

On Computational Thinking

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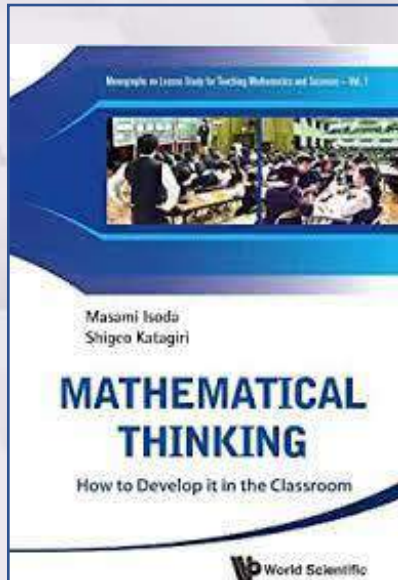
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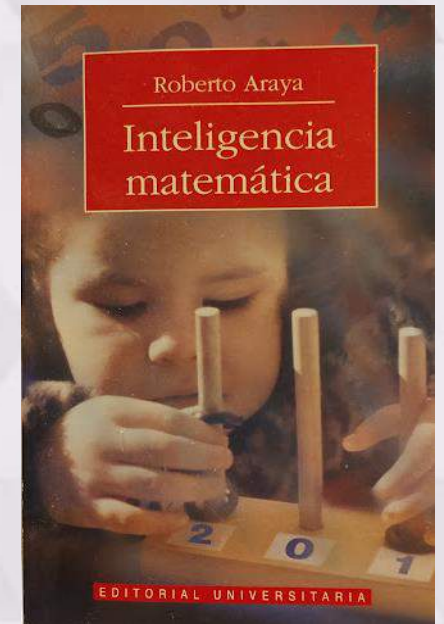
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Computational thinking

What is computational thinking and how does it differ from mathematical thinking?



- Ideas, concepts, and theorems are not enough
- It is necessary to calculate and solve
- This means algorithms:
 - elementary actions that a machine can execute



Mathematical reasoning

MATH

MATH is a dataset of 12,500 challenging competition-level mathematics problems introduced by UC Berkeley researchers in 2021 (Figure 2.6.10). AI systems struggled on MATH when it was first released, managing to solve only 6.9% of the problems. Performance has significantly improved. In 2023, a GPT-4-based model posted the top result, successfully solving 84.3% of the dataset's problems (Figure 2.6.11).

A sample problem from the MATH dataset

Source: [Hendrycks et al., 2023](#)

MATH Dataset (Ours)

Problem: Tom has a red marble, a green marble, a blue marble, and three identical yellow marbles. How many different groups of two marbles can Tom choose?

Solution: There are two cases here: either Tom chooses two yellow marbles (1 result), or he chooses two marbles of different colors ($\binom{4}{2} = 6$ results). The total number of distinct pairs of marbles Tom can choose is $1 + 6 = \boxed{7}$.

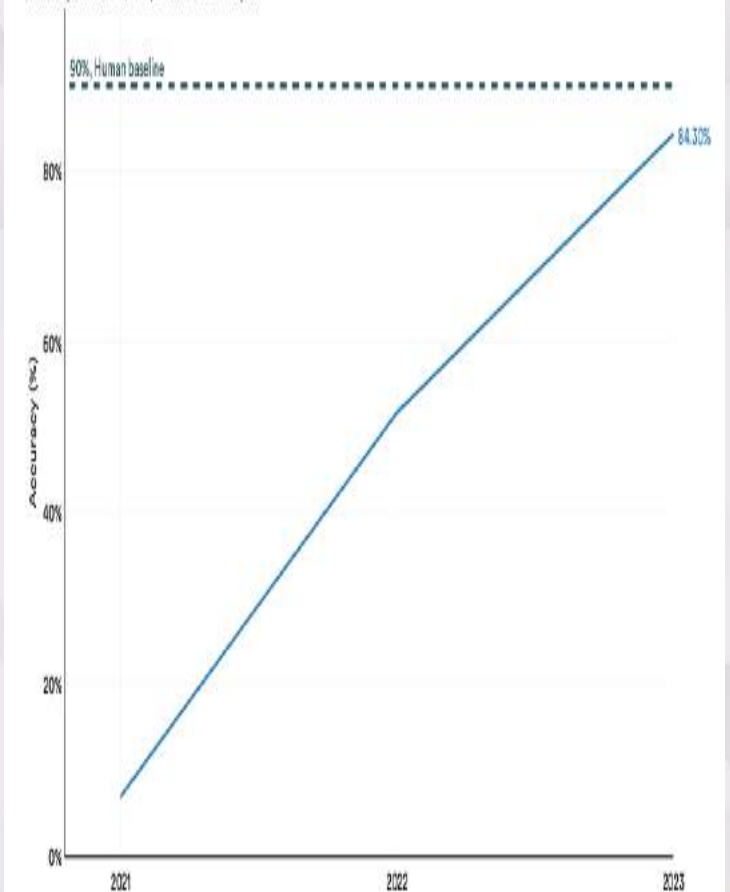
Problem: The equation $x^2 + 2x = i$ has two complex solutions. Determine the product of their real parts.

Solution: Complete the square by adding 1 to each side. Then $(x + 1)^2 = 1 + i = e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \sqrt{2}$, so $x + 1 = \pm e^{\frac{i\pi}{8}} \sqrt[4]{2}$. The desired product is then $(-1 + \cos(\frac{\pi}{8}) \sqrt[4]{2})(-1 - \cos(\frac{\pi}{8}) \sqrt[4]{2}) = 1 - \cos^2(\frac{\pi}{8}) \sqrt{2} = 1 - \frac{(1 + \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}))}{2} \sqrt{2} = \boxed{\frac{1 - \sqrt{2}}{2}}$.

MATH word problem-solving: accuracy

Source: Papers With Code, 2023 | Chart: 2024 AI Index report

Figure 2.6.10



A Framework for Computational Thinking in Preparation for Transitioning to a Super Smart Society

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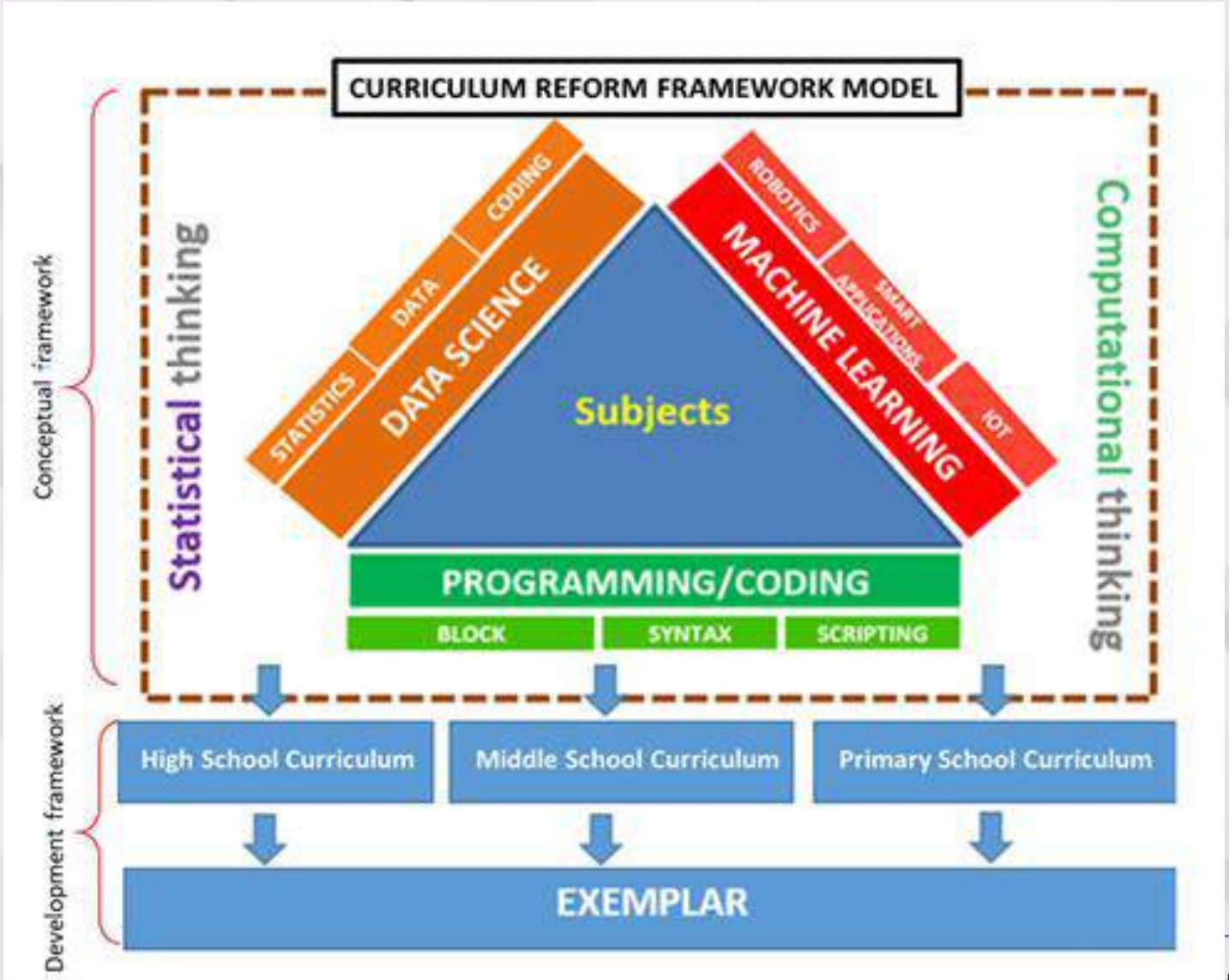
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Three components of computational thinking

- **Algorithmic Thinking**
 - Abacus,
 - Logic Quantifiers
 - Steepest descent
- **Use, Selection, Adaptation and Building (USAB) Computational Models**
 - Chemotaxis
 - Forest Fire Propagation
 - Pandemia propagation
- **Machine Learning Thinking**
 - Decision Tree Induction,
 - Linear equations and Neural Networks

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Programming languages

- **Assembly languages**

- 1842–1849, Ada Lovelace
- 1947 Kathleen Booth
- 1950 had largely been supplanted by higher-level languages

- **Programming languages**

- 1954 Fortran
- 1958 LISP
- 1967 Logo
- 1972 C
- 1990 Python

- **Visual programming languages**

- 1987 Macromedia Authorware (Adobe)
- 1999 GameMaker
- 2002 Scratch

- **AI and automatic code generation**

- Welsh, Computer Science, Harvard University: “The End of Programming”
- Jensen Huang, NVIDIA

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Draw a star with pen

2023

CreatiCode Scratch Plugin - Enable ChatGPT for Block-Based Coding

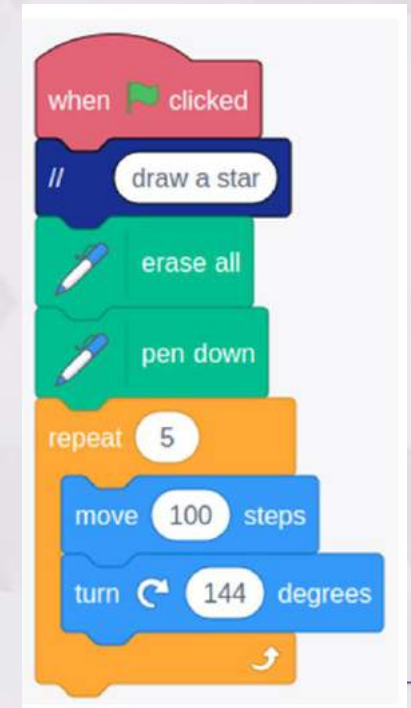
GPT builders Plugins / Actions builders plugin-development



CreatiCode

4 May 2023

Hi everyone, we are proud to present our plugin "CreatiCode Scratch" to the community. This plugin helps ChatGPT to display block-based programs as images and learn to use new blocks in the CreatiCode extensions.





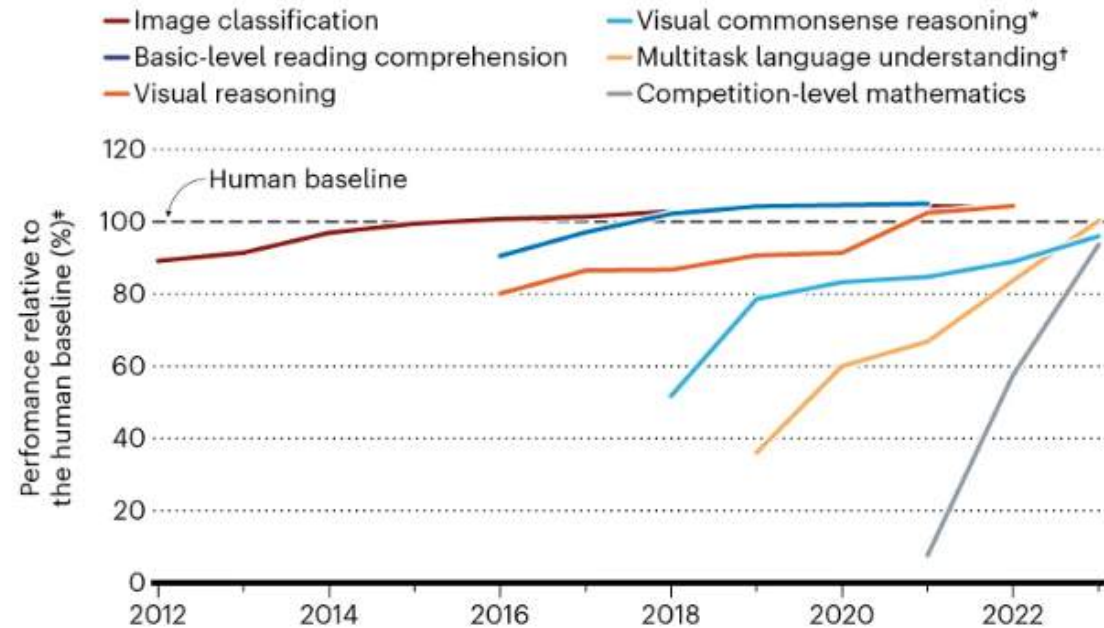


CEO Jensen Huang On The Future of Education with AI

Stanford's Artificial Intelligence Index Report 2024

SPEEDY ADVANCES

In the past several years, some AI systems have surpassed human performance on certain benchmark tests, and others have made rapid progress.



*Requires an AI system to answer questions about an image and provide a rationale for why its answers are true.
†Tests an AI model's knowledge and problem-solving ability with regard to 57 subjects, including broader topics such as mathematics and history, and narrower areas such as law and ethics.
‡Data indicate the best performance of an AI model that year.

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2.3 Coding

Generation

On many coding tasks, AI models are challenged to generate usable code or to solve computer science problems.

HumanEval

HumanEval, a benchmark for evaluating AI systems' coding ability, was introduced by OpenAI researchers in 2021. It consists of 164 challenging handwritten programming problems (Figure 2.3.1). A GPT-4 model variant (AgentCoder) currently leads in HumanEval performance, scoring 96.3%, which is a 11.2 percentage point increase from the highest score

in 2022 (Figure 2.3.2). Since 2021, performance on HumanEval has increased 64.1 percentage points.

Sample HumanEval problem

Source: [Chen et al., 2023](#)

```
def incr_list(l: list):  
    """Return list with elements incremented by 1.  
    >>> incr_list([1, 2, 3])  
    [2, 3, 4]  
    >>> incr_list([5, 3, 5, 2, 3, 3, 9, 0, 123])  
    [6, 4, 6, 3, 4, 4, 10, 1, 124]  
    """  
    return [i + 1 for i in l]
```

HumanEval: Pass@1

Source: Papers With Code, 2023 | Chart: 2024 AI Index report

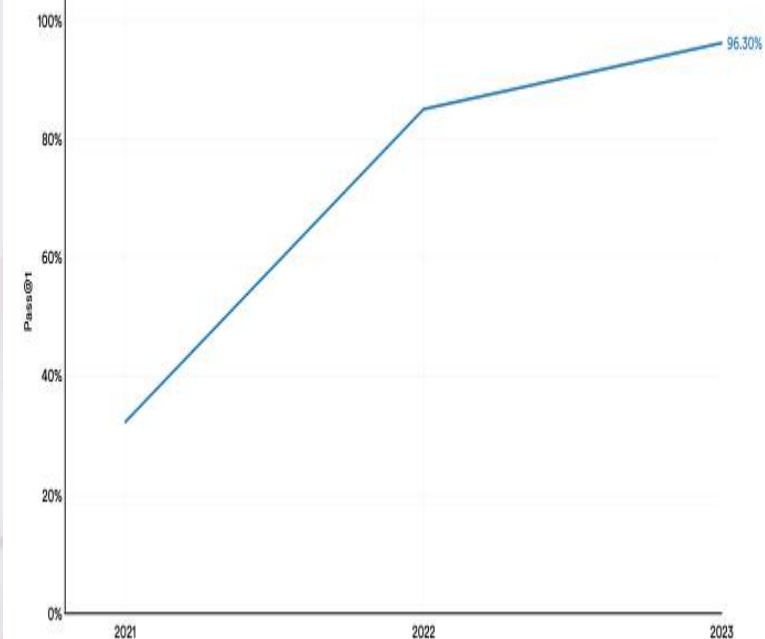


Figure 2.3.1

Figure 2.3.2

According to Geoffrey Hinton, Turing Award winner, LLMs **understand** and do not just reproduce memorization

- They do this because the first layers learn low-level characteristics, the following layers mix them, and so on.
- In the case of images, they learn edges, then interactions between edges, etc.
- In language they learn characteristics of language, so many words that specifically go together as hierarchical dependency structures.
- That generates true understanding.

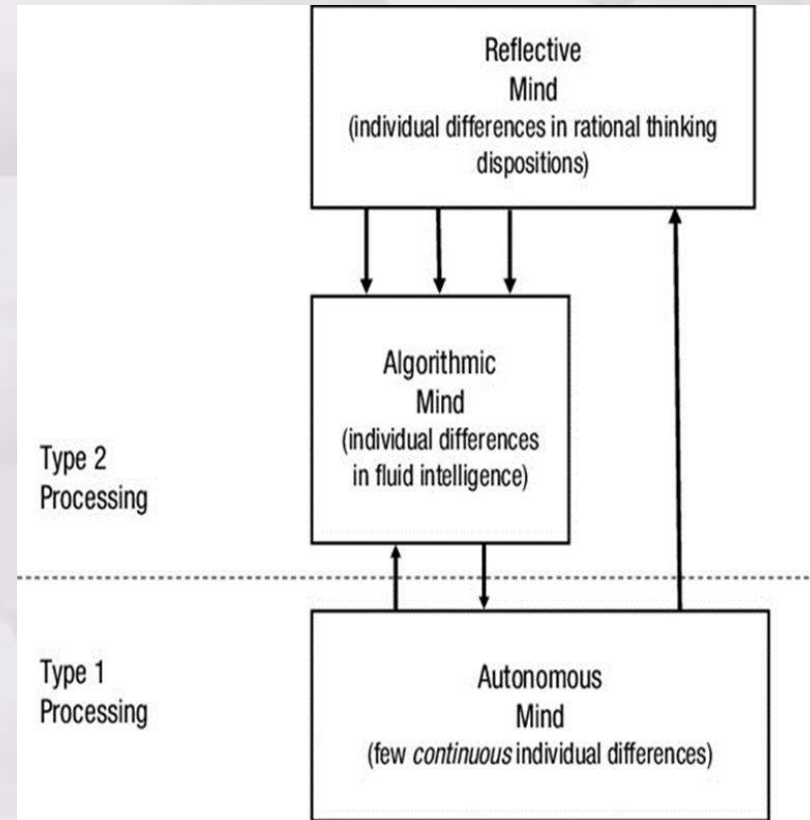


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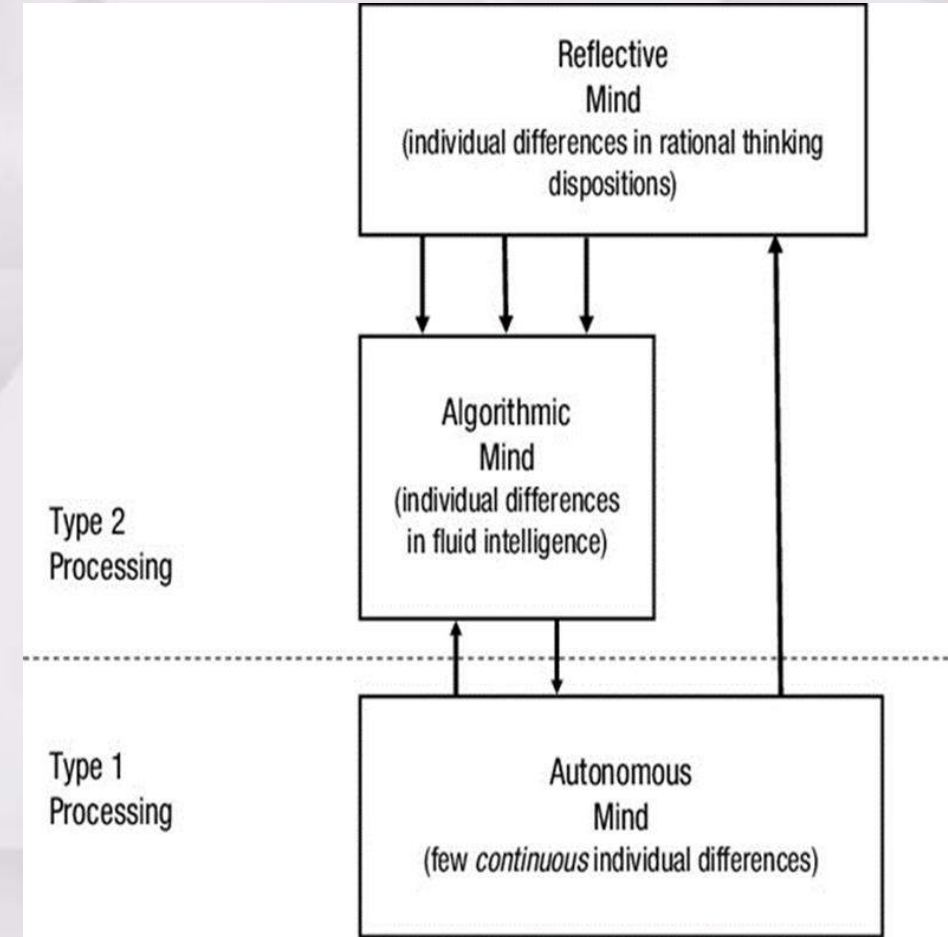
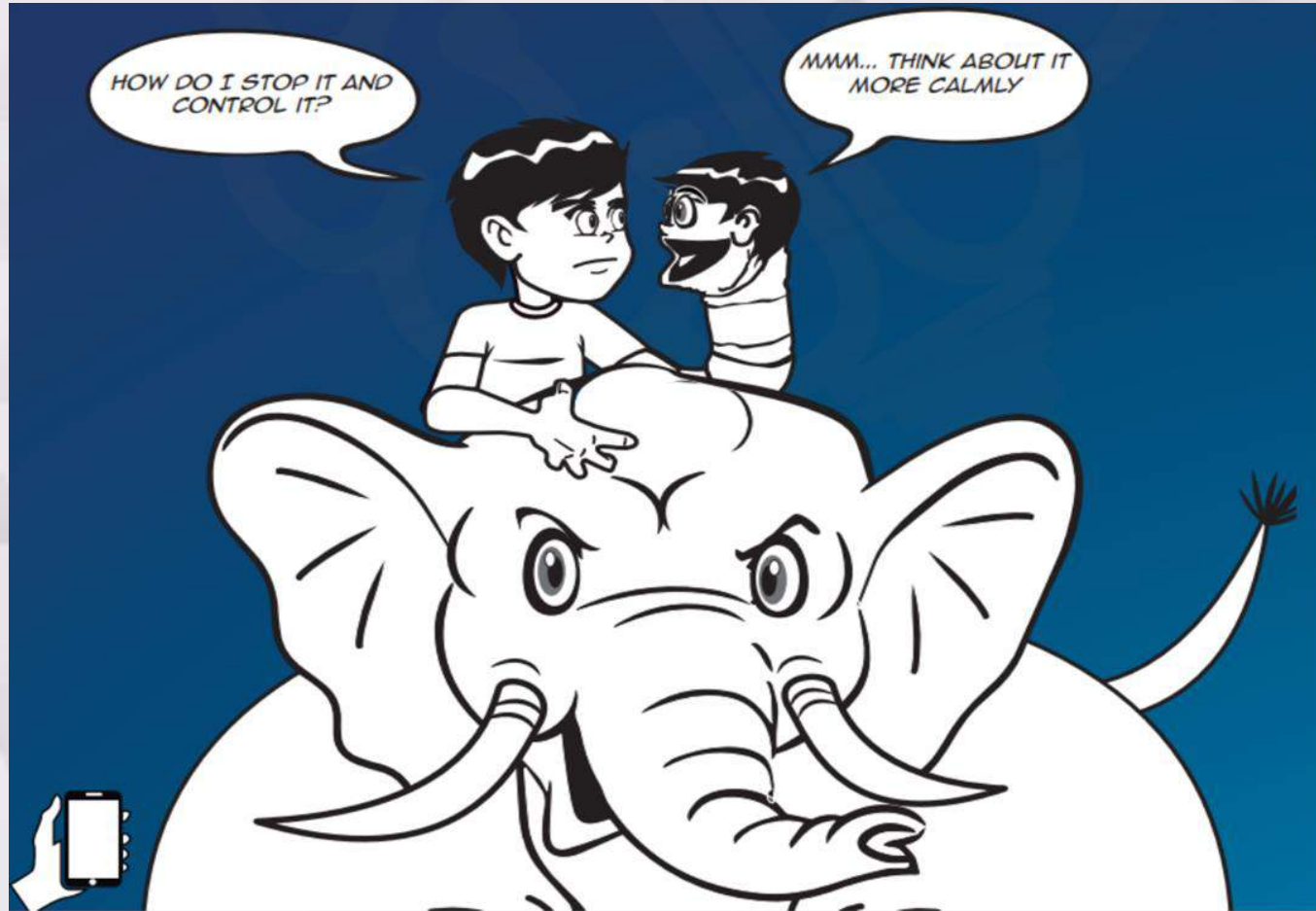
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Dual cognition



Argumentation



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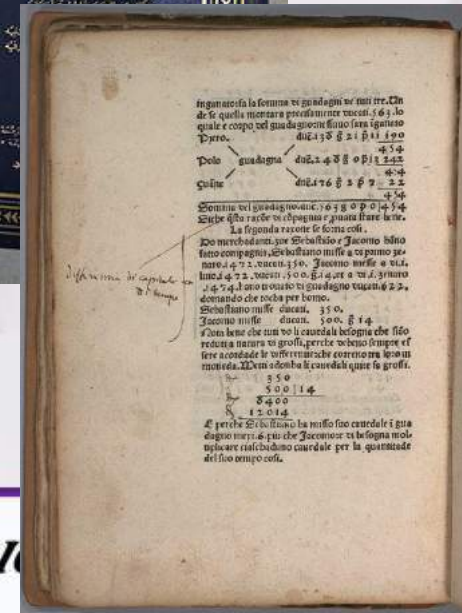
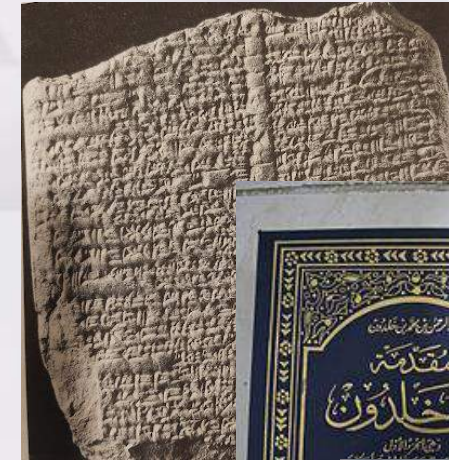


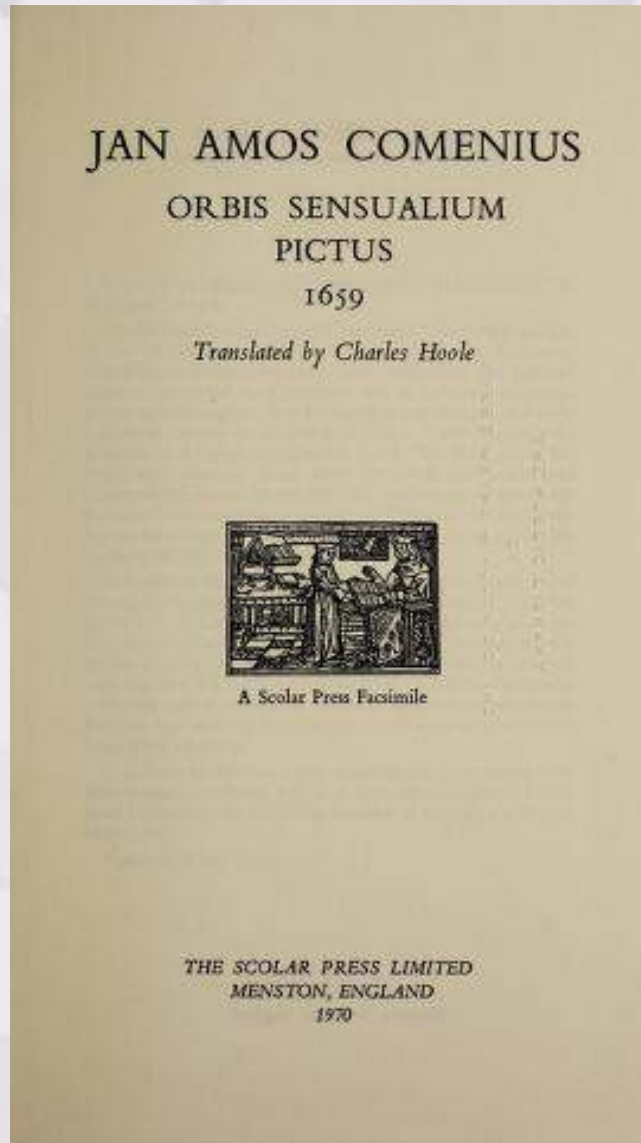
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Textbooks and Tools

- Sumerian tables (2000 BCE)
- Ibn Khaldun (1377)
 - children should first be taught calculation,
 - divides sciences into two categories,
 - The perfect way of conveying ideas is eloquence
- The Treviso Arithmetic: Arte dell'Abaco (1478)
 - is the earliest known printed mathematics book in the West,
 - one of the first printed European textbooks dealing with a science.
 - It is a practical book intended for self-study.
- Comenius Orbis Sensalium Pictus (1658)





Comenius' extraordinary and revolutionary textbook, *Orbis Sensualium Pictus* (**1658**), enables us to see a cornucopia of meaning.

His method is iconic -- a method rarely used by historians of education -- and the result is uniquely illuminating.

The revolutionary book spread quickly across Europe and became the defining children's textbook for centuries

XXXIX.

Caput & Manu. The Head and the Hand.



In the Head are,
The Hair, 1.
(which is combed
with a Comb, 2.)
two Eares, 3.
The Temples, 4.
& the face, 5.
In the face are,
the Forehead, 6.
both the Eyes, 7.
The Nose, 8.
(with two Nostrils)
The Mouth, 9.

In Capite sunt
Capillus, 1.
(qui pectitur
Pectine 2.)
Aures 3. binæ,
& Tempora, 4.
Facies, 5.
In facie sunt
Frons, 6.
Oculus 7. uterq;
Nasus 8.
(duabus Naribus)
Os, 9.

Gena

the Cheeks 10.
and the Chin, 13.
The Mouth is fenced
with a Mustacho, 11.
and Lips, 12.
a Tongue and Palate,
and Teeth 16.
in the Cheekbone.
A square Chin is cov-
ered with a Beard, 14.
and the eye,
(in which is the white
and the Apple)
with eye-lids,
and an eye-brow 15.
The Hand being
closed, is a Fist; 17.
being open, is a
palm, 18. (hollow 19.
in the midst, is the
of the Hand; the extre-
mity is the Thumb, 20.
with four Fingers,
the fore-finger, 21.
the middle-finger, 22.
the Ring-finger, 23.
and the little-finger, 24.
In every one are three
joynts a.b.c. (d.e.f.
and as many knuckles
with a Naylor, 25.

Gena (Mala) 10.
& Alentum. 13.
Os septum est
Mystace, 11.
& Labiis, 12.
Lingua cum Palato,
Dentibus 16
in Maxilla.
Montum viride
tegitur Barbâ, 14.
Oculus verò,
(in quo Albugo
& Papilla)
palpebris
& supercilio. 15.
Manus contracta,
Pugnus 17. cl.;
aperta,
Palma, 18.
in medio, Vola, 19.
extremitas, Pollex, 20.
cum quatuor Digitis,
Indies, 21.
Medio, 22.
Annulari 23.
& Auriculari. 24.
In quolibet
sunt articuli tres a.b.c.
& totidem Condylis d.e.f.
cum Ungue. 25.

G The

According to Thompson's preface, Orbis' fame and lasting usefulness is due to its ingenious integration of 3 characteristics:

- encyclopedism
- bilingualism
- visual imagery

Now, there is nothing in our understanding that has not passed through our **senses**.

Exercising our **senses** in correct perception of differences between things means laying the foundations for all wisdom, all wise discourse and all wise acts in life.

- Comenius



Orbis Sensualium Pictus was revolutionary However, it focused in



Encyclopedic facts

No connecting ideas, algorithms, or computational thinking

Several natural (vernacular) languages in parallel

No logical or mathematical languages

Passive reading

No active actions, no coloring, writing explanations, posing problems

Isolated reader

No explicit social learning

Hierarchical teaching

No dialogic pedagogy



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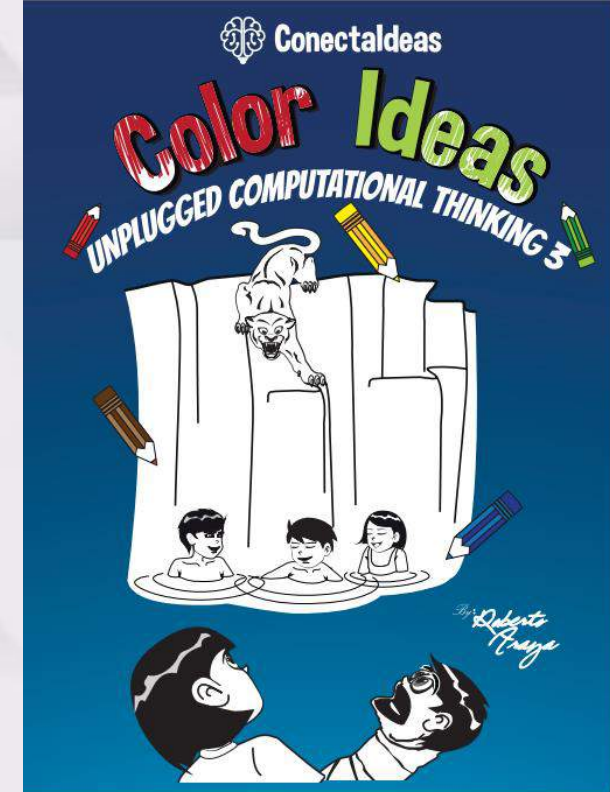
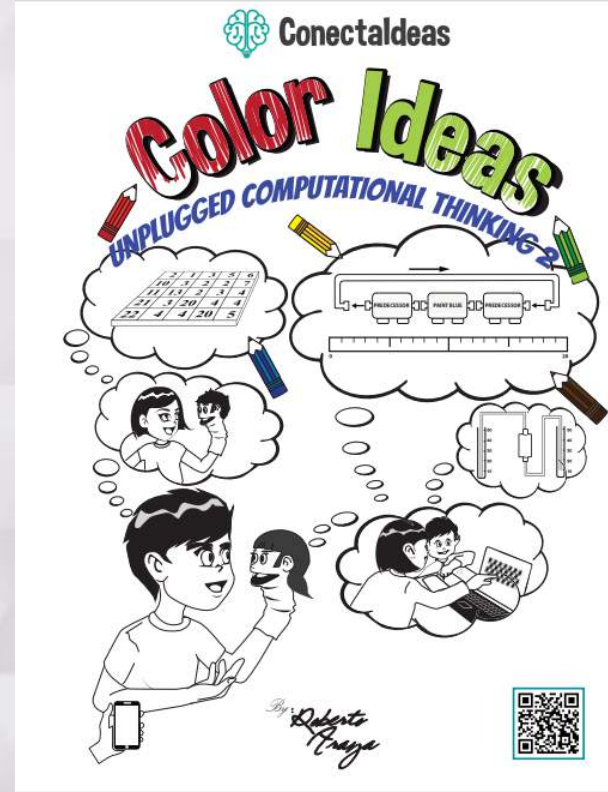
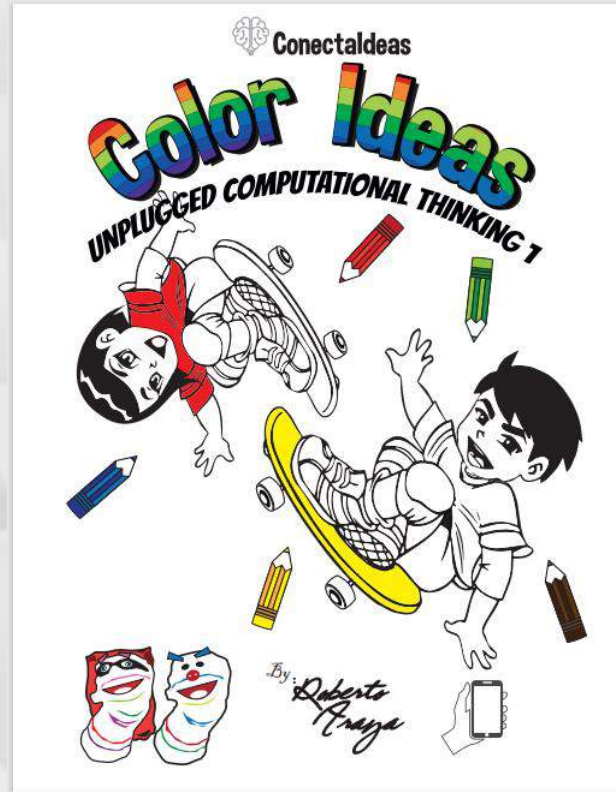
GUIDEBOOK FOR UNPLUGGED COMPUTATIONAL THINKING



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First-order logic

WRITE AND PAINT

PAINT WHERE THE CARD IS MOST LIKELY TO BE



EXPLAIN IN YOUR OWN WORDS HOW YOU FOUND THE CARD

9A

Conectalideas

From: _____
To: _____

WRITE AND PAINT




13B

Universal and existential quantifiers

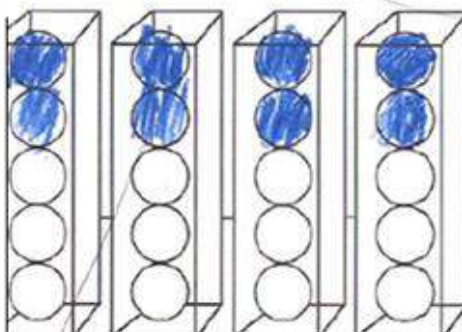
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WRITE AND PAINT

1 Paint the dress green



2 In each box paint at least two blue balls



10A

ConectaIdeas | en colores más que

Escribe y pinta

1 Pinta vestido azul

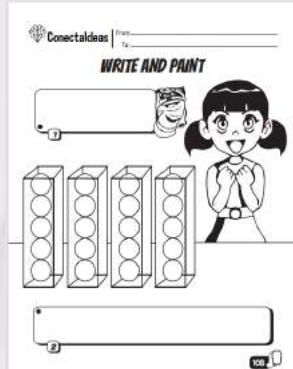


2 pinta en cada caja una pelota negro



10B


Are these 6 instructions really different?




Which ones are the same?

- a) Choose a color and in each box paint at least 2 balls of that color
- b) In each box choose a color and paint at least 2 balls of that color
- c) In each box for at least 2 balls choose a color to paint them
- d) Choose a color and in at least 2 boxes paint each ball of that color
- e) In at least 2 boxes choose a color and paint each ball of that color
- f) In at least 2 boxes for each ball choose a color to paint them

Steepest descent algorithm

 **ConectaIdeas** | Name: _____


WRITE AND PAINT

 FIND THE PATH THAT PERRIN FOLLOWS IN EACH CELL IS THE INTENSITY OF THE BONE OOOO.


EACH TIME PERRIN TAKES A STEP TO THE NEIGHBORING CELL WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER, BUT IF THERE IS NO CELL HIGHER THAN THE ONE HE'S IN, THEN HE STAYS THERE.


PAINT IN RED THE PATH THAT PERRIN FOLLOWS, STARTING FROM THE TOP WHERE NUMBER 2 IS LOCATED.

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 HOW DO YOU TALK TO YOUR INNER VOICE?

EXPLAIN IN YOUR OWN WORDS IF PERRIN MEETS PERRON WHO STARTS FROM THE BOTTOM 2


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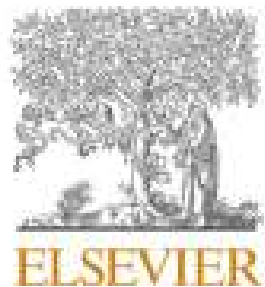
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 WHAT DOES YOUR INNER VOICE SUGGEST TO YOU?

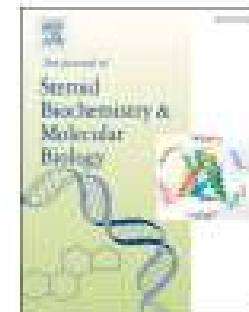
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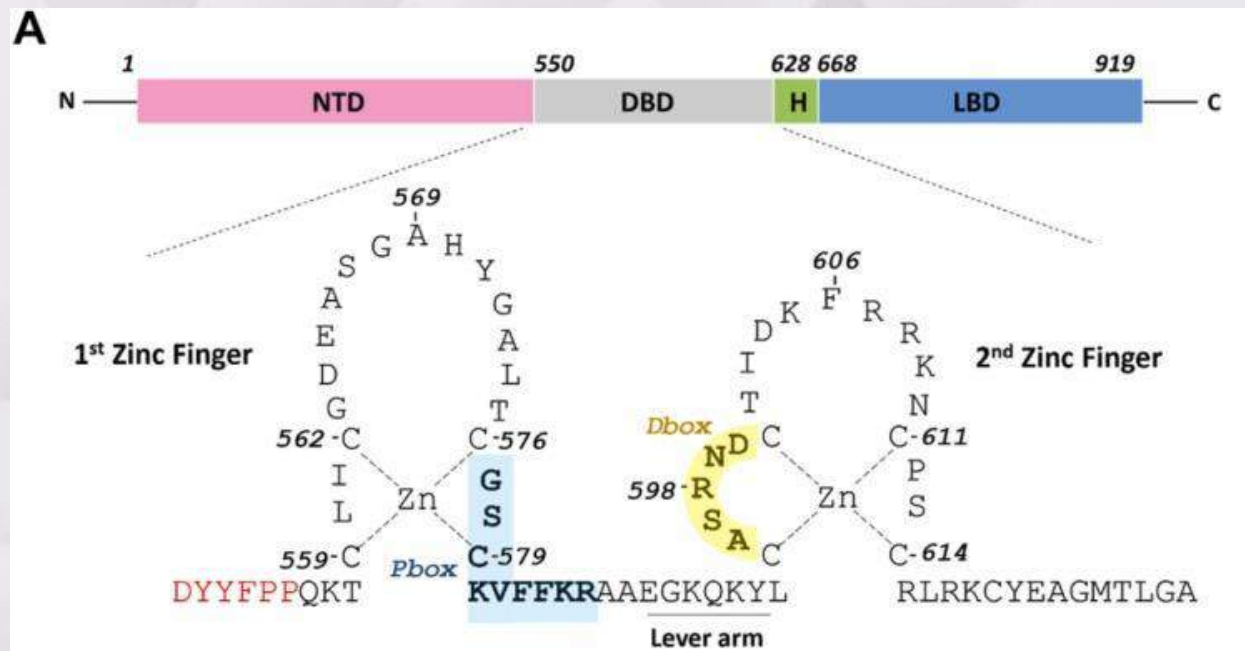
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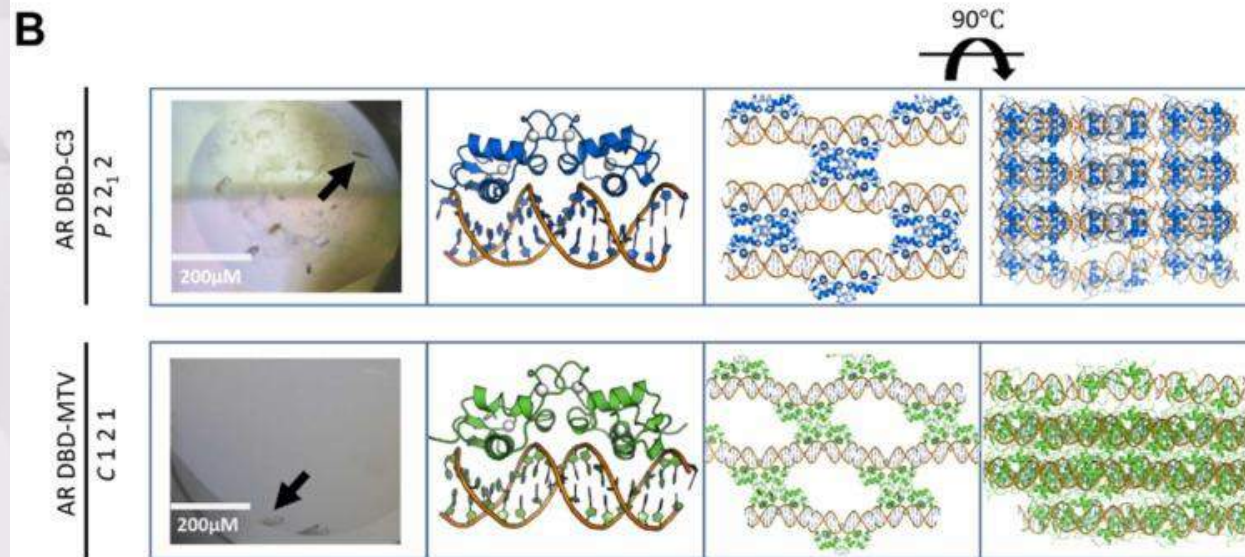
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Androgen receptors allow the body to respond appropriately to these hormones



Protein construct of the Androgen Receptor DNA-binding domain (DBD) co-crystallization and the resulting crystal structures.

A) Schematic representation of the human AR-DBD.



B) The crystal packing of AR DBD.

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Enriching Elementary School Mathematical Learning with the Steepest Descent Algorithm

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Abstract: The steepest descent (or ascent) algorithm is one of the most widely used algorithms in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). However, this powerful mathematical tool is neither taught nor even mentioned in K12 education. We study whether it is feasible for elementary school students to learn this algorithm, while also aligning with the standard school curriculum. We also look at whether it can be used to create enriching activities connected to children's real-life experiences, thus enhancing the integration of STEM and fostering Computational Thinking. To address these questions, we conducted an empirical study in two phases. In the first phase, we tested the feasibility with teachers. In a face-to-face professional development workshop with 457 mathematics teachers actively participating using an online platform, we found that after a 10-min introduction they could successfully apply the algorithm and use it in a couple of models. They were also able to complete two complex and novel tasks: selecting models and adjusting the parameters of a model that uses the steepest descent algorithm. In a second phase, we tested the feasibility with 90 fourth graders from 3 low Socioeconomic Status (SES) schools. Using the same introduction and posing the same questions, we found that they were able to understand the algorithm and successfully complete the tasks on the online platform. Additionally, we found that close to 75% of the students completed the two complex modeling tasks and performed similarly to the teachers.



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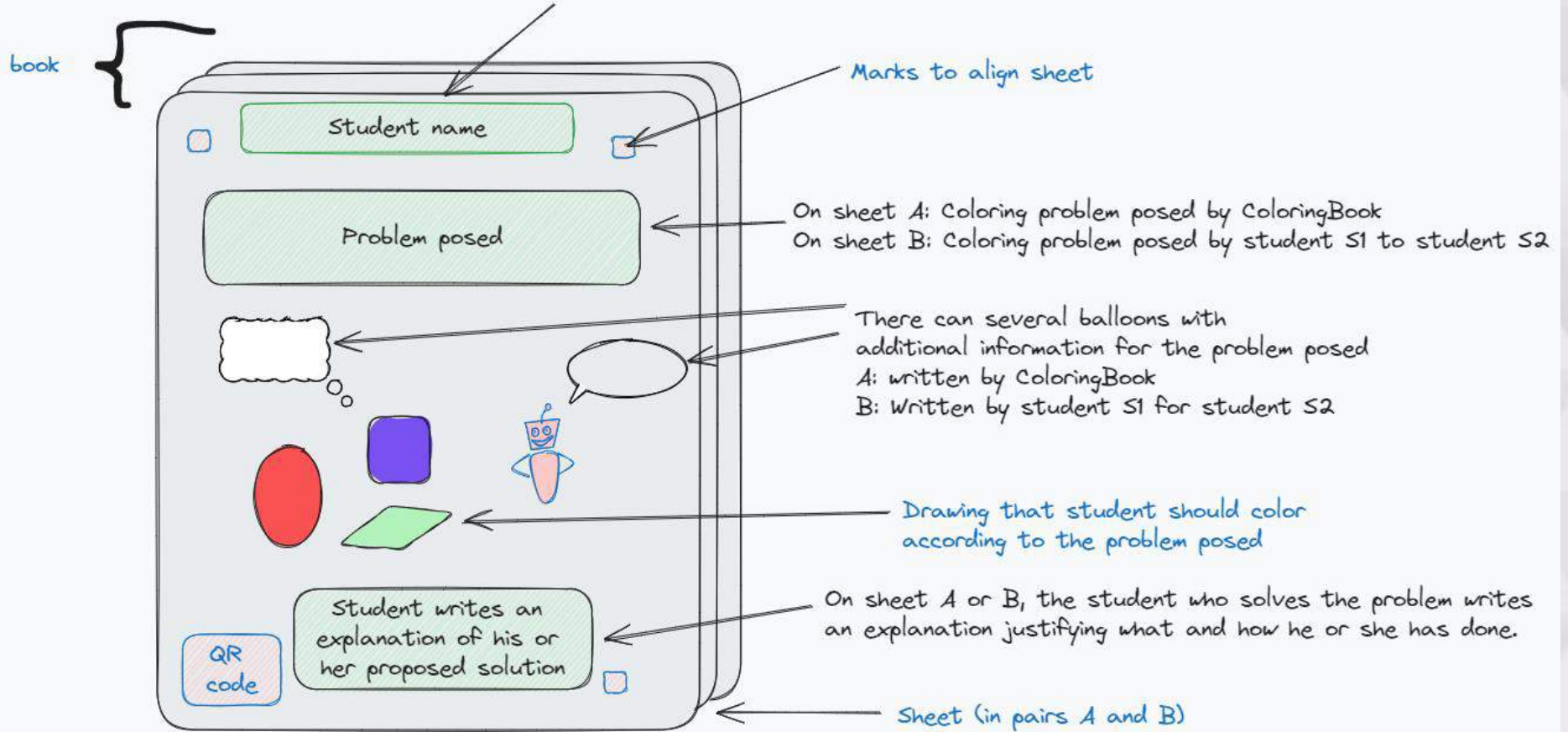
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On sheet A: name of the student (S1) who responds and solve the problem

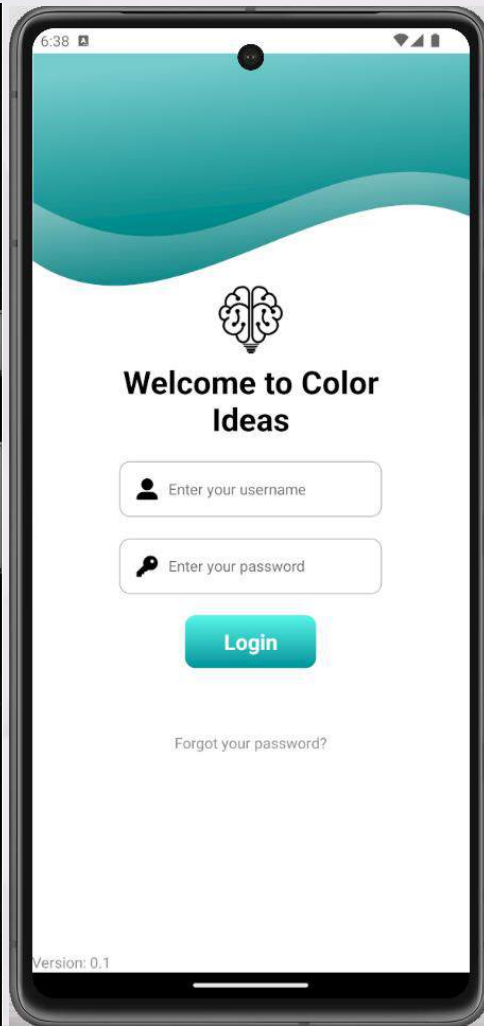
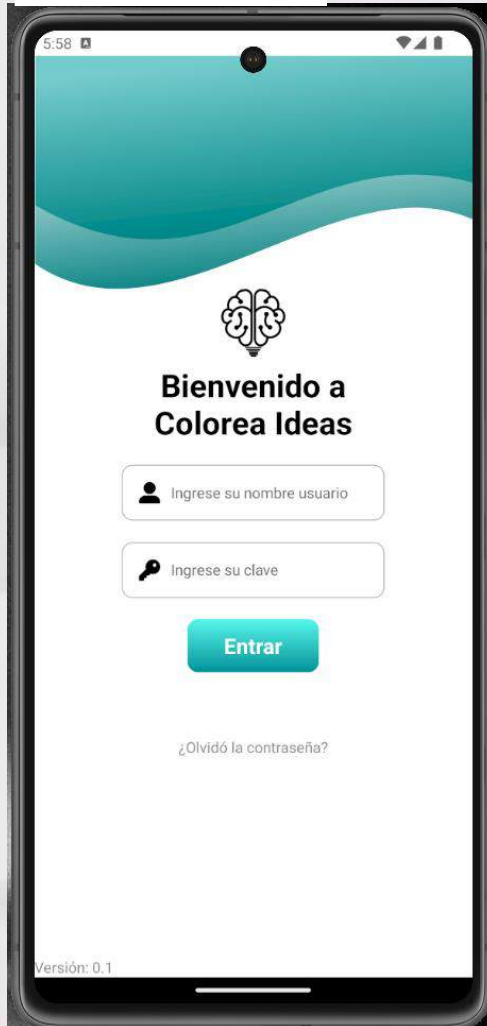
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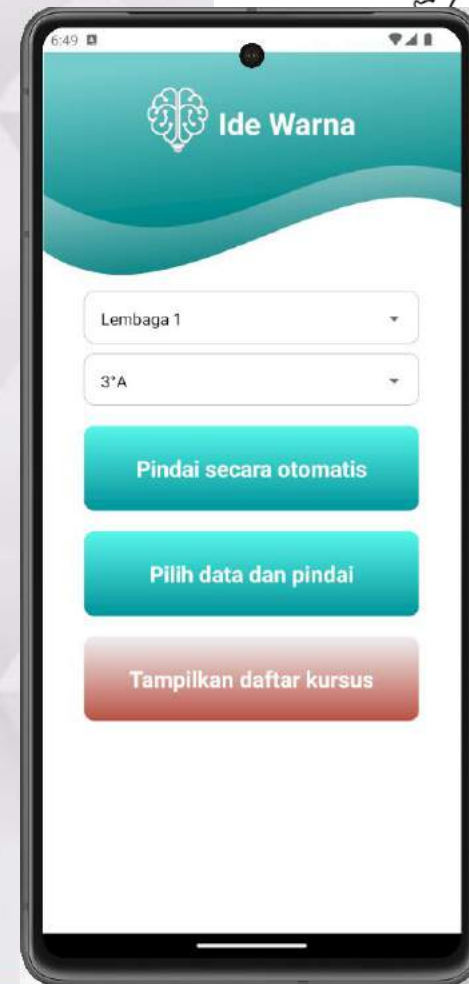
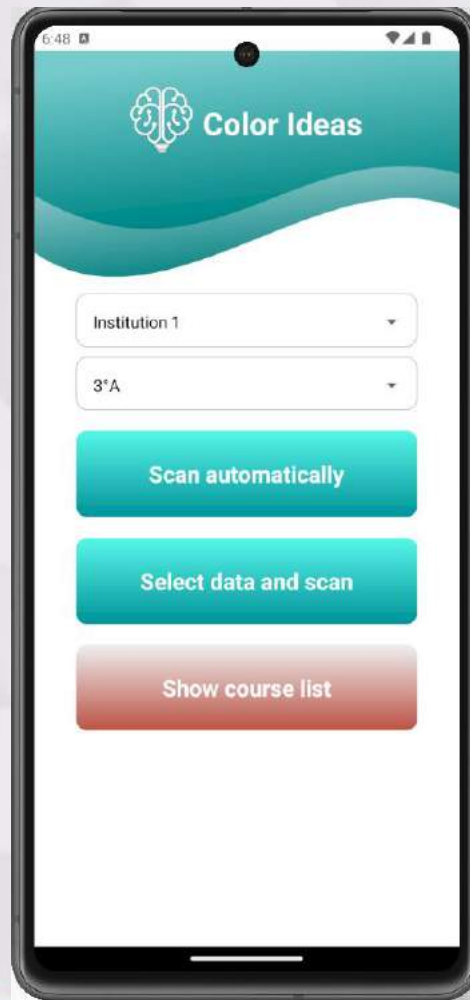


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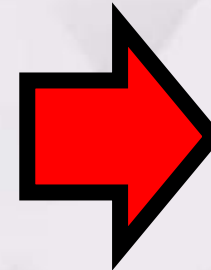
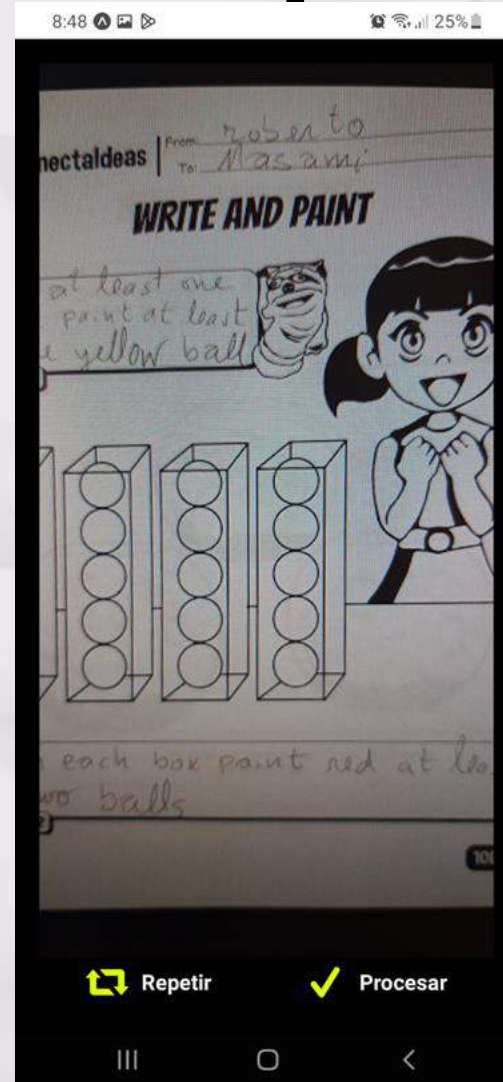
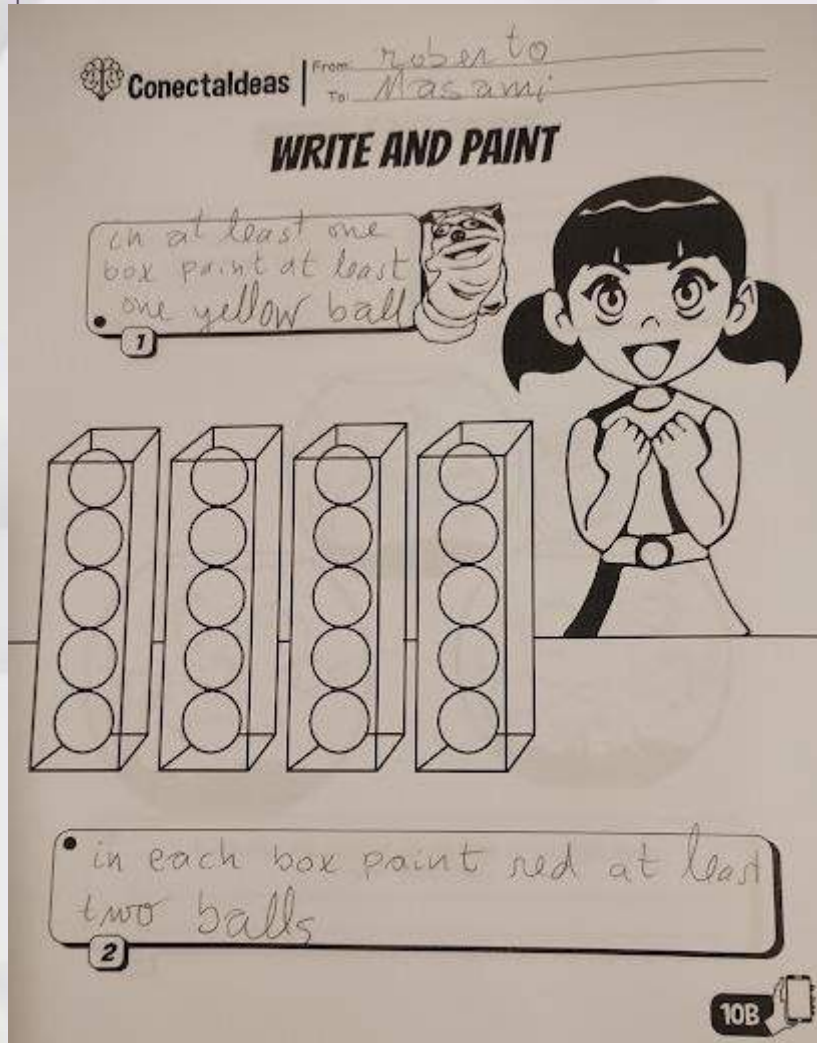




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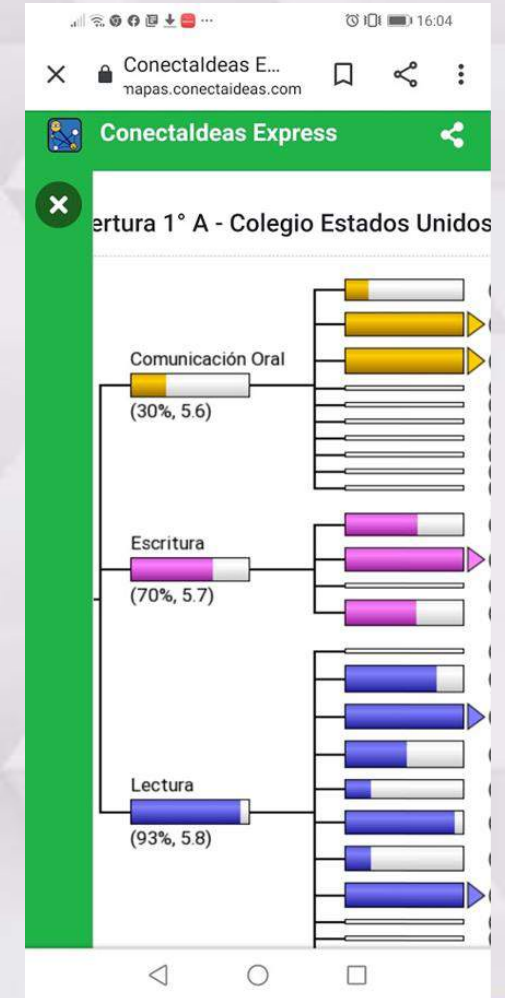
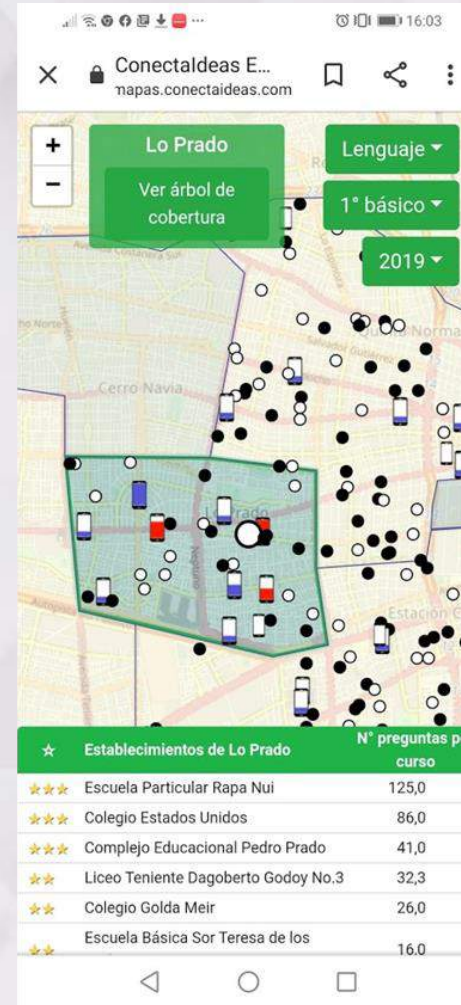
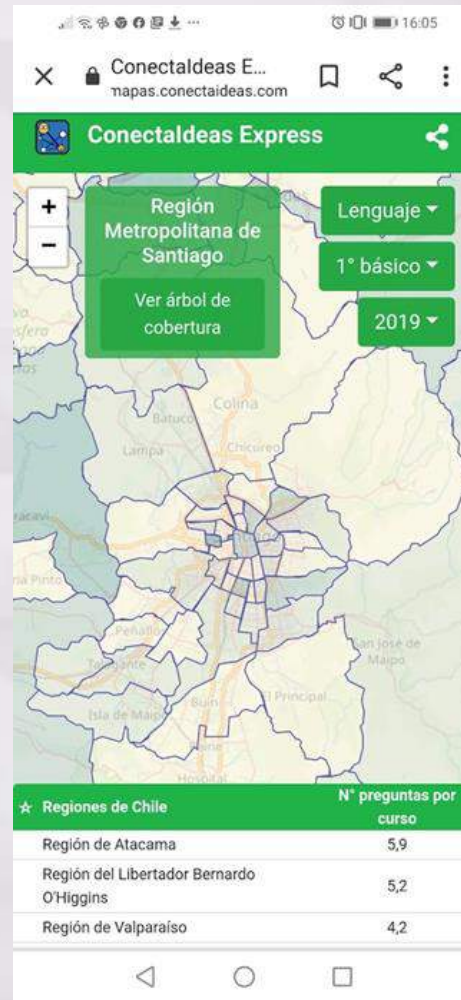
WRITE AND PAINT

in at least one box paint at least one yellow ball

in each box paint red at least two balls

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Big data with students' activities





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Thank you