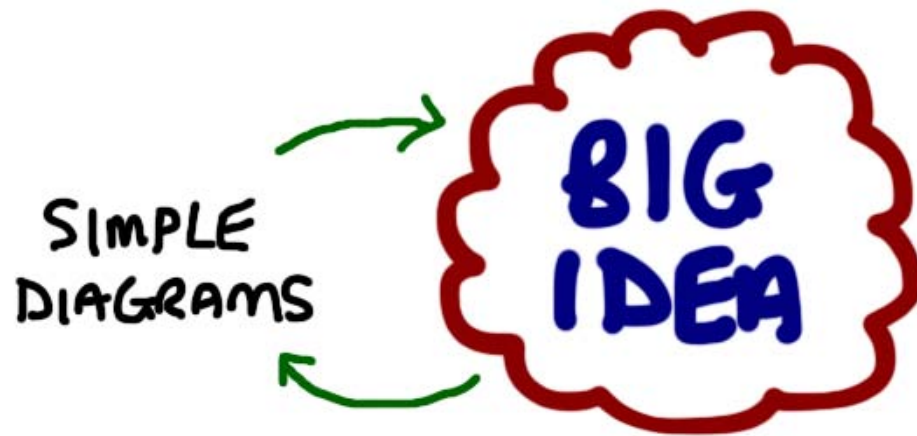


# Big Ideas from Simple Diagrams



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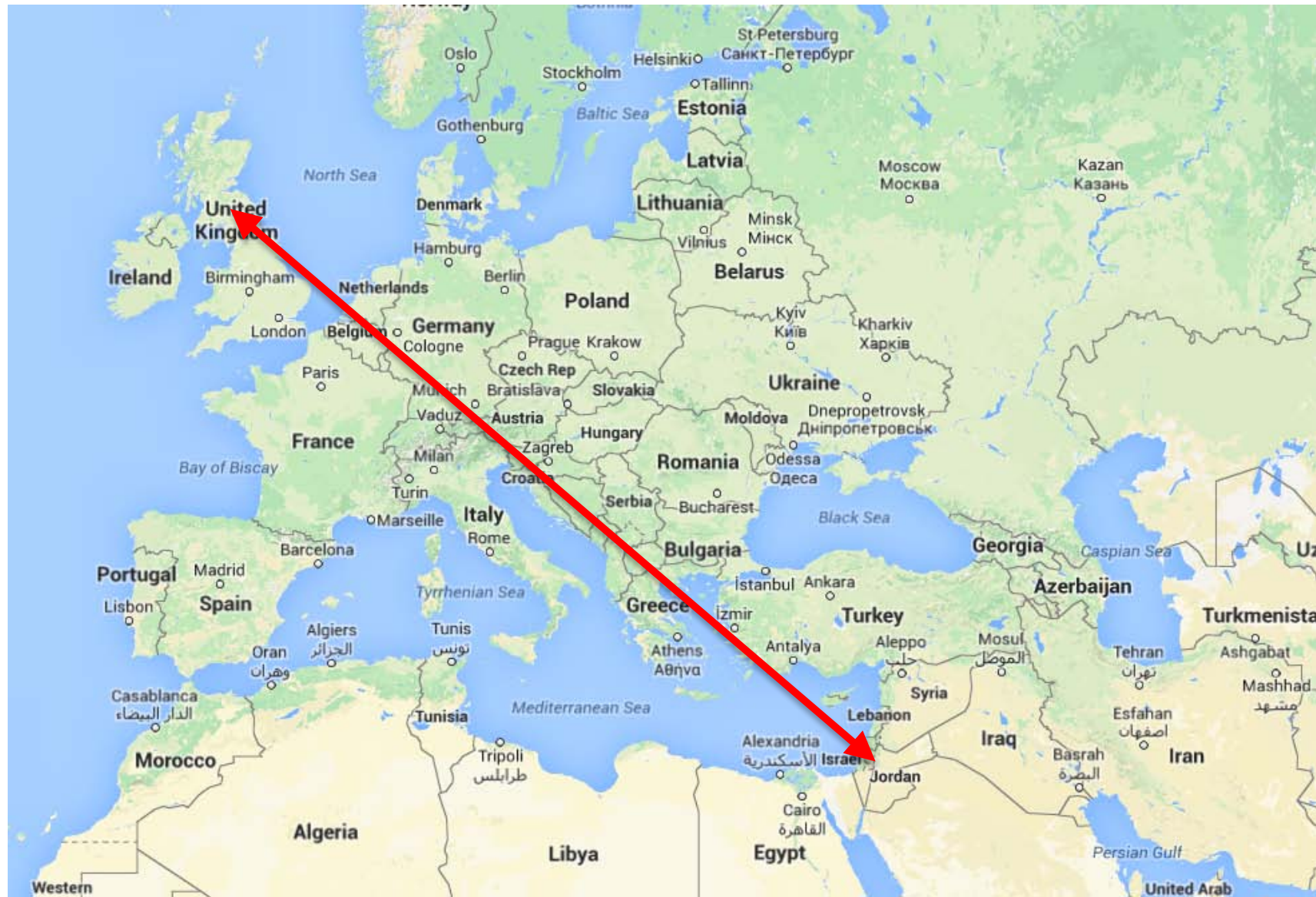
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# **This talk will have a....**

## **A Beginning**

Why the topic for this workshop?

## **A Middle**

Argand Diagram for Complex Numbers

The Sine Rule / Law of Sines

Function Shapes and Rates of Change

(Sum of Normal Distributions is also Normal)

## **An End**

...in 60 minutes' time!

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# IB Theory of Knowledge

“Teachers have freedom to select a teaching methodology ... that will convey the theoretical foundation of essential concepts, and may provide an environment in which these concepts can be discussed and debated.”

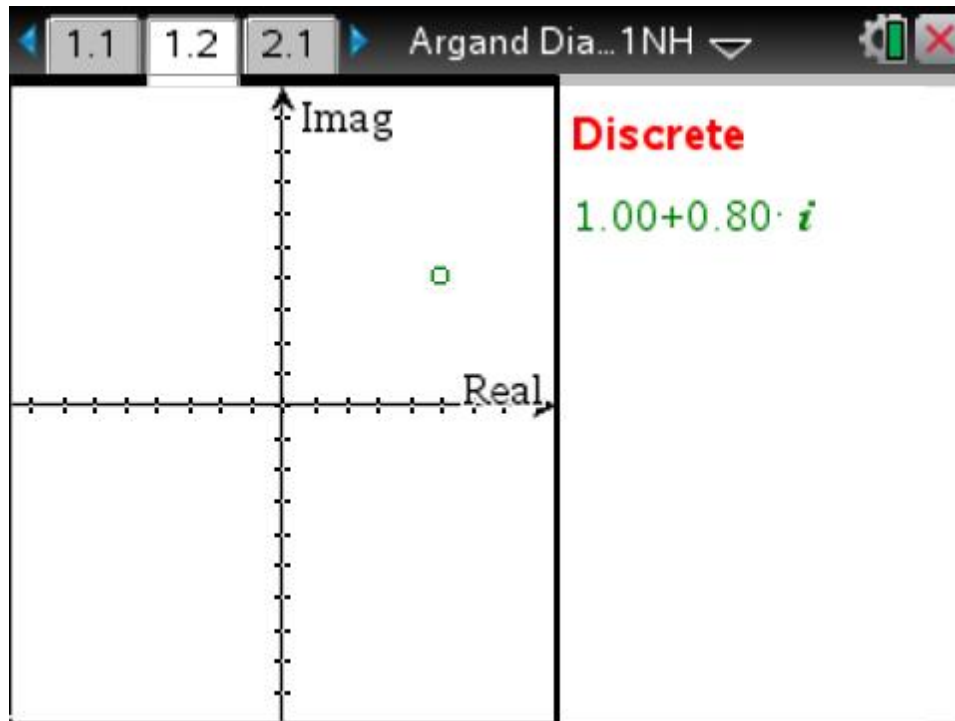
“The focus of the discussion should be .... on the quality of justification and a balanced approach to the knowledge claim in question.”



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# Argand Diagram

## Argand Diagram v1NH.tns

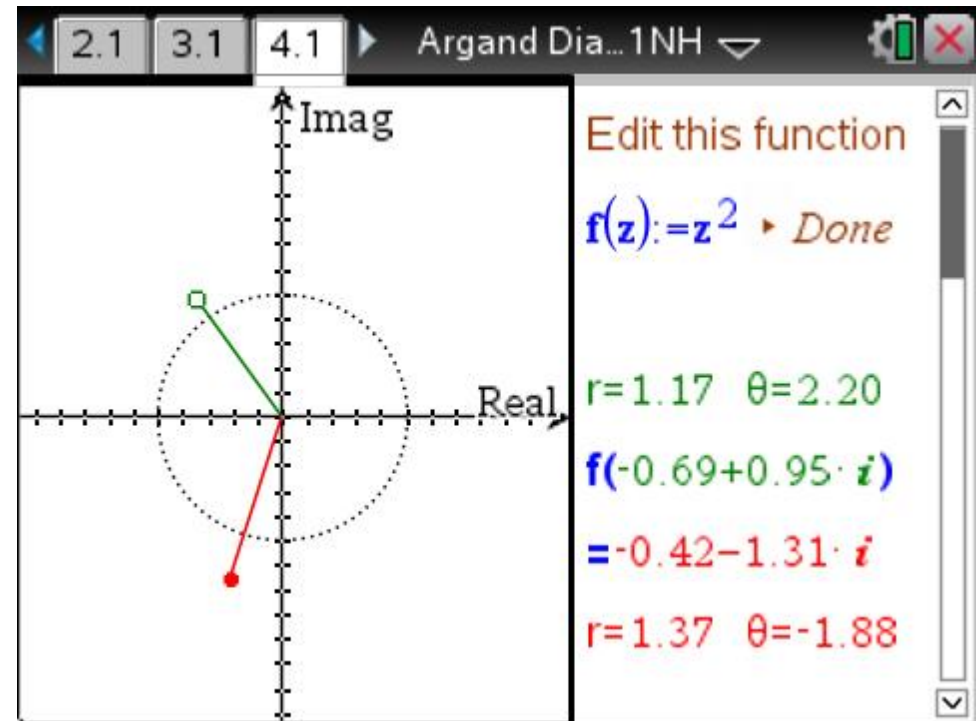


$$f(z) := z^2$$

$$f(z) := z^3$$

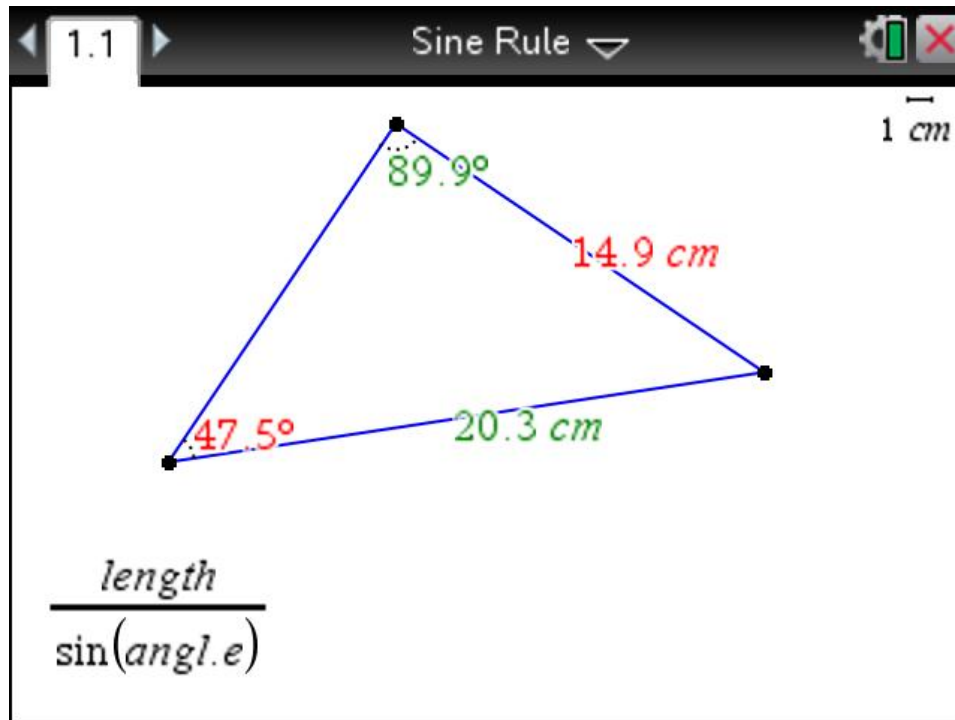
$$f(z) := \text{conj}(z)$$

$$f(z) := 1/z$$



# The Sine Rule / Law of Sines

$$\frac{a}{\sin(A)} = \frac{b}{\sin(B)} = \frac{c}{\sin(C)}$$



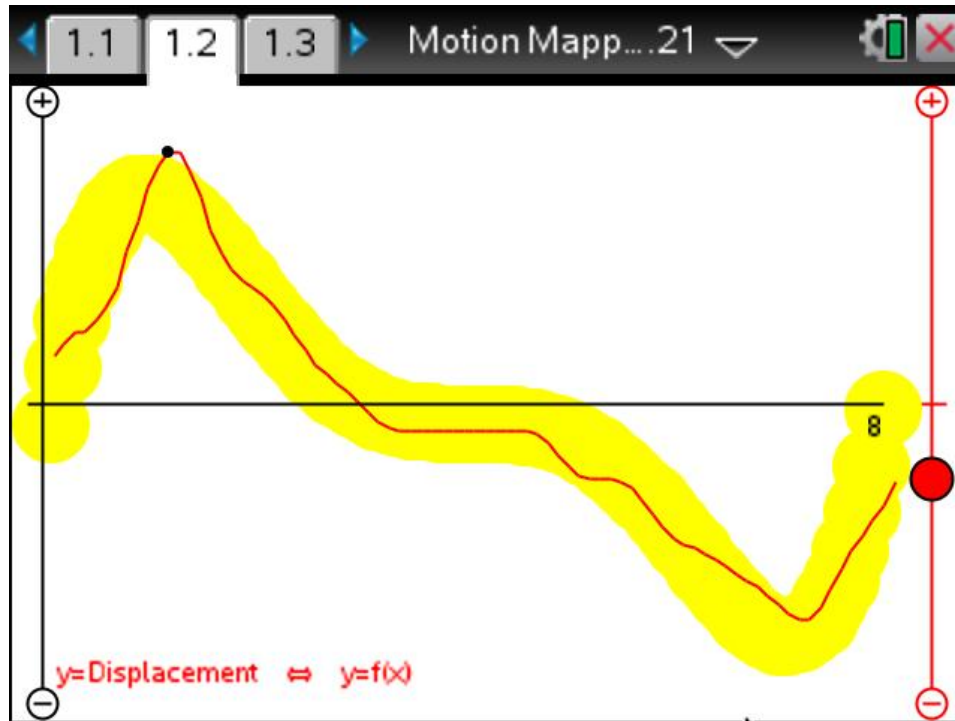
Students need to see this constructed from scratch.

Significance of value generated?

**Reciprocal formula**

# Function Shapes and Rates of Change

## Motion Mapper v0.21.tns

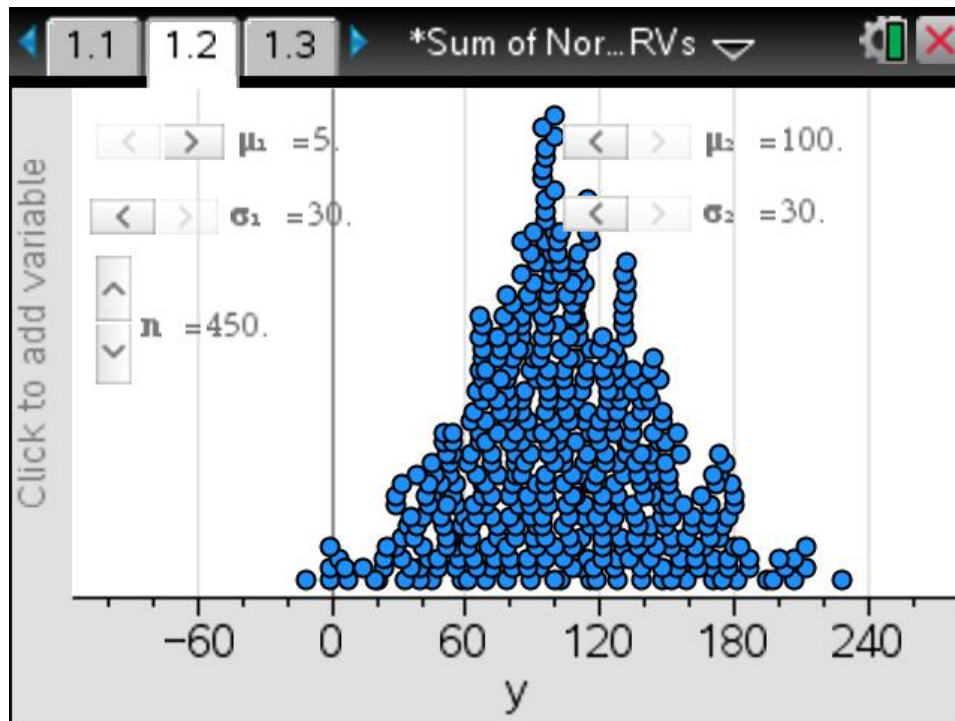


Distance/Time Graph  
Rate of Change  
Gradients  
Stationary Points  
Graphs of the Derivative

Left or Right Handed?

Best on the TI-Nspire iPad App!

# Sum of Normal Distributions is ... Normal?



$$X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$$

$$X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$$

$$Y = X_1 + X_2$$

$$E(Y) = E(X_1) + E(X_2)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2)$$

But is  $Y \sim \text{Normal}$  ?



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**Thank you for coming to my talk.**

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