
OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES OF E-ASSESSMENT IN GEOMETRY ADVANCED COURSES

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INTRODUCTION

- A geometry undergraduate course, offered online;
- Online Assessment: Blackboard;
- Respondus-Lock-down browser with monitor;
- Outcomes Based Education, Assessing CLOs;

CHALLENGES: NOT COMPUTER-FRIENDLY

Unlike other branches of mathematics such as calculus and linear algebra, geometry is not computational (algorithmic).

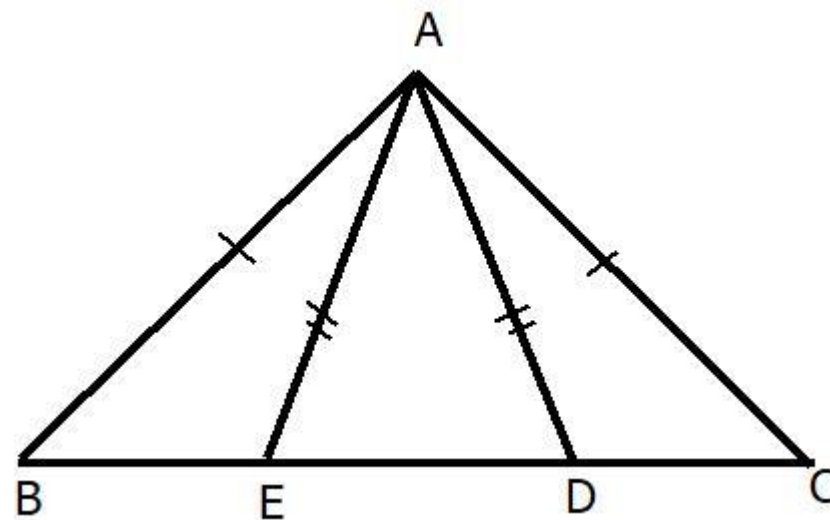
Algebra: Solve $3x + 9 = 10$.

Solution: $3x + 9 = 10 \rightarrow 3x + 9 - 9 = 10 - 9 \rightarrow 3x = 1 \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}$.

Geometry: Show that $CD=BE$.

How?

“Rather than the memorization of simple algorithms to solve equations by rote, it demands true insight into the subject, clever ideas for applying theorems in special situations, an ability to generalize from known facts ...” B. Artmann 2020.



CHALLENGES: VAN HIELE MODEL 4 (RIGOR)

The VH Model divides geometry thinking stages attained by geometry learners into five different levels and describes how students progress from one level to the other.

- Level 0 (Basic Level): Visualization
- Level 1: Analysis
- Level 2: Informal Deduction
- **Level 3: Deduction**
- **Level 4: Rigor (Synthesis, critical thinking, writing complete proofs,)**

CHALLENGE: SUCH AN OUTCOME

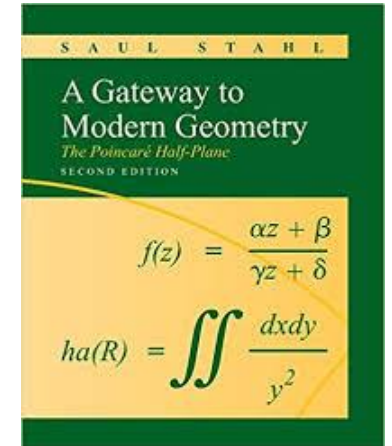
How can we E-assess such an outcome?

CLO 3: Construct scientifically geometric figures with a ruler and a compass.

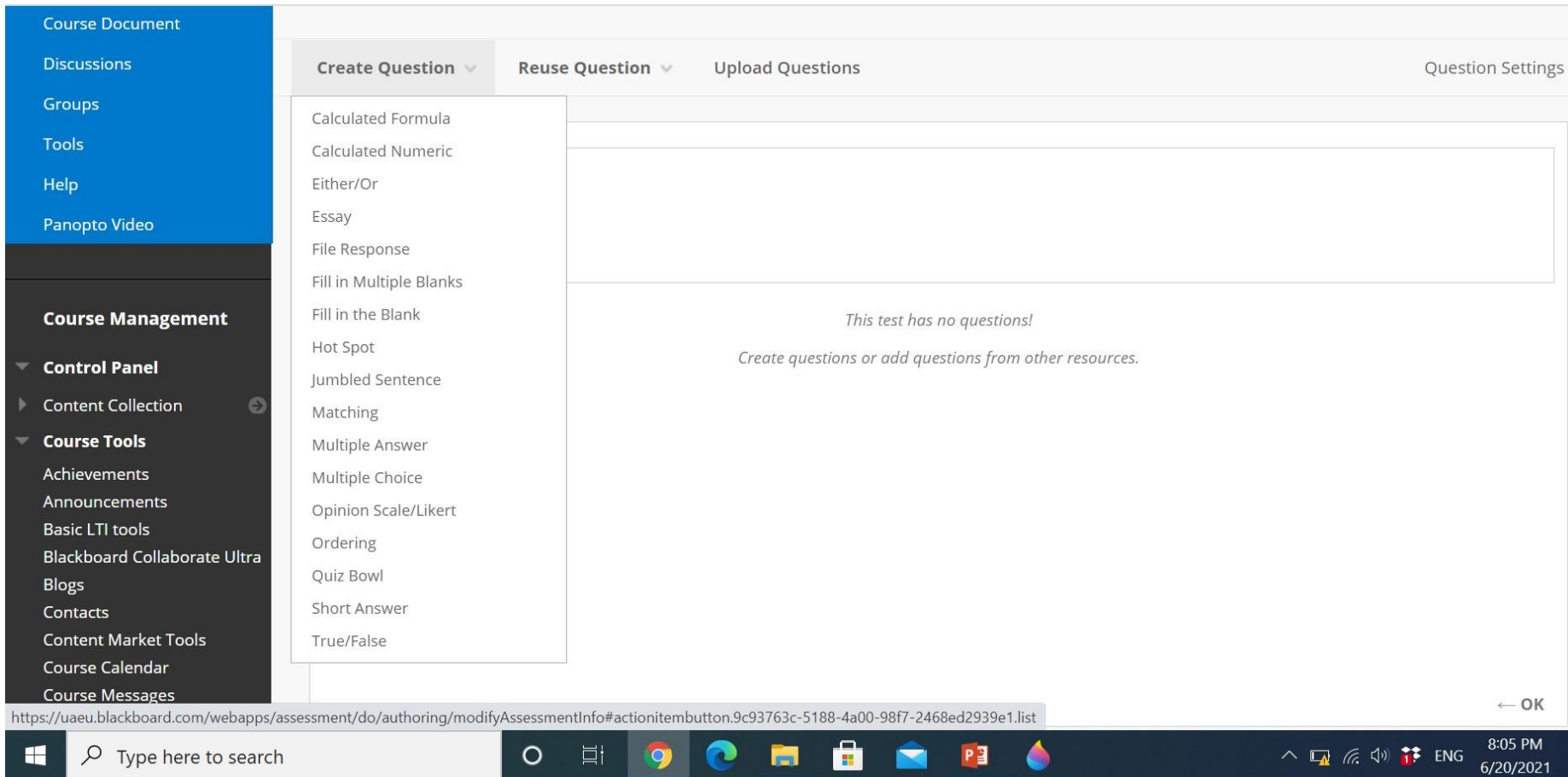
A multi-step task which require listing the construction steps, execute them properly and writings proofs.

2. THE CONTEXT

- **Foundation of Geometry Course [3CH];**
- **Topics.** Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometries, spherical geometry, hyperbolic geometry; Poincare model, Klein-Beltrami model, hyperbolic triangle, hyperbolic area, and Gauss-Bonnet theorem; transformations, symmetry, Euclidean rigid motions, inversions, and hyperbolic rigid motions.
- It is offered for students in Science, Engineering and Education (pre-service teachers);



BLACK BOARD



The screenshot displays the Blackboard assessment authoring interface. On the left, a navigation menu includes 'Course Document', 'Discussions', 'Groups', 'Tools', 'Help', and 'Panopto Video'. Below this is a 'Course Management' section with sub-items: 'Control Panel', 'Content Collection', 'Course Tools', 'Achievements', 'Announcements', 'Basic LTI tools', 'Blackboard Collaborate Ultra', 'Blogs', 'Contacts', 'Content Market Tools', 'Course Calendar', and 'Course Messages'. The main content area has tabs for 'Create Question', 'Reuse Question', and 'Upload Questions', with 'Question Settings' on the right. A dropdown menu under 'Create Question' lists various question types: Calculated Formula, Calculated Numeric, Either/Or, Essay, File Response, Fill in Multiple Blanks, Fill in the Blank, Hot Spot, Jumbled Sentence, Matching, Multiple Answer, Multiple Choice, Opinion Scale/Likert, Ordering, Quiz Bowl, Short Answer, and True/False. The main workspace contains the text: 'This test has no questions! Create questions or add questions from other resources.' At the bottom right of the workspace is an 'OK' button. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://uaeu.blackboard.com/webapps/assessment/do/authoring/modifyAssessmentInfo#actionitembutton.9c93763c-5188-4a00-98f7-2468ed2939e1.list>. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, task view, and system tray with the time 8:05 PM and date 6/20/2021.

THE EDITOR (LATEX COMPATIBLE)

Course Management

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* Question Text

For the toolbar, press ALT+F10 (PC) or ALT+FN+F10 (Mac).

OPTIONS

*Click **Submit** to proceed. Click **Submit and Create Another** to save the*

Windows taskbar: Type here to search, 8:06 PM, 6/20/2021

CLOS ASSESSMENT

MATH 260, Foundation of Geometry, Spring 2020

Final Exam (ONLINE)

Date: 16/5/2020, 8:30-10:30 AM

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Attendance Number: _____

| | PLO2 | PLO1 | PLO5 | PLO2 | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Course Outcome | CLO1 | CLO2 | CLO5 | CLO4 | Total |
| Question | Q1-11 | Q12-16 | Q17-18 | Q19 | |
| Maximum Score | 15 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 40 |
| Student's Score | | | | | |

EXAMPLES

Question 3

2 points

Save Answer

The hyperbolic center of the Euclidean circle of center $(0,4)$ and radius 2 is the point:

- $(0,4)$
- $(0, \sqrt{12})$
- $(0, \ln(8))$
- $(0,12)$
- None of the above.

Question 15

2 points

Save Answer

The inversion $I_{\mathbf{o},1}$ where $\mathbf{o}=(0,0)$ transforms the circle q of center $(5,5)$ and radius 1 into

- A line through \mathbf{o} .
- A line not through \mathbf{o} .
- A circle not through \mathbf{o} .
- A circle through \mathbf{o} .

ON PAPER EXAM

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————— SUMMER 2018 MATH 260 FINAL EXAM —————

Question 1. [5 marks] Let q be a circle and P a point outside q .

(a) Explain how to construct, using the ruler and compass, a tangent line to q through P .

(b) Explain how to construct, using the ruler and compass, the point P' symmetrical to point P with respect to q .

Question 2. [2 marks] Is there an Euclidean rigid motion which transforms $P = (2, 2)$ into $P' = (4, 4)$ and $Q = (1, 3)$ into $Q' = (2, 5)$. Justify your answer.

Question 3. [4 marks] Let q be the circle of center $(2, 0)$ and radius 1. Find the image of q by the inversion $I_{O,4}$, where $O = (0, 0)$.

Question 4. [6 marks] For each of the following statements say whether it is true or false.

Question 5. [8 marks] (a) Find the hyperbolic length of the geodesic joining $P = (2, 3)$ and $Q = (2, 6)$.

(b) Find the hyperbolic length of the segment of line $y = x + 1$ joining $A = (1, 2)$ and $Q = (3, 4)$.

(c) Find the hyperbolic length of the bowed geodesic joining $P = (6, 3)$ and $Q = (5, 4)$.

Question 6. [6 marks] (a) Find the hyperbolic area of the rectangle whose vertices are $(0, 1)$, $(0, 5)$, $(1, 1)$ and $(1, 5)$.

(b) Find the hyperbolic area of the Euclidean triangle whose vertices are $A = (1, 2)$, $B = (3, 2)$ and $C = (3, 4)$.

(c) Find a hyperbolic rigid motion which transforms $P = (2, 3)$ into $P' = (5, 6)$.

Question 7. [6 marks] Find the hyperbolic area of the hyperbolic triangle whose vertices are $A = (0, 2)$, $B = (-4, 2)$ and $C = (6, 2)$.

Question 8. [3 marks] Find the hyperbolic (vertical) line m such that the angle from m to the hyperbolic line joining $A = (0, 2)$ and $B = (4, 2)$ is $\frac{\pi}{3}$? Justify your answer.

SUGGESTIONS

- ❖ Blended assessment using both on-paper and online (computer based) questions;
- ❖ The implementation of these blended assessment is not practical for large sections;
- ❖ **For such CLO.** Construct scientifically geometric figures with a ruler and a compass;
- ❖ We suggest to use Project-based learning and assess students' reports and oral presentations;

THE PROJECTS

- Material related to outcome 3 will be self-learned by students while working on a project.
- The Instructor gives an introduction to the subject in class, then explains what is required from students.
- Sample of Project: construction using straight-edge and compass
 1. Construct basic geometric figures; [Knowledge]
 2. A more challenging construction; [Solving]
 3. A creative design suggested by students; [Innovation]
 4. Explain all steps and justify all claims; [Logic; critical thinking]
- Instructions and grading rubrics are distributed to students;

