In this activity you are going to explore some of the functions of the new handheld TI-Nspire ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ calculator. Open up the Intro-proof.tns file by pressing the $\mathbf{C}$ key. Select 6:MY DOCUMENTS, scroll to the file, and press
$\cdot$ Figure 1 shows what the Intro-proof.tns file looks like when it is open on your TI-Nspire ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ handheld.


## Initial Problem: Old Method

1. Read the opening screen press / e to move to the calculator section of the screen. Simplify the expression.

Simplified expression $=$ $\qquad$
Q1: Could you do this without the calculator? Can you just jump to the answer without showing work? Explain.

## Problem \#1: A New View

2. Press / $\mathbb{\$}$ to get to the next page of problem one (1.2).
3. You are now looking at a proof format of the evaluation process. It shows every step of the simplification process - your brain on algebra.

Q2: How does this method differ from the old method? What are the benefits? Explain. $\qquad$
4. Work through pages $1.3,1.4,1.5,1.6$, and 1.7. Follow the directions on the pages. Use your notes or your textbook if you need help with naming the properties.
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## Problem \#2: An Extension

5. Navigate to problem 2.
6. Use the calculator tool in the bottom of the split screen to locate values of $a$ and $b$ that answer the question. Locate 3 distinct values of $a$ and $b$ that satisfy the conditions.

| Pair One | $\mathrm{a}=\ldots$ | $\mathrm{b}=$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pair Two | $\mathrm{a}=\square$ | $\mathrm{b}=$ |
| Pair Three | $\mathrm{a}=\square$ |  |

7. Use the above information to help you answer the question on 2.2.

## Problem \#3: Geometric Connection

8. Navigate to problem \#3.
9. Press $\mathbf{D}, 1$ : Tools, and 5: Text.
10. Move the arrow tool over to one of the empty sides and $\boldsymbol{a}$. Enter the value of the side.
11. Repeat for the next side.
12. d to stop the text tool.

Q3: How would you calculate the perimeter of the rectangle? What expression would you set up to calculate the area of the rectangle? $\qquad$
13. Use the next screen to show all of the steps necessary to calculate the perimeter of the rectangle.

Area $=$ $\qquad$
Perimeter $=$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$

## Problem \#4: Rules, Rules, Rules

14. Navigate to problem \#4.
15. You are now viewing the rectangle problem using a spreadsheet.

Q4: What do the columns represent? $\qquad$
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Q5: What are the rules for columns B and C? Explain what they represent.

Q6: Do all of the values make sense? Explain why or why not. $\qquad$
16. If any of the data values make no sense, move to a cell on the row, press
and . to delete the values.
17. To add data, go to the next empty cell in column $A$ and enter an $x$ value. Press $\cdot$.
18. Using the Fill down function...
$\checkmark$ Move up using the NavPad cursor control until A1 is boxed in.
$\checkmark$ Press the $\mathrm{ga}^{\mathrm{a}}$ at the same time. This will highlight the first two cells in the A column.
$\checkmark$ Press b 3: Data and 3: Fill Down
$\checkmark$ Move down using the NavPad until the highlighted border is in cell A10.
$\checkmark$ Press the $\cdot$ to fill the column.
Columns B and C should automatically fill in since formulas have been used.
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## Problem \#4: Getting a Visual

19. Press / and the $\mathbb{\$}$ on the NavPad to move to the next page of problem 4.
20. Press b, 3: GRAPH TYPE, and 3: SCATTER PLOT.
21. Press • to open the $x$ field and choose your $x$ variable using the NavPad and '. Do the same for the $y$ variable. You will need to choose the perimeter variable here.
22. To get a better view press $\mathbf{B}, 4$ : WINDOW, and 9: ZOOM-STAT.

Q7: Mathematically and in context, complete the sentence. As the variable x increases the ... $\qquad$

Q8: Explain why this relationship is reasonable to expect. $\qquad$
23. Use the ` to move to S2. Plot the $x$ value versus the area.

Q9: Mathematically and in context, explain the relationship. $\qquad$
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Q10: Compare and contrast the area and the perimeter of the rectangle.
$\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

## Screen Shots




