Teaching resources and teachers' professional development: towards a documentational approach of didactics



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From digital resources to teachers' documentation work

A new perspective on teachers' *professional development* A context of generalized availability of digital resources for teachers

Previous work about *ICT integration* (Guin et al. 2005), teacher training with a distant platform (Guin & Trouche 2005), e-exercises (Bueno-Ravel & Gueudet 2007)

A general notion of *resource*: « Our conception of a *resourced teacher* then becomes a teacher acting with material and sociocultural resources » (Adler 2000)

A focus on teachers' *documentation work*, out of class and in class

Teachers' resources and documents



Documentational genesis:

 \checkmark a teacher develops a document from a set of resources;

✓ the *document* associates resources, and a cognitive structure, professional knowledge;

 \checkmark a double *instrumentalization/instrumentation* movement: the teacher shapes the resources, and the resources frame the teacher's choices and craft knowledge

Introducing the circle's area



Various resources: a website, an IWB...

Marie-Pierre selects pieces of these resources, recombines them, sets up the course in class, writes on the IWB and records a paperboard for her students.

Operational invariant, professional knowledge (example!): "a new area formula must be justified by a cutting and recombining of the pieces to form a figure whose area is known"

Further questions

Methodology: studying the teachers' documentation work, various times and places, a challenge?

Documentation/orchestration

Structure of the *documentation* systems/structure of activity

Collective dimensions: a key issue.



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Further details

A paper (online, to be published):

Gueudet, G., & Trouche, L. (2009), Towards new documentation systems for mathematics teachers? *Educational Studies in Mathematics* (to be published)

A website dedicated to this documentational approach (Gueudet, G., & Trouche, L.), possible and necessary (for us!) comments:

http://educmath.inrp.fr/Educmath/recherches/projets-derecherche/approche documentaire