

# 3 Steps to Increase Math DOK Levels

## Step 1: Find a One-Operation Problem

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

Adding 2-Digit Numbers

Solve.

$$41 + 36 = \underline{\quad}$$

Multiplying Fractions

Solve.

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

Trigonometry

Solve.

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

## 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  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

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

Trigonometry

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

$$\sin \frac{\square}{\square} \pi = 1$$

## Step 3: 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.

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

Multiplying Fractions

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the boxes to make two fractions that have a product that is as close to  $\frac{4}{11}$  as possible.

$$\frac{\square}{\square} \times \frac{\square}{\square}$$

Trigonometry

Using the digits 1 to 9, at most one time each, fill in the four boxes to make a result that has the greatest possible value.

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



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