Changes in the textbook performed by teachers using a Wikibook

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Research Aim:

To study the changes a group of teachers suggest to make in the textbook they use in their classrooms, when editing collaboratively.



Research Questions:

1. What are the characteristics of the changes a group of 7th grade mathematics teachers suggested to make in a textbook they are using in the classroom?

2. What is the contribution of the working environment to the editing process (promote or restrict)?



Methodology:

Participants:

- 9 teachers
- Using the *Integrated Mathematics* for the 7th grade textbook in their classrooms
- Different backgrounds





Research Setting:

- The Integrated Mathematics Wiki-book Project (1st year)
- 5 hours of online work*
- 10 monthly face-to-face meeting during the year*

*- 4 of the participants took an extended form of participation



Research setting - cont'd:

Working environment that includes:

- The Integrated Mathematics Wiki-book website
- Availability of a mathematician for consultation
- Availability of a member of the curriculum development team for consultation
- Technical support



Data Sources:

- The Integrated Mathematics Wiki-book Project website
- Video documentation & field-notes of monthly meetings
- Individual interviews with participants
- Final individual papers of participants
- Researcher's journal



Data Analysis:

Qualitative analysis
1. Building a database
2. Identifying actions through various data sources
3. Characterizing and coding Expanded Mediational Triangle vertices



Initial Findings:

Using the 3 level AT model:





Activity & Motive:

 Creating a modified version of the 7th grade *Integrated Mathematics* textbook



Actions & Goals:

4 main action types:

A) Creating organizers to improve teachers' work and accessibility to parents (4 actions)
B) Organizing textbook presentation to better suit students learning (4 actions)
C) Adding materials for students with low achievements (3 actions)
D) Integrating technological tools for improving teaching & learning (4 actions)



Emphasizing the textbook core

- Done in order to emphasize to the teachers which parts are essential in every lesson \ unit, and should not be overlooked.
- Lesson topics, assignments, summaries & definitions were emphasized.
- Challenges:
 - Should we mark them in the book?
 - What should we mark and how?
- Was not completed conducted only in part of the textbook units



ג. האם כל הביטויים שבחרתם הם שווי- ערך?

בחרו שני ביטויים שווי- ערך והצדיקו בעזרת חוקים והסכמים.





Operations & Conditions:

1. Capabilities of the technological platform:

- Highlighting text
- Altering the editing toolbar
- Adding icon to text

2. Participant skills in using the different tools:

- Editing wiki pages and documenting edits in discussion pages
- Utilizing technical support to assist with solution





א. ענו על השאלות הבאות והוסיפו את הנתונים בטבלה שבחלון הגיאוגברה שלמטה.

ב. כמה מים הוצאו מן הבריכה במשך 10 שעות ? מה כמות המים שנותרה בבריכה לאחר 10 שעות?

ג. כמה מים הוצאו מן הבריכה במשך 10.5 שעות ? מה כמות המים שנותרה בבריכה לאחר 10.5 שעות?

ד. כמה מים הוצאו מן הבריכה במשך 21 שעות? מה כמות המים שנותרה בבריכה לאחר 21 שעות?

מספר השעות מפתיחת הברז	כמות המים בבריכה	
0		
1		
5	$1000 - 20 \cdot 5 = 900$	דוגמה:
10		
10.5		
60		



Operations & Conditions – cont'd:

3. Rules of the project:

- Content of the Wikibook may be changed
- Changes should be documented in discussion pages

4. Knowledge, areas of interest, & beliefs of teachers

- Which parts of the text are vital?
- Should we mark in the book and if so, how?
- Only someone who wants to mark texts will do so



Expanded Mediational Triangle:

Mediating Artifacts: textbook, teachers' guide, face-to-face meetings, various software & internet resources

Subject.: participants and project team members *Object:* 7th grade Integrated Mathematics Wikibook

Outcome: suggestions for modifications

Rules

Community: pupils, teacher colleagues at school, MOE representatives, *Integrated Mathematics* team, *Rothschild*-*Weizmann* participants & team members **Division of Labor**



What's next?

Analyzing the Expanded Mediational Triangle:
 Division of Labor)

• Rules

Related vertices
Development throughout the project



Questions & issues:

- How to make the research well founded using the existing data?
- Which directions should be explored when analyzing using AT?
- How should I represent the analysis to best answer the research questions?



Thank you.

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