Solve.

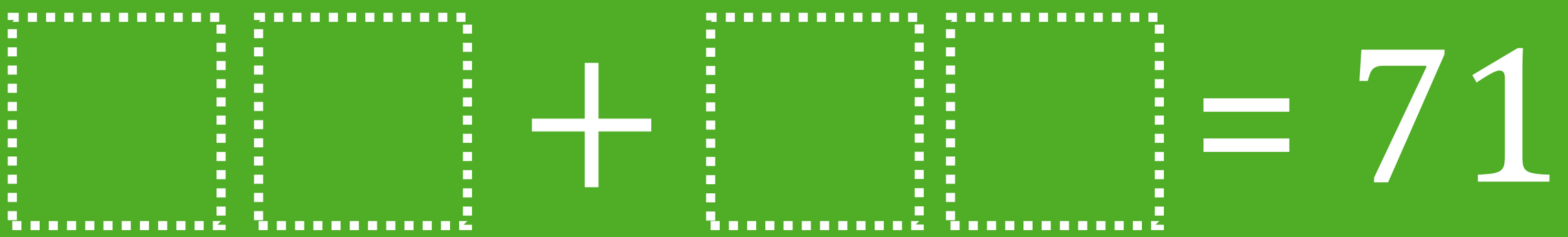
$$\sin\frac{\pi}{3} =$$

STEP TWO

- Go from DOK 1 to DOK 2
  - Strategically remove some information from the problem to prevent immediate calculation
  - Increase the quantity of solutions needed to increase the need to look for patterns

ADDING 2-DIGIT NUMBERS

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make two different pairs of two-digit numbers that have a sum of 71.



MULTIPLYING FRACTIONS

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make two different pairs of fractions that have a product of 2/3.

$$\frac{\square}{\square} \times \frac{\square}{\square} = \frac{2}{3}$$

TRIGONOMETRY

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make two true number sentences.

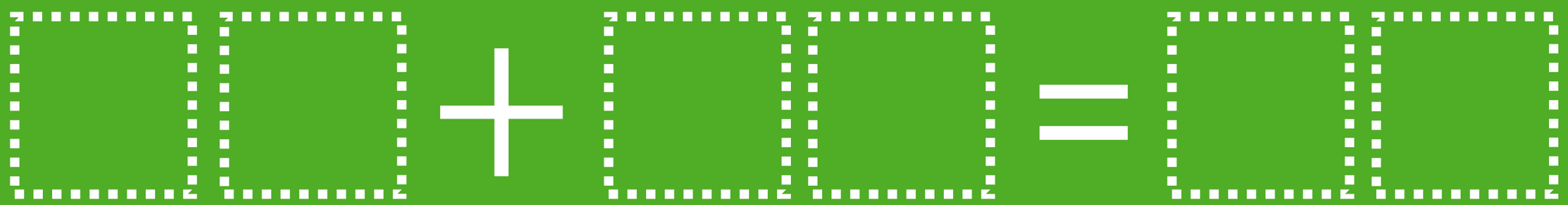
$$\sin \frac{\square}{\square} \pi = 0$$

STEP THREE

- Go from DOK 2 to DOK 3
  - Introduce the need to optimize the solution by making the greatest or least product / sum / difference / quotient / answer.
  - Another optimization option is make the answer closest to a specific value.

ADDING 2-DIGIT NUMBERS

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make the smallest sum.



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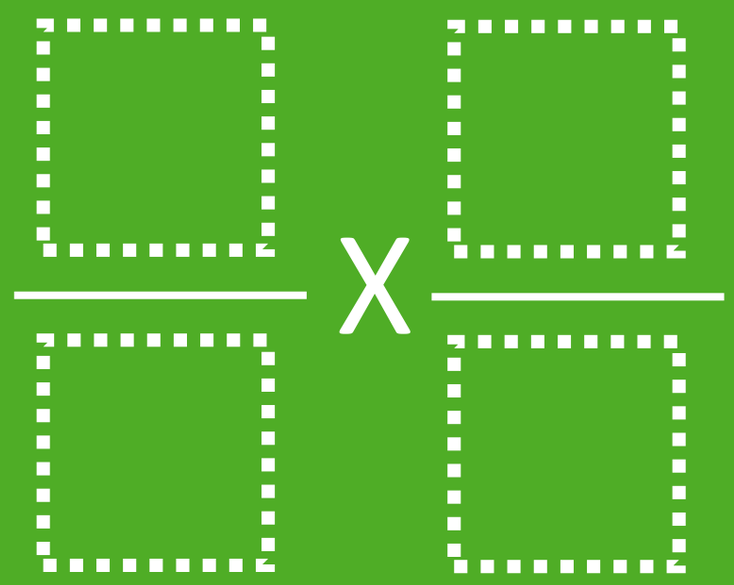

TRIGONOMETRY

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make two true number sentences.

$$\sin \frac{\square}{\square}\pi = \frac{\sqrt{\square}}{\square}$$

3 Steps to Increase Math DOK Levels

Step 1: Find a One-Operation Problem

- Procedural problems with one operation are easiest to modify.
- Other problems may also be modified but may not be as easy.

Adding 2-Digit Numbers

Solve.

$41 + 36 = ___$

Multiplying Fractions

Solve.

$\frac{3}{7} \times \frac{2}{9} = ___$

Trigonometry

Solve.

$\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = ___$

Step 2: Go from DOK 1 to DOK 2

- Strategically remove some information from the problem to prevent immediate calculation
- Increase the quantity of solutions needed to increase the need to look for patterns

Adding 2-Digit Numbers

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make two different pairs of two-digit numbers that have a sum of 71.

$\square\square + \square\square = 71$

Multiplying Fractions

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make two different pairs of fractions that have a product of 2/3.

$\frac{\square}{\square} \times \frac{\square}{\square} = \frac{2}{3}$

Trigonometry

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make two true number sentences.

$\sin \frac{\square\pi}{\square} = 0$

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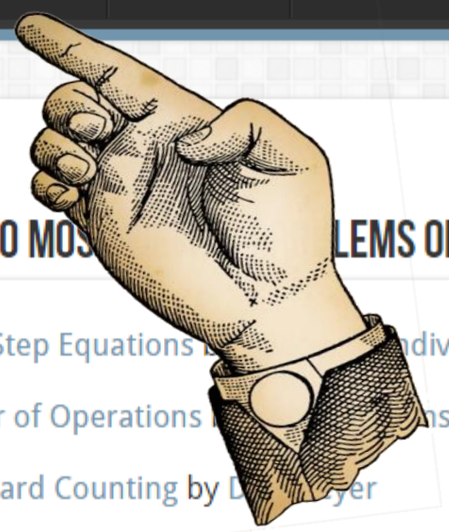

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2. Order of Operations [illegible]nsky with answer from Michael Fenton and his students
3. Dot Card Counting by D[illegible]yer
4. Rational and Irrational Numbers by Bryan Anderson
5. One Solution, No Solutions, Infinite Solutions by Bryan Anderson
6. Multiplying a Two-Digit Number by a Single-Digit Number by Robert Kaplinsky
7. Exponents and Order of Operations by Zack Miller
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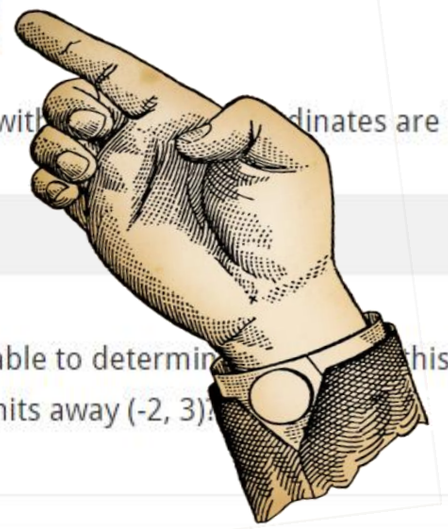

Directions: How many points with ...dinates are 5 units away from (-2, 3)?

Hint

Which methods are available to determin... this problem? What shape is defined by *all* of the points that are 5 units away (-2, 3)?

Answer

12 points: (-5, 7), (-7, 3), (-5, -1), (-2, -2), (3, 3), (1, -1), (-2, 8), (1, 7), (2,6), (-6, -6), (-6, 0), and (2, 0)

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