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Doing Mathematics Through NCTM Standards

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In teaching and learning mathematics in classrooms

- Goals and objectives
- Conceptual frameworks and structures
- Teaching methods
- Assessments

(Assessment and instruction must be integrated)



In the future society

- Holistic knowledge rather than separate
- Active engagement rather than passive
- Process rather than result
- Multi-dimensional contents rather than one-dimensional contents

(성태제, 권오남, 1999)

성태제, 권오남(1999). 수학과 학업성취도 평가를 위한 수행평가의 과제와 전망. 대한수 학교육학회 학교 수학, 1(1), 217-234



Why do we need to care about **mathematical essays**?

- Assessment should support the learning of important mathematics and furnish useful information to both teachers and students (NCTM, 2000)
- What kinds of mathematical knowledge and performance are valued?
- Formative assessment rather than summative assessment



The Assessment Standards for School Mathematics (NCTM, 1995)

- Reflect the mathematics that students should know and be able to do
- Enhance mathematics learning
- Promote equity
- Be an open process
- Promote valid inference
- Be a coherent process

1. Mathematics Standard

(Assessment should reflect the math all students need to know)

- What mathematics is reflected in the assessment?
- What efforts are made to ensure that the mathematics is significant and correct?
- How does the assessment engage students in realistic and worthwhile mathematical activities?
- How does the assessment elicit the use of mathematics that it is important to know and be able to do?
- How does the assessment fit within a framework of mathematics to be assessed?
- What inferences about students' mathematical knowledge, understanding, thinking processes, and dispositions can be made from the assessment?

2. Learning Standard (Assessment should enhance mathematics learning)

- How does the assessment contribute to each student's learning of mathematics?
- How does the assessment relate to instruction?
- How does the assessment allow students to demonstrate what they know and what they can do in novel situations?
- How does the assessment build on each student's understanding, interests, and experiences?
- How does the assessment involve students in selecting activities, applying performance criteria, and using results?
- How does the assessment provide opportunities for students to evaluate, reflect on, and improve their own work-that is, to become independent learners?

3. Equity Standard (Assessment should promote equity)

- What opportunities has each student had to learn the mathematics being assessed?
- How does the design of the assessment enable all students to exhibit what they know and can do?
- How is the role of students' backgrounds and experiences recognized in judging their responses to the assessment?
- How do scoring guides accommodate unanticipated but reasonable responses?
- How have the effects of bias been minimized throughout the assessment?
- To what sources can differences in performance be attributed?

4. Openness Standard (Assessment should be an open process)

- How do students become familiar with the assessment process and with the purposes, performance criteria, and consequences of the assessment?
- How are teachers and students involved in choosing tasks, setting criteria, and interpreting results?
- What access do those affected by the assessment have to tasks, scoring goals, performance criteria, and samples of students' work that have been scored and discussed?
- How is the assessment process itself open to evaluation and modification?
- How is the public involved in the assessment process?

5. Inferences Standard

(Assessment should promote valid inferences about learning)

- What evidence about learning does the assessment provide?
- How is professional judgment used in making inferences about learning?
- How sensitive is the assessor to the demands the assessment makes and to unexpected responses?
- How is bias minimized in making inferences about learning?
- What efforts are made to ensure that scoring is consistent across students, scorers, and activities?
- What multiple sources of evidence are used for making inferences, and how is the evidence used?
- What is the value of the evidence for each use? NCTM(1995). Assessment Standards for School Mathematics. Reston, VA: NCTM.

6. Coherence Standard (Assessment should be a coherent process)

- How is professional judgment used to ensure that the various parts of the assessment process form a coherent whole?
- How do students view the connection between instruction and assessment?
- How does the assessment match its purposes with its uses?
- How does the assessment match the curriculum and instructional practice?
- How can assessment practice inform teachers as they make curriculum decisions and determine their instructional practices?



During the semester, We are going to focus on

- How to develop assessment items
- How to make evaluation standards (rubrics) based on the assessment items



Performance Assessment

- Not only results, but also performing process
- Constructed-response assessment (CA)
- Mathematical essay (ME)
- Oral assessment
- Self evaluation
- Peer evaluation
- Projects

강옥기, 이장주, 이환철(2011). 수리논술의 이론과 실제. 서울: 경문사. 2015-01-06 Constructed-response Assessment (서술형평가) vs. Mathematical Essay (수리논술)?

- PA: 학생 스스로의 지식이나 기능 등을 나 타내도록 하는 평가 (CA, ME)
- Essay (논술): 어떤 문제 상황에 대하여 자신의 견해나 주장을 논리적으로 진술하는 것 (강옥기 외, 2011)
- ME: 어떤 문제 상황에 대하여 자신의 견해 나 주장을 수학을 근거로 하여 논리적으로 진술하는 것 (강옥기 외, 2011)

강옥기, 이장주, 이환철(2011). 수리논술의 이론과 실제. 서울: 경문사.



How to evaluate students' doing mathematics in assessment in order to appeal to their curiosity and intellect simultaneously?

If students can be actively engaged in "doing" mathematics, they may be motivated enough to perform their best in the classroom and on assignments



What does it mean to "do" mathematics?

Problem solving
Reasoning and proof
Communication
Connections
Representation



Problem solving should enable all students

- Build new mathematical knowledge through problem solving
- Solve problems that arise in mathematics and in other contexts
- Apply and adapt a variety of appropriate strategies to solve problems
- Monitor and reflect on the process of mathematical problem solving



Through emphasis on **reasoning and proof** in the classroom, all students will

- Recognize reasoning and proof as fundamental aspects of mathematics
- Make and investigate mathematical conjectures
- Develop and evaluate mathematical arguments and proofs
- Select and use various types of reasoning and methods of proof



Communication should be stressed so that students

- Organize and consolidate their mathematical thinking through communication
- Communicate their mathematical thinking coherently and clearly to peers, teachers, and others
- Analyze and evaluate the mathematical thinking and strategies of others
- Use the language of mathematics to express mathematical ideas precisely



Connections should be made in the mathematics classroom to help students

- Recognize and use connections among mathematical ideas
- Understand how mathematical ideas interconnect and build on one another to produce a coherent whole
- Recognize and apply mathematics in contexts outside of mathematics



- Use of representation should enable students to
- Create and use representations to organize, record, and communicate mathematical ideas
- Select, apply, and translate among mathematical representations to solve problems
- Use representations to model and interpret physical, social, and mathematical phenomena



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