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# MATHEMATICS TEACHERS WORKING IN COLLABORATION AND USING TECHNOLOGY

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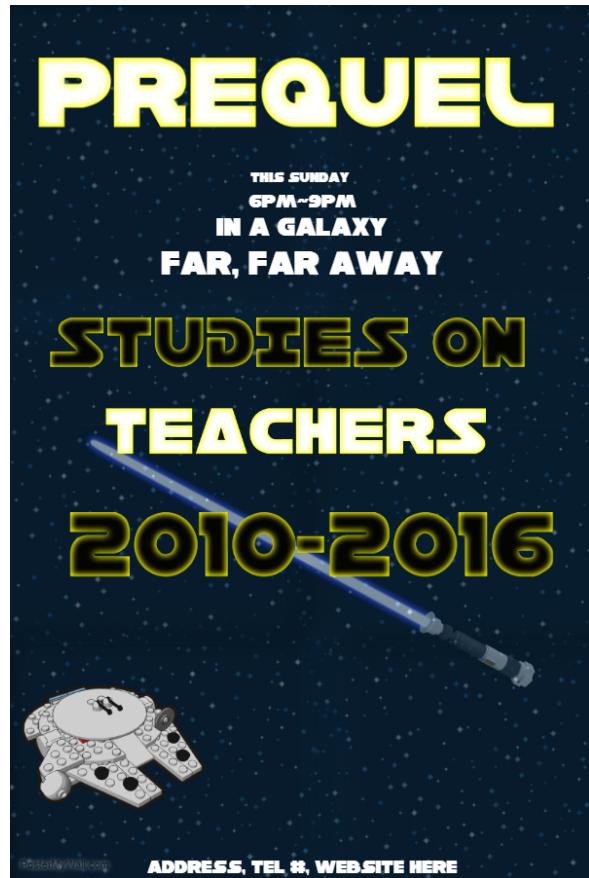
**I am particularly happy to speak to you today**

**I specially thank my colleagues who take part in this project with me: Arzarello, Bini, Carante, Prodromou, Trinchero**

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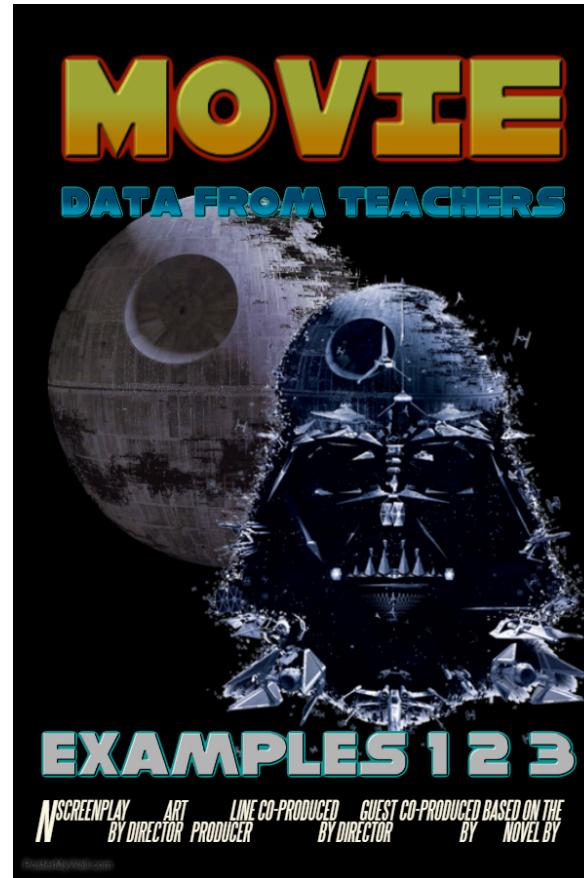
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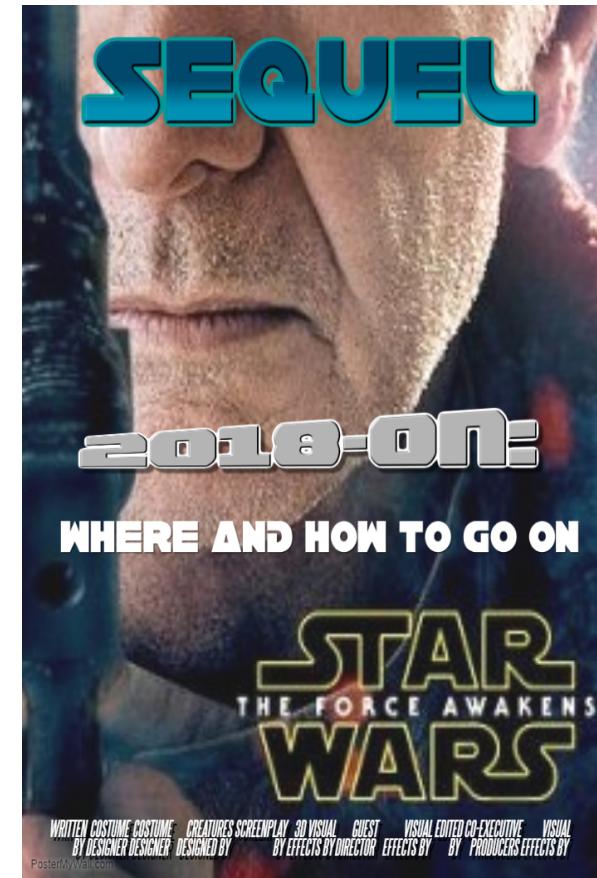
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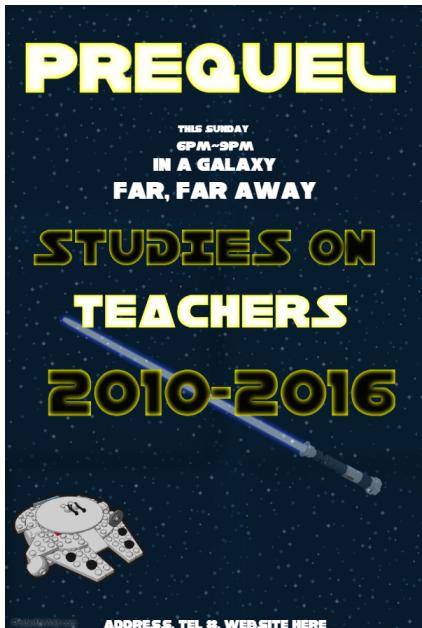
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## STUDIES ON TEACHERS

My interests on teachers come from a long time ago (about 30 years), in the sense that I have been engaged in teachers' professional development courses, especially on the use of technology and the teaching practices.

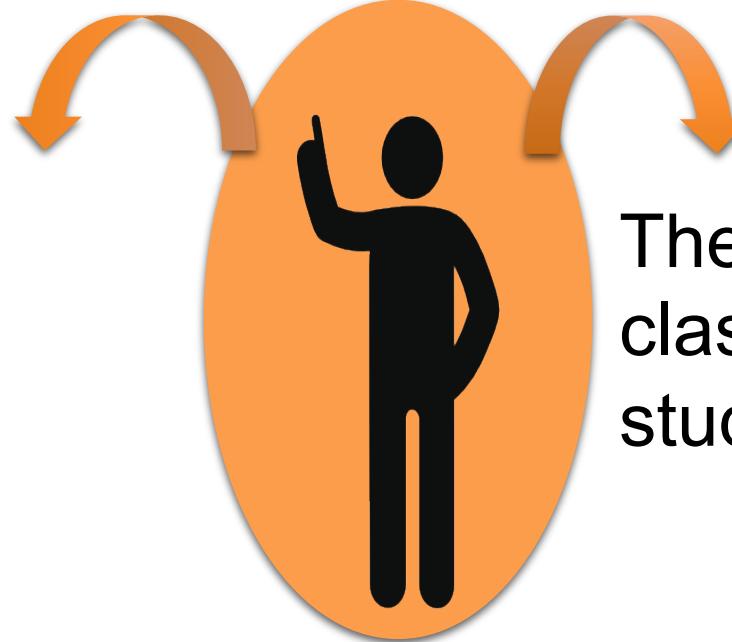
I began to study teachers as a research topic in 2010, after PME congress of 2009, participating at some presentations on this theme.

Moreover, since I have been involved in many national and local teachers' education programmes, I was interested in developing a theoretical frame to describe teachers while working together and with researchers in their professional development.

# DEMANDS FROM RESEARCH



The teacher as a member of a community of professionals



The teacher in the classroom with her students

the advent of this era has brought about a re-conceptualisation of the relationship between the teacher and the researcher, arguing that in most of the international research studies, the question is not *what* is taught in classrooms, but *how* it is taught.

**THE ERA OF THE TEACHER (Sfard, 2005)**

# DEMANDS FROM THE INSTITUTIONS

## NEW NATIONAL CURRICULA: 2010 SECONDARY & 2012 PRIMARY SCHOOL (MINISTRY)

- Teaching for competences
- Conjecturing and arguing
- Problem solving
- Laboratory of mathematics
- New topics: statistics and probability, modeling, differential equations, spatial Cartesian geometry

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT (2008 – INVALSI)

- Theoretical frame of reference for mathematics: processes and topics
- National tests at grade 2, 5, 8, 10, and (next year) 13



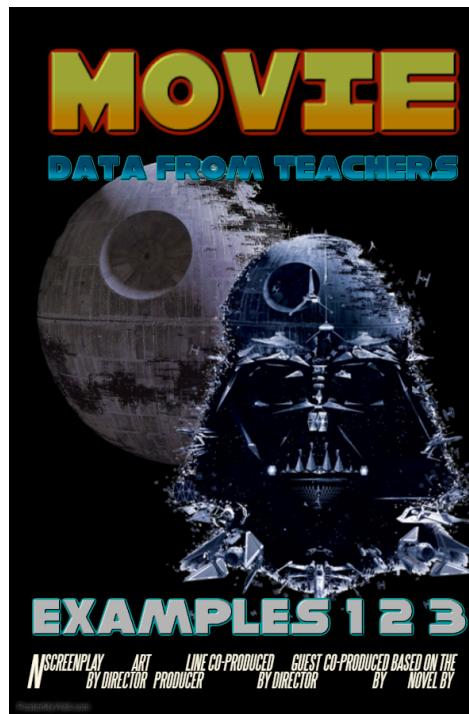
# **ANSWERS OF RESEARCHERS**

**Meta-Didactical Transposition framework**  
(Arzarello, Robutti, Malara, Garuti, Cusi, Sabena, Martignone, National Seminar in Didactics of Mathematics – Italy, 2012)

TO ANALYSE AND TO DESCRIBE TEACHERS'  
PRAXEOLOGIES WHEN INVOLVED IN  
PROGRAMMES OF PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT, IN CONTACT WITH  
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## EXAMPLE 1 - PLS

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES WITH GEOGEBRA



## A TEACHER: RICCARDO

Riccardo is a teacher of secondary school not so used in giving students activities to be solved with GeoGebra: he usually prefer to show solutions on the interactive whiteboard. And he does not know well geometry from a theoretical viewpoint.



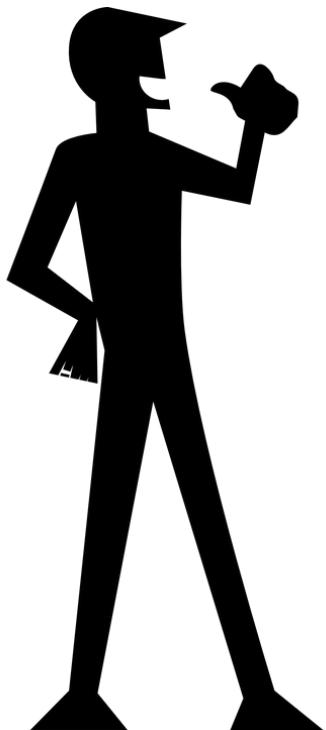
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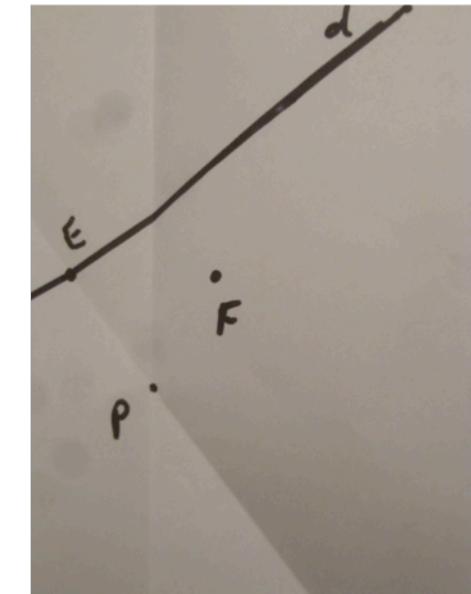
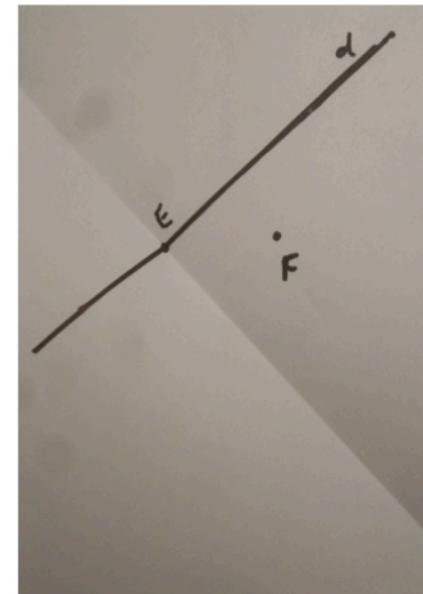
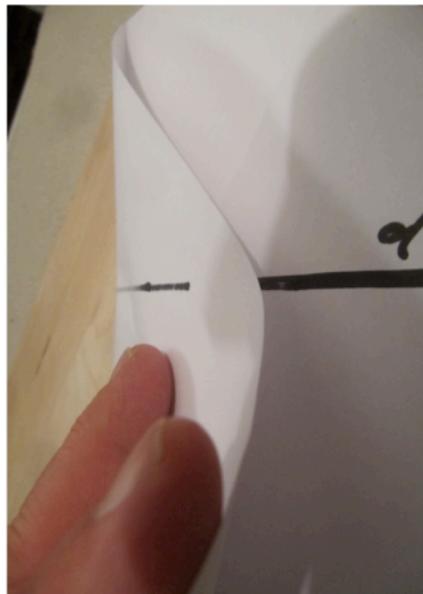
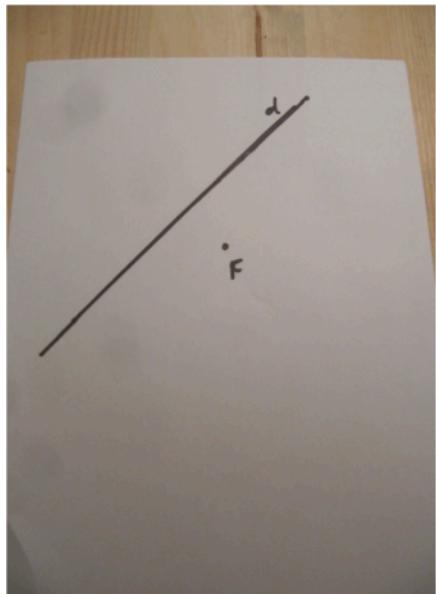
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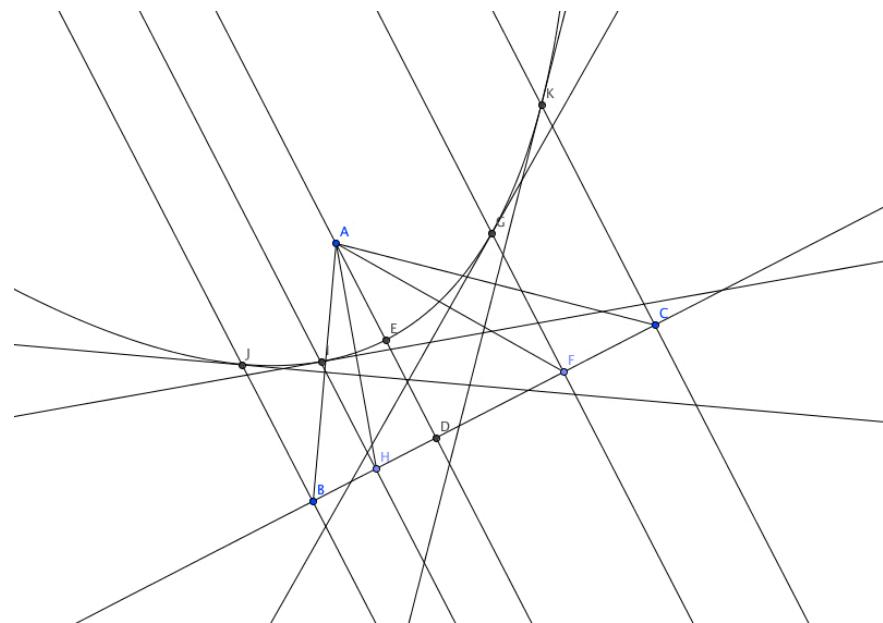
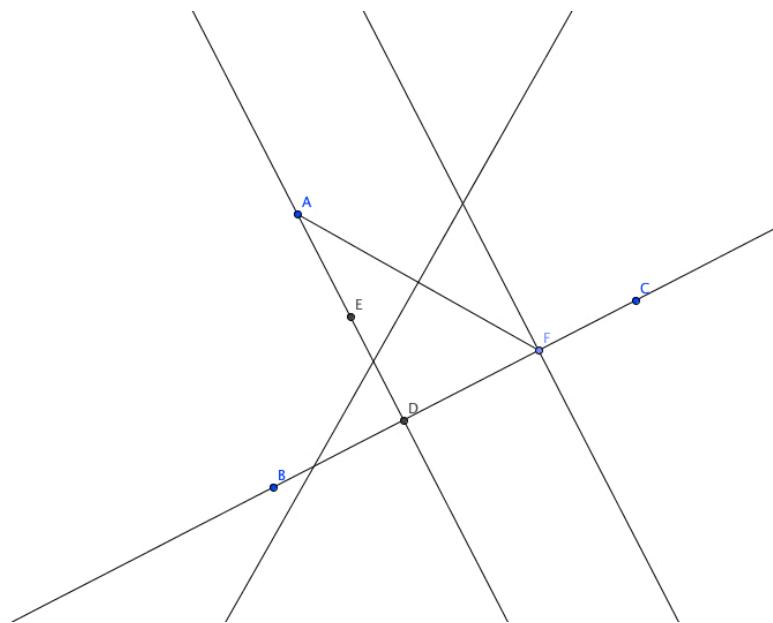
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A point and a line – folding on the vertex – folding in another point

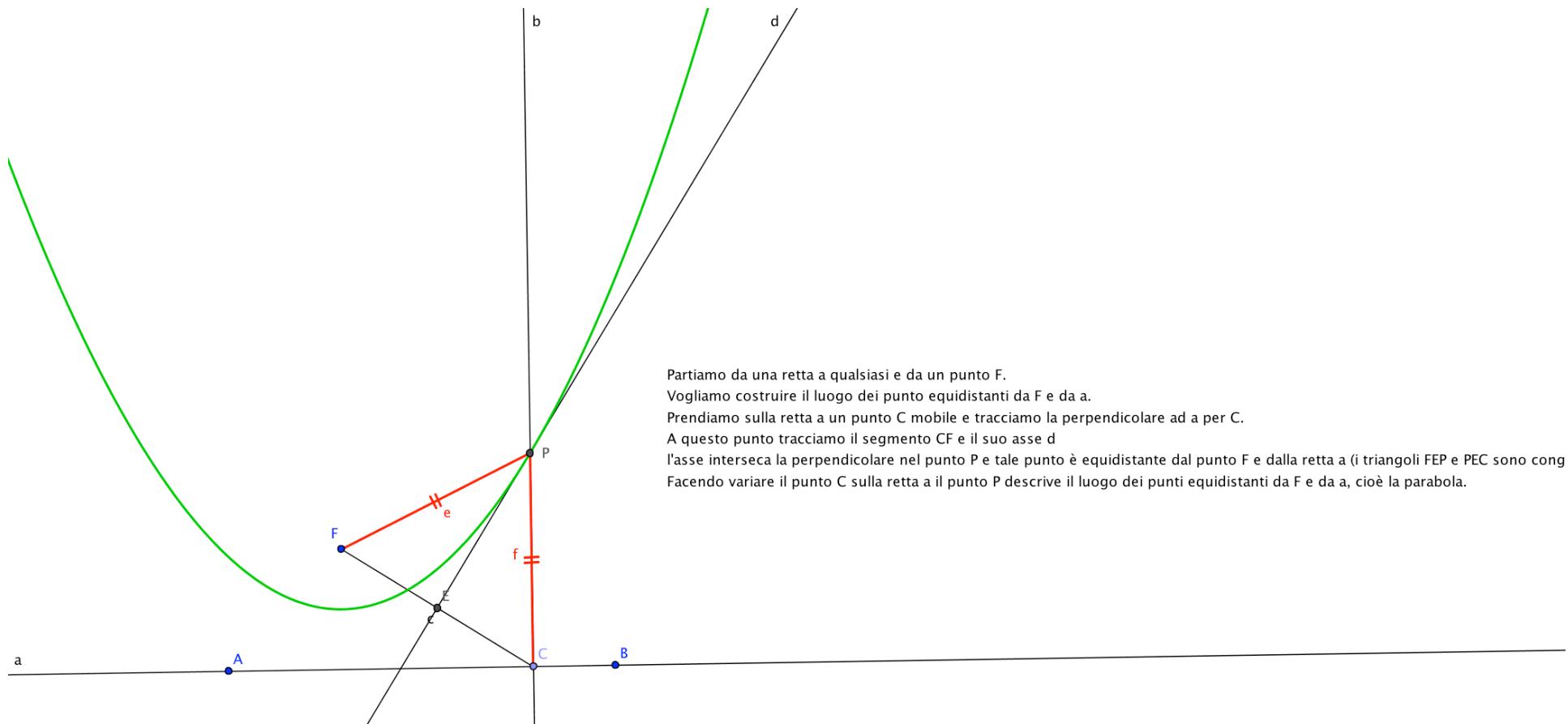


# RICCARDO PARTICIPATES TO THE PARABOLA ACTIVITY – construction in GeoGebra, with the same steps

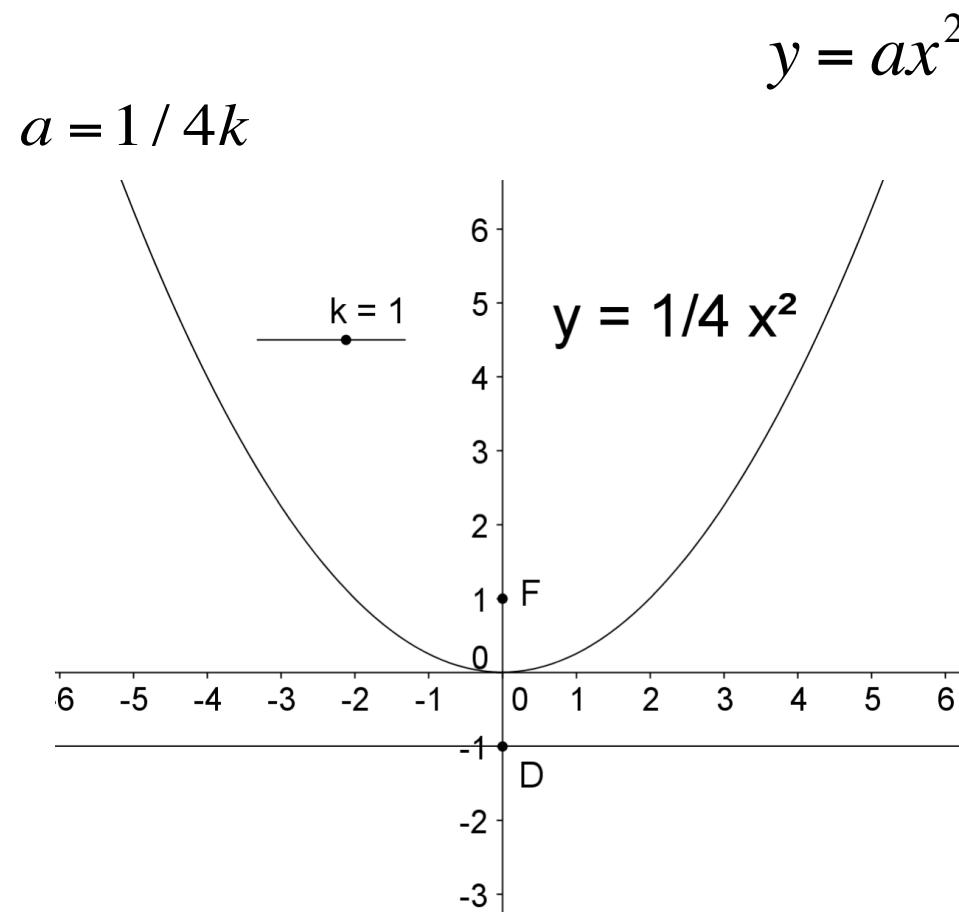
Perpendicular line in the focus and in other points & axis of the segment



# RICCARDO PARTICIPATES TO THE PARABOLA ACTIVITY – Dynamic use of trace and locus to visualise the parabola in GeoGebra



# RICCARDO PARTICIPATE TO THE PARABOLA ACTIVITY – Algebraic aspects in GeoGebra with sliders



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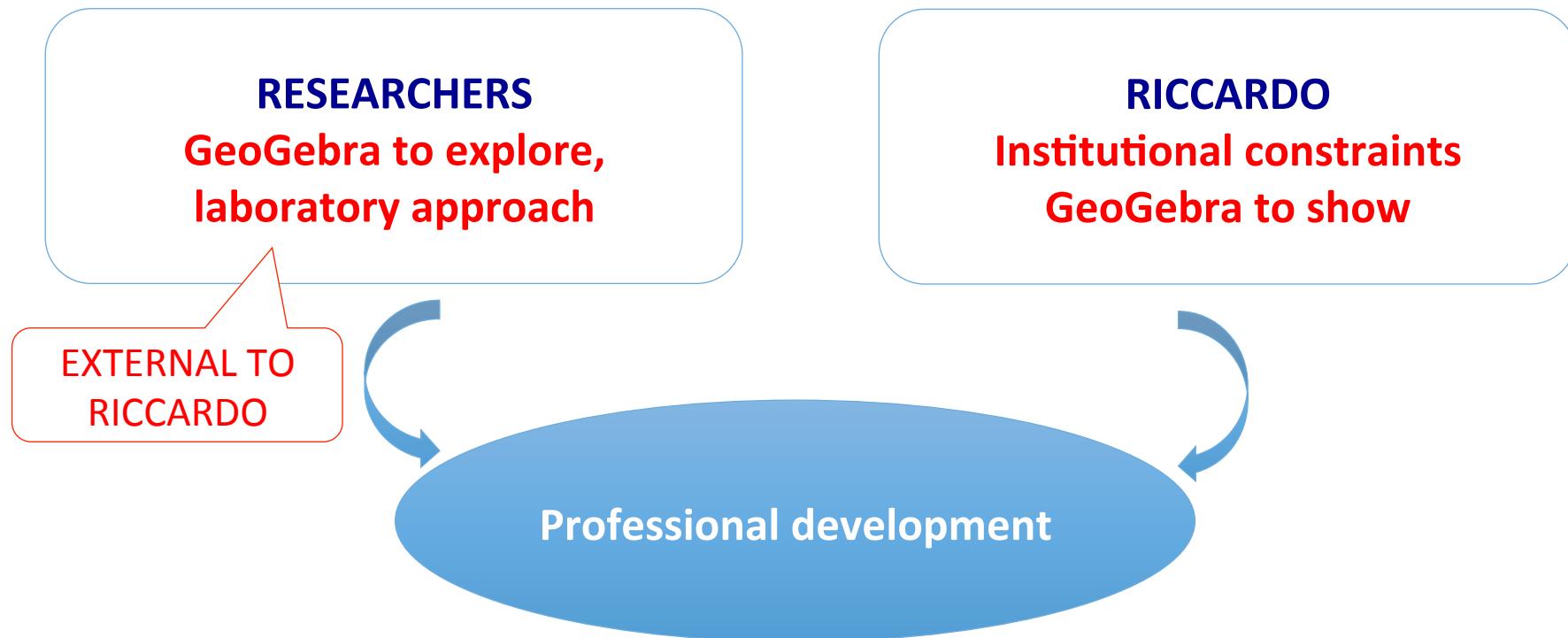
## RICCARDO IN THE INTERVIEW

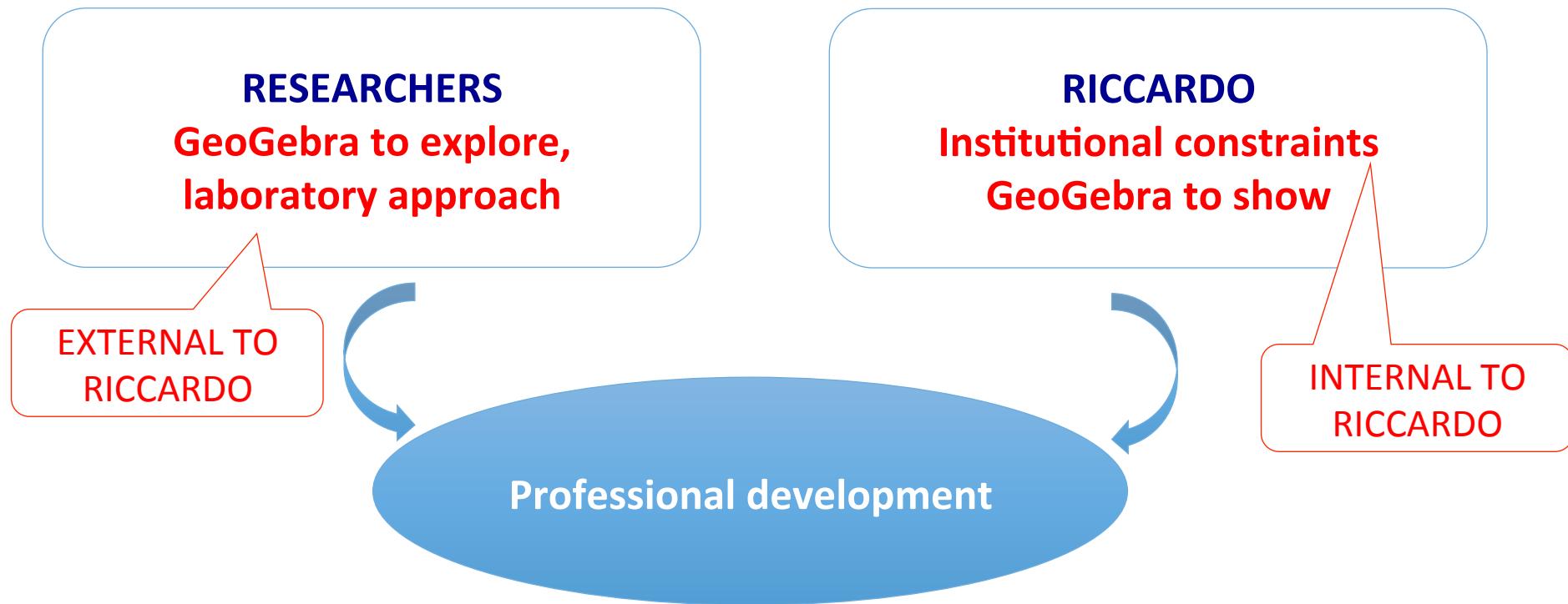
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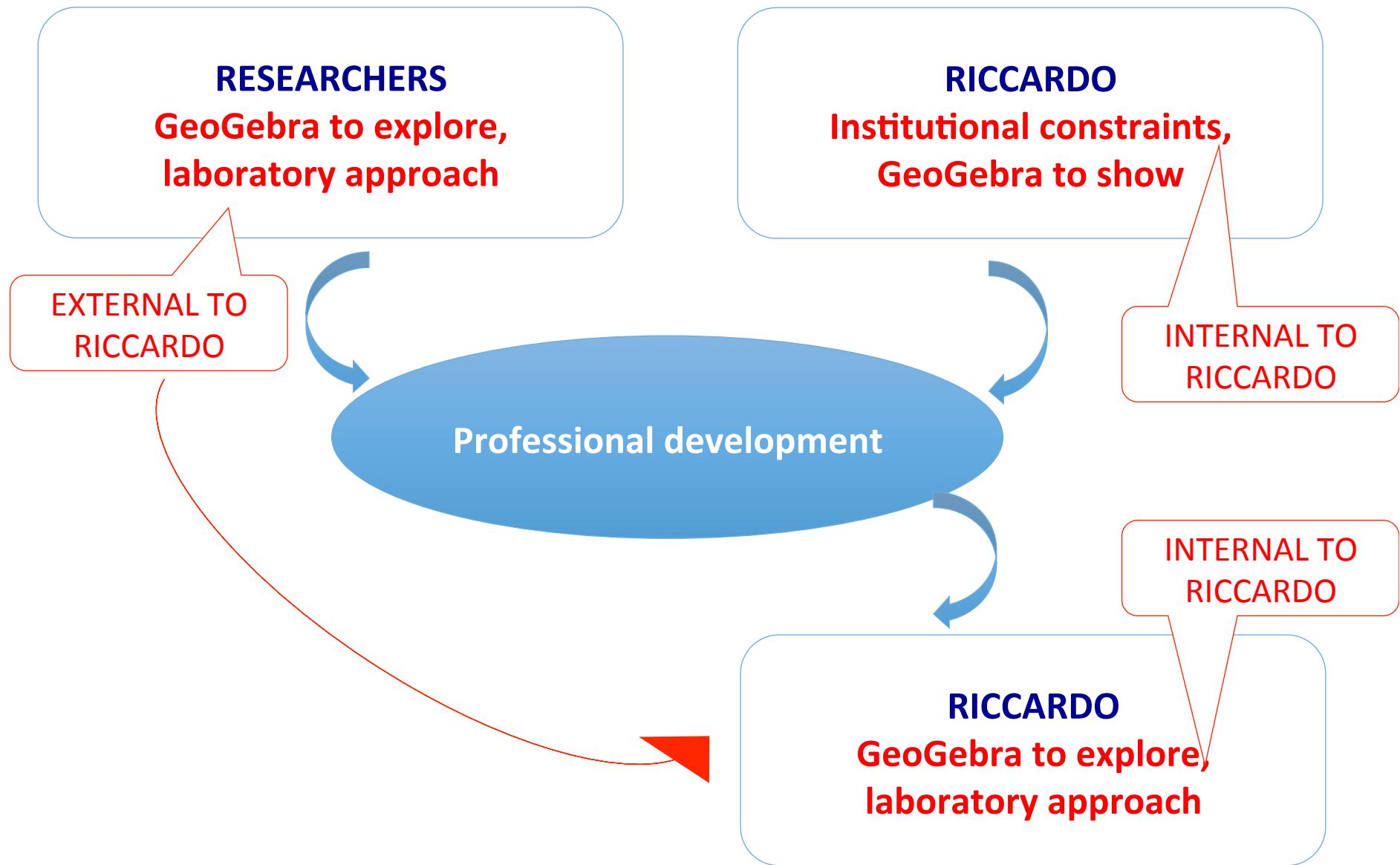
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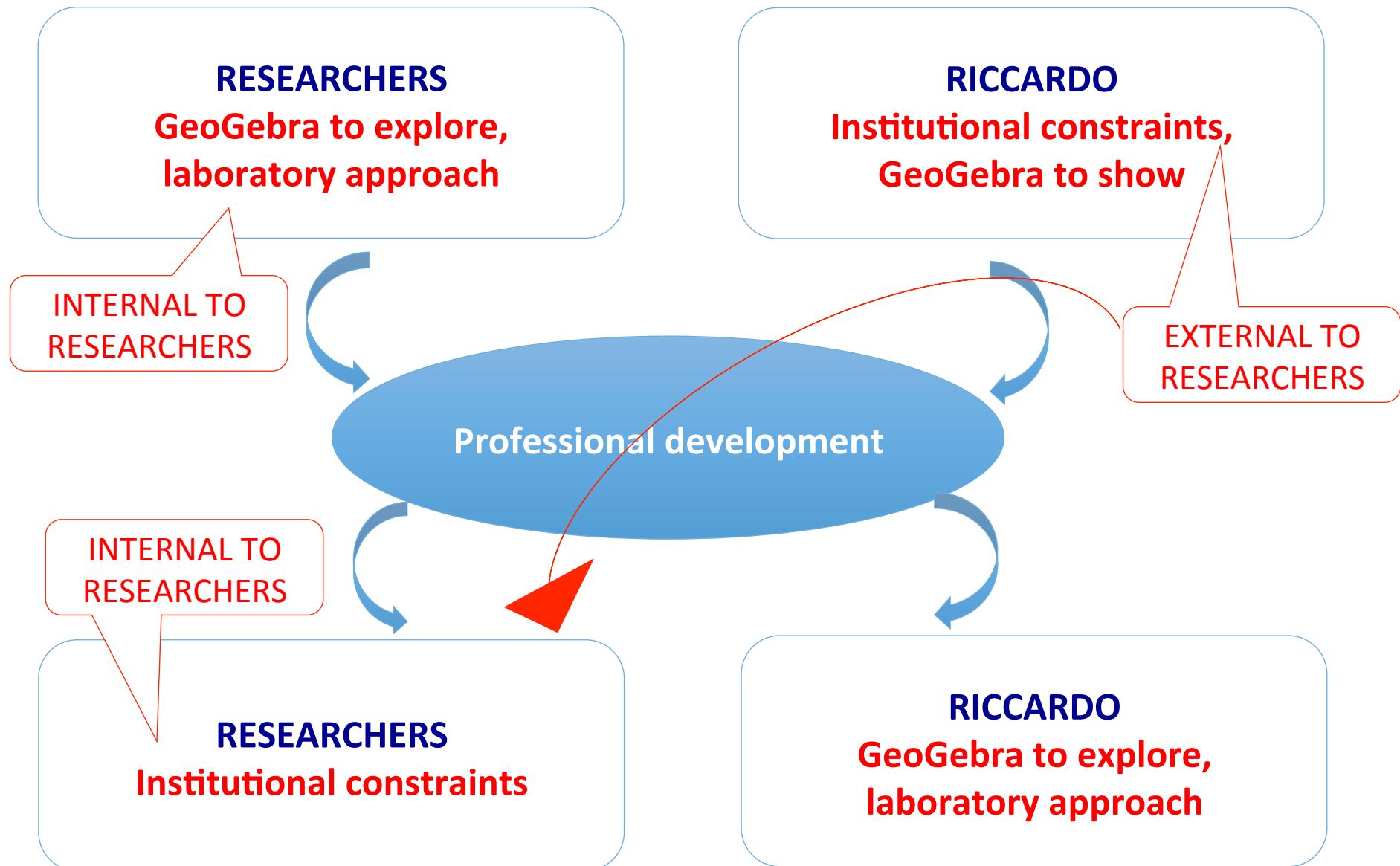
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# PRAXEOLOGY (Chevallard, 1999)

A **praxeology** can be **mathematical** (if referred to a mathematical task to be solved by the students), or **didactical** (if referred to the teachers activity when engaged in a lesson).

## COMPONENTS of the praxeology

### 2 PRACTICAL:

- **Task**
- **Technique** to solve the task

### 2 THEORETICAL that validate the use of that technique:

- **Justification** of the technique
- **Theory** that supports justification

# **META-DIDACTICAL PRAXEOLOGY**

## **(Arzarello et al., 2014)**

REFERRING TO THE TEACHERS' IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

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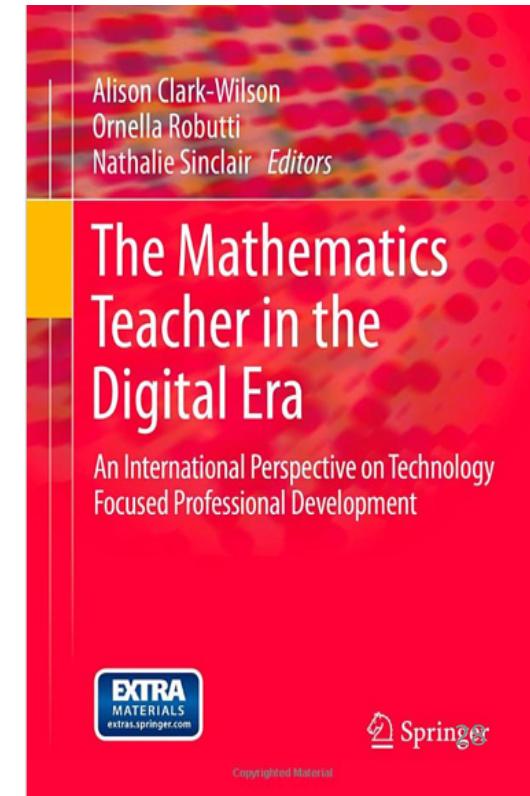
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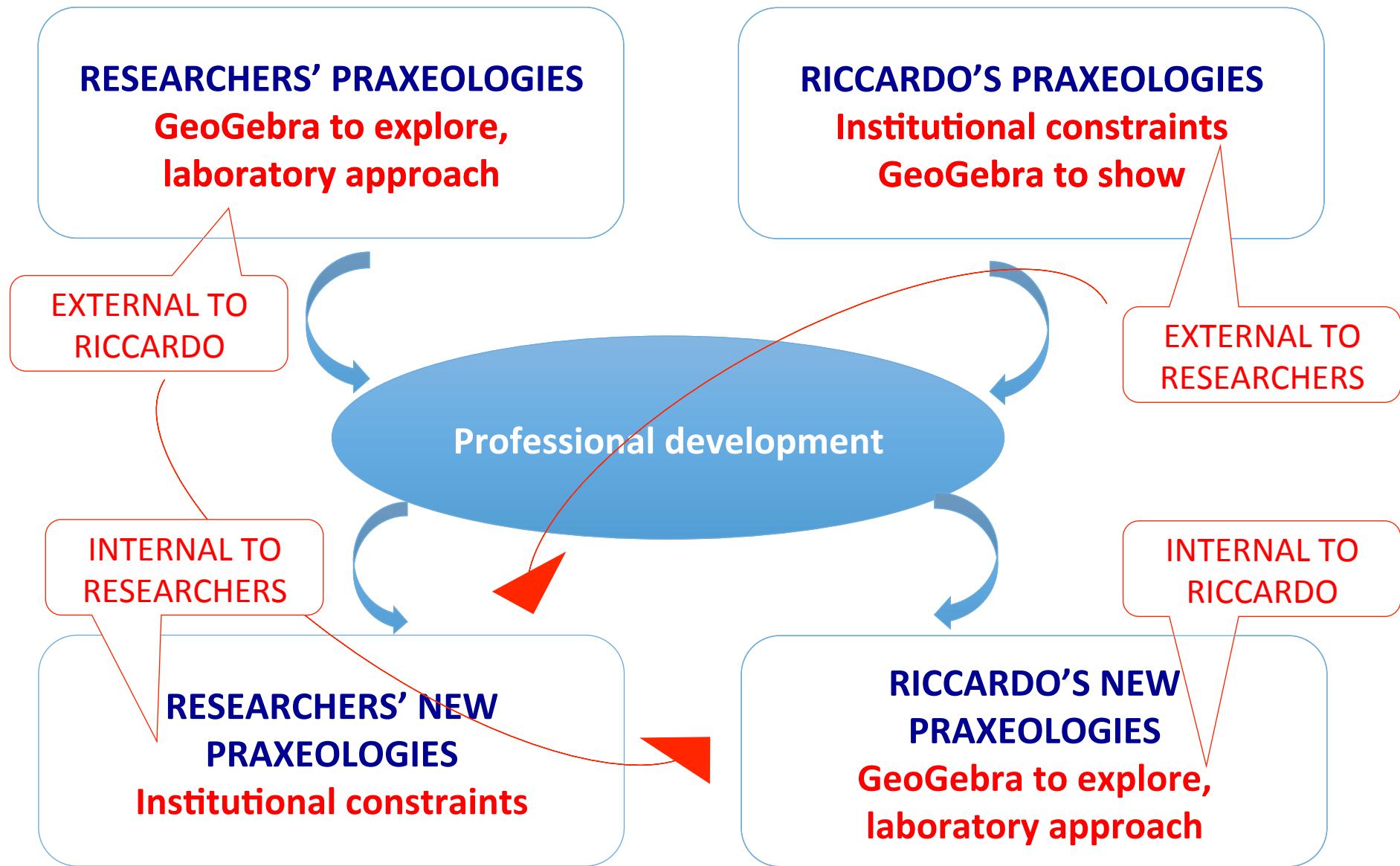
# THE ERA OF THE TEACHER: Meta-Didactical Transposition framework

- Arzarello, Robutti, Malara, Cusi, Sabena, Martignone, Garuti, 2014
- Aldon, Arzarello, Robutti, Malara, Cusi, Sabena, Martignone, Garuti, Seury-Lavergne, PME 2013
- Clark-Wilson, Cusi, Goos, Robutti, Thomas, PME 2014

**The META-DIDACTICAL TRANSPOSITION: a chance to observe evolution in teachers' and researchers' praxeologies towards shared praxeologies.**



# PRAXEOLOGIES COMPONENTS

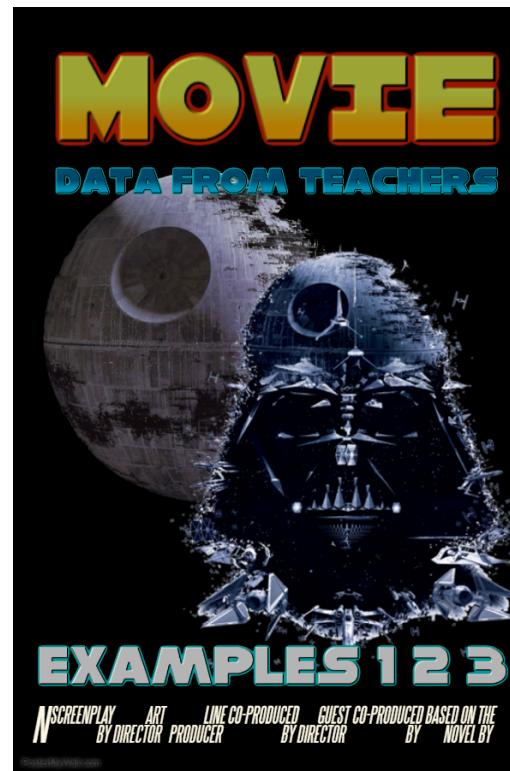


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## EXAMPLE 2

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN MERLO PROJECT – STATIC APPROACH

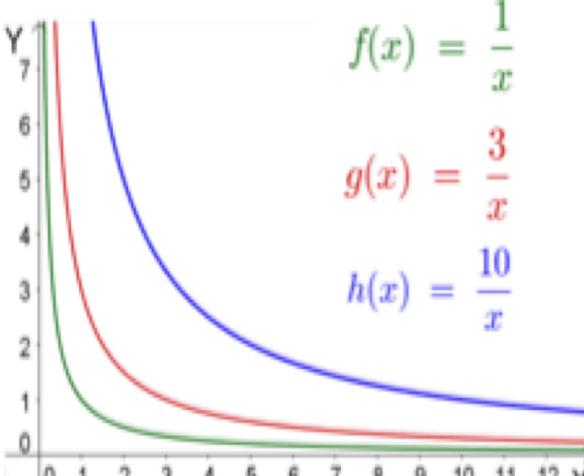
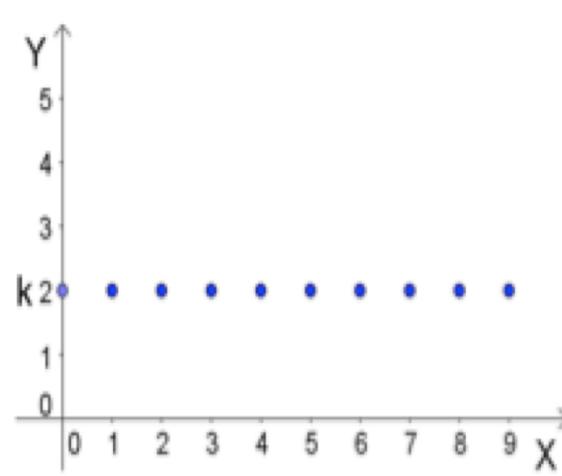


# **MERLO PROJECT: Meaning Equivalence Reusable Learning Objects**

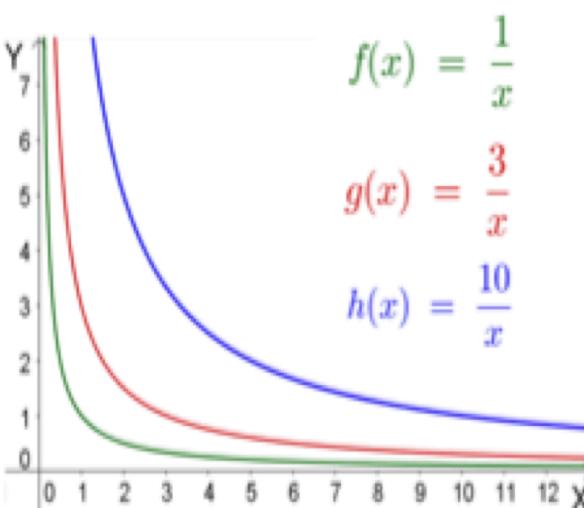
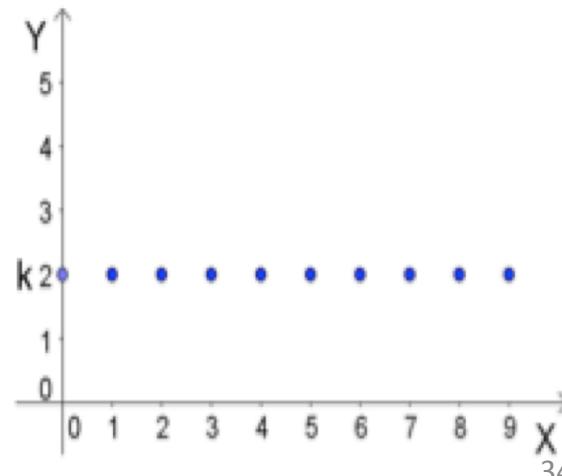
MERLO is a project of RESEARCH & TEACHER EDUCATION involving different countries

- 1. Canada** (Shafrir, Etkind, Sinclair)
- 2. Israel** (Kenett)
- 3. Italy** (Robutti, Arzarello, Carante, Bini, Trinchero)
- 4. Australia** (Prodromou)

# Students' version: TASK

	A [ ]	B [ ]	
	<p>1. Mark the statements (at least two) that share the same mathematical meaning. 2. Write the reasons that guided your choice.</p>	$y = \frac{k}{x}$ <p><math>k</math> constant</p>	<p>Two inversely proportional quantities <math>X</math> and <math>Y</math> have fixed product</p>
C [ ]	D [ ]	E [ ]	
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ $g(x) = \frac{3}{x}$ $h(x) = \frac{10}{x}$	$y = \frac{k}{x^2}$ <p><math>k</math> constant</p>	 $y = k_2$	

# Students' version: SOLUTION

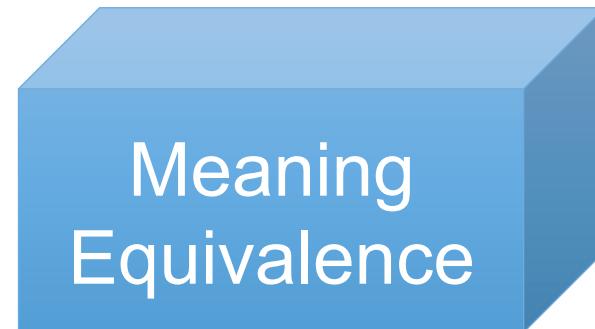
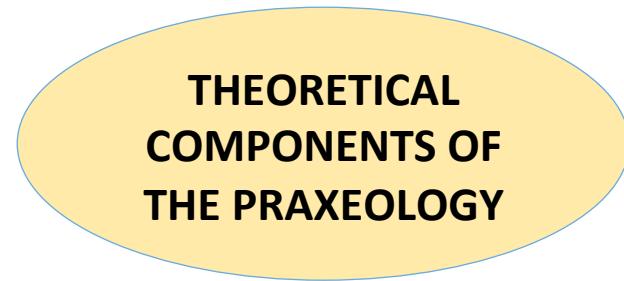
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# RESEARCH QUESTION 1

**WHICH ARE THE TEACHERS' PRAXEOLOGIES  
(OR THEIR COMPONENTS) IN MERLO ITEM  
DESIGN THAT BECOME SHARED AMONG  
TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN A  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME?**

**Paola Carante PhD thesis**

# MERLO item design: 1<sup>ST</sup> CRITERION



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$k$  constant

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**Conversion**  
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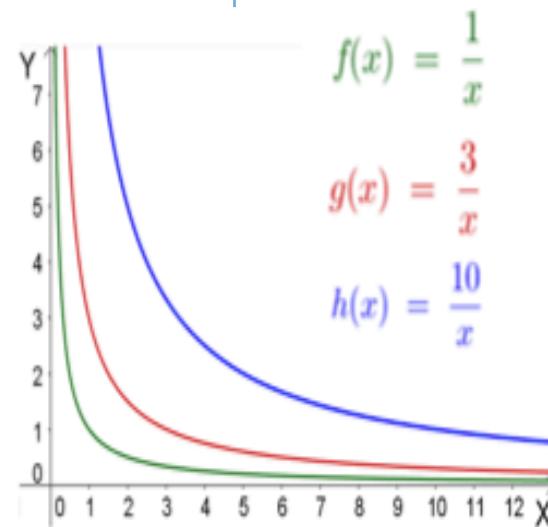
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COMPONENTS OF  
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Meaning  
Equivalence

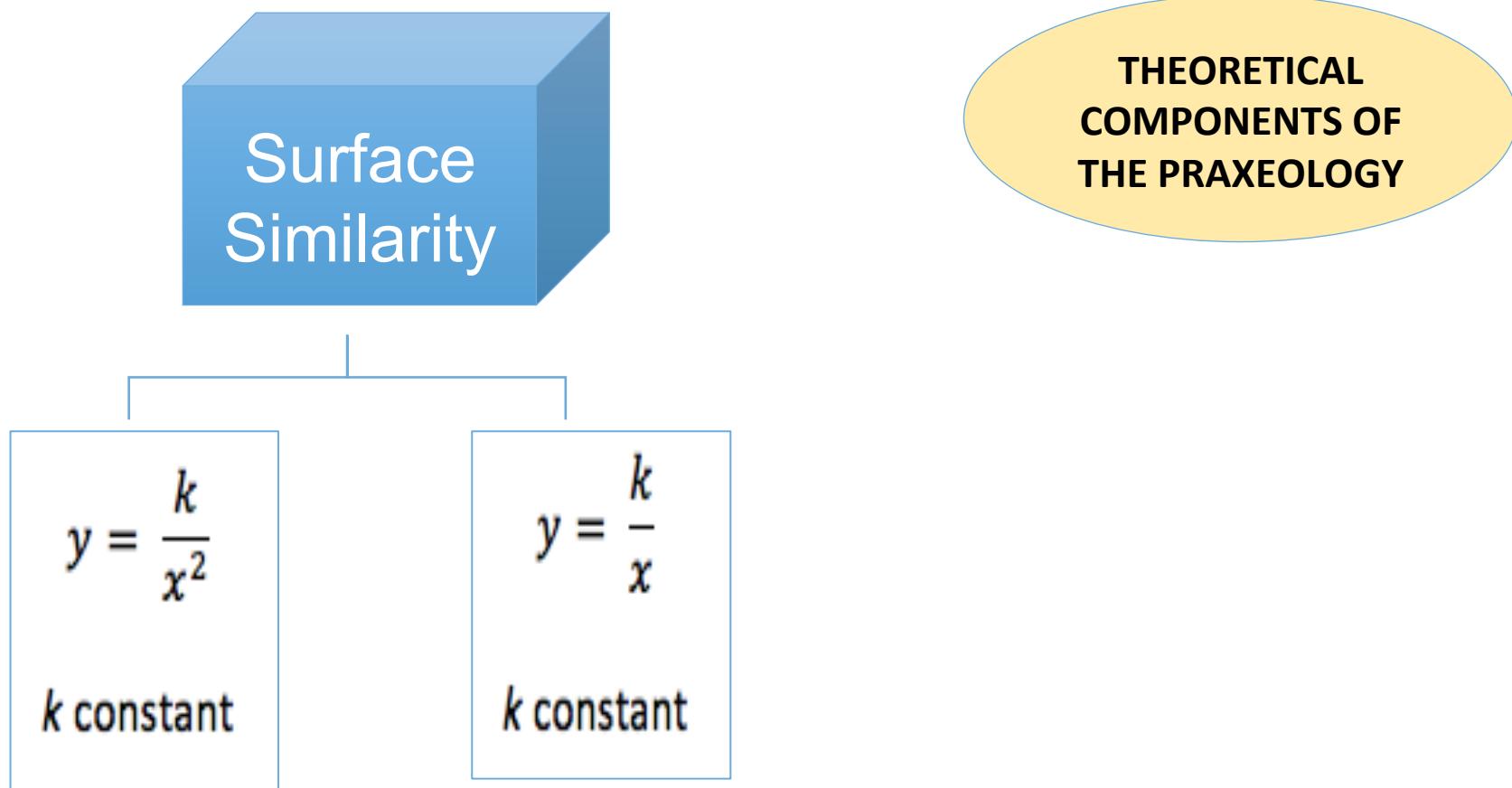
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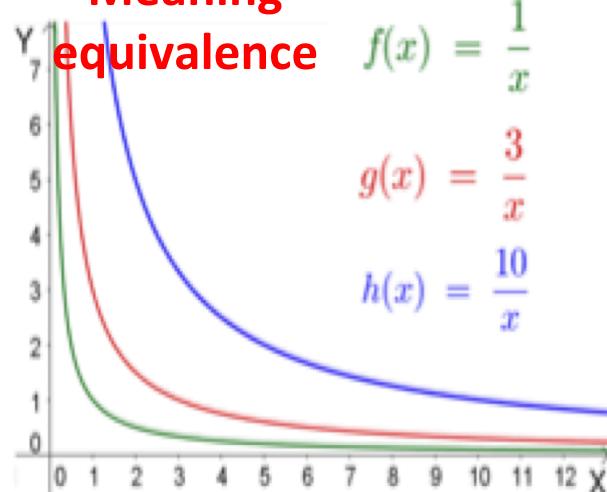
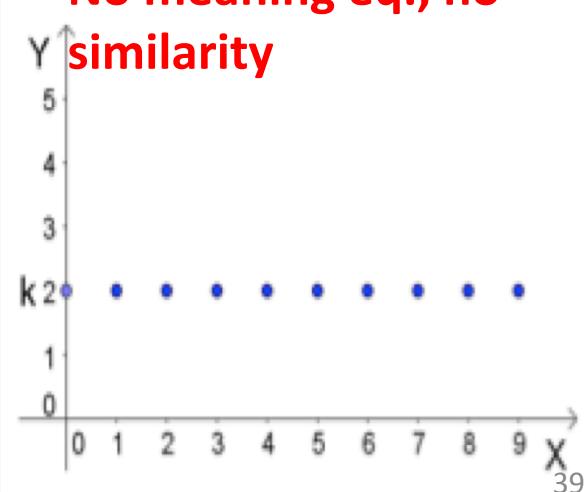
*k* constant



# MERLO item design: 2<sup>ND</sup> CRITERION



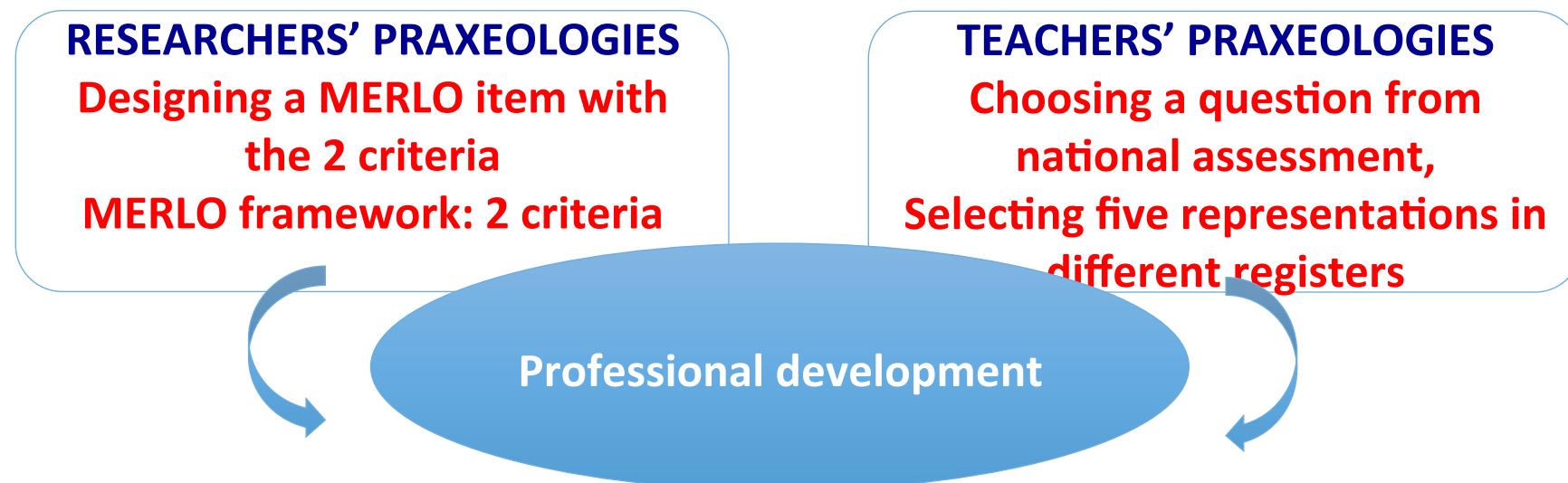
# Designer's version

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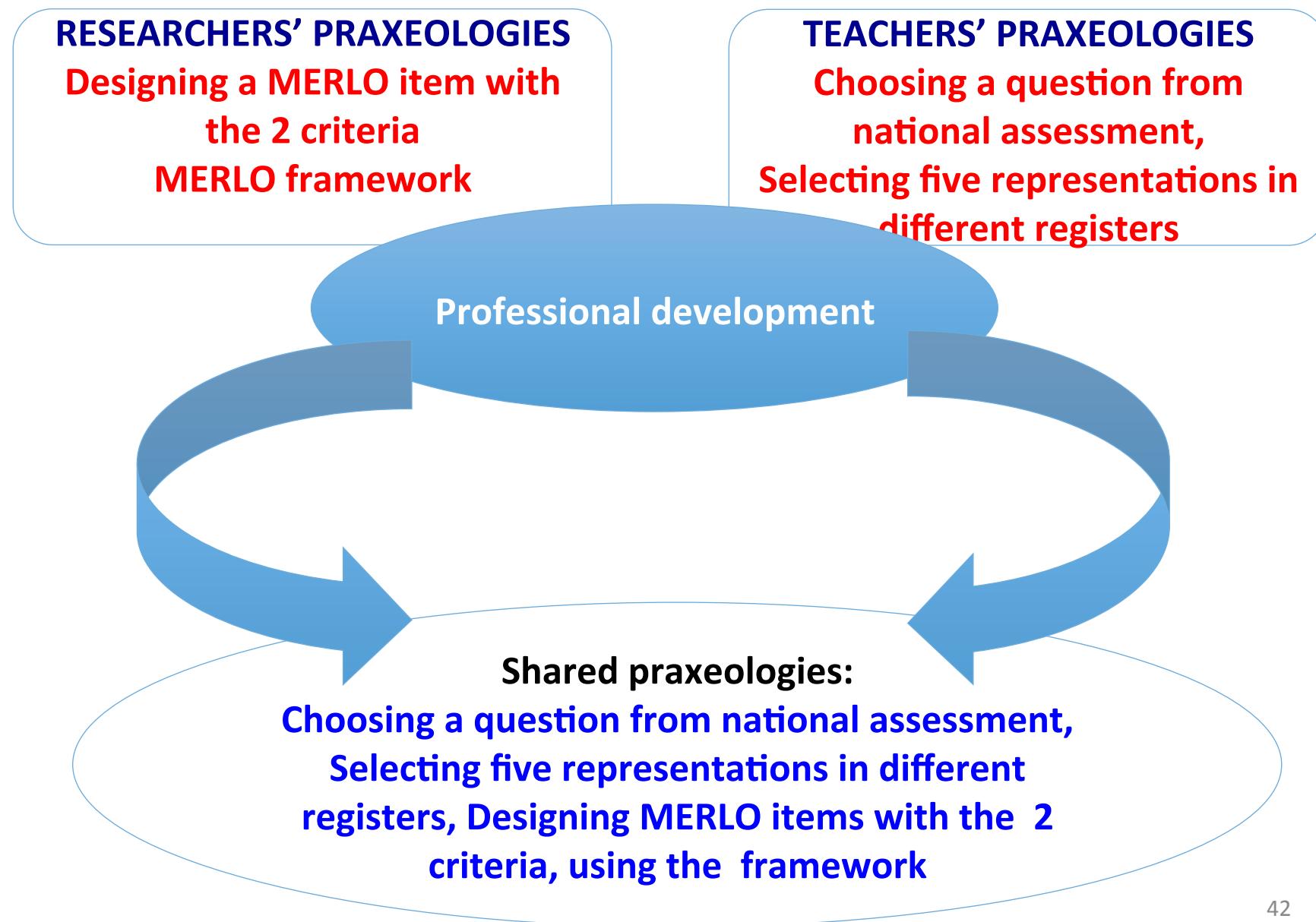
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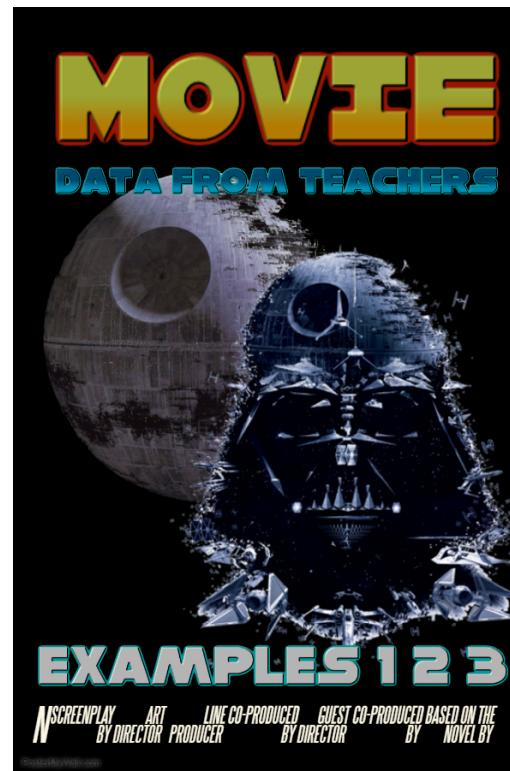


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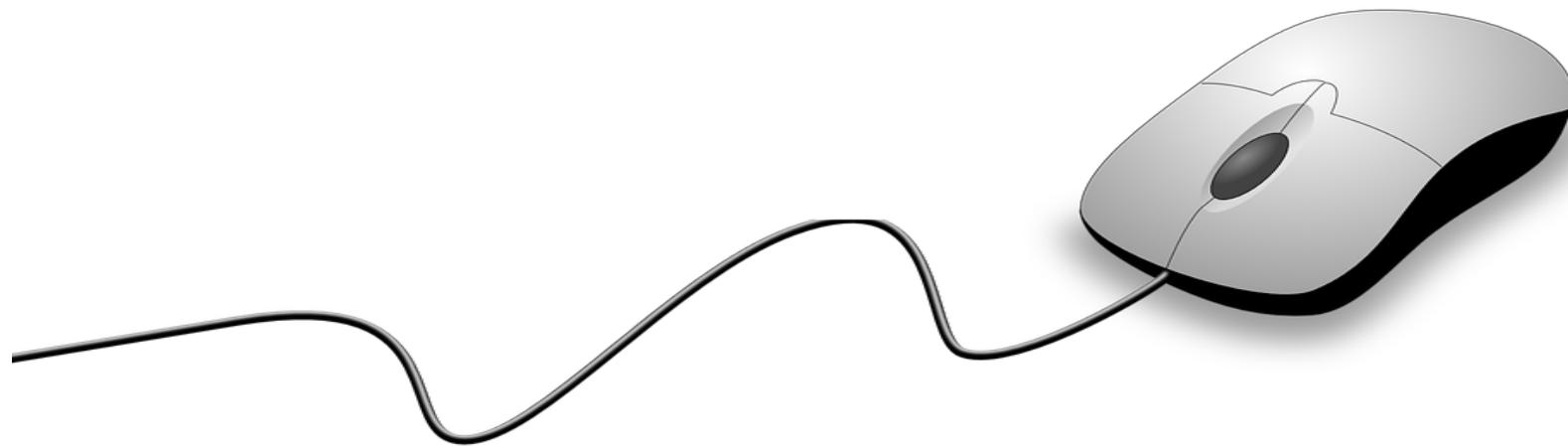
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## EXAMPLE 3

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN MERLO PROJECT – DYNAMIC APPROACH

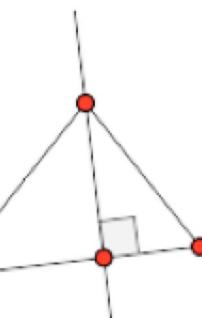
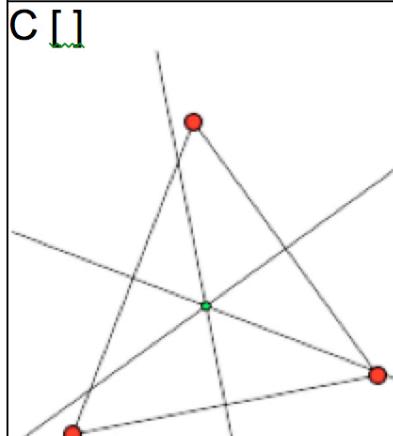
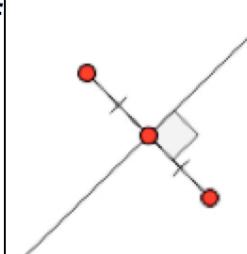


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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME?

WHAT IS THE LEARNING OF TEACHERS  
WHILE WORKING IN COMMUNITY?

# MERLO IN GEOMETRY (Robutti & Sinclair, 2017)

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## DESIGN:

- Only linguistic and graphical registers
- A coordination of language and diagram
- Diagrams imply dimensional deconstruction
- Special notation: the sign for a right angle and for congruent segments.

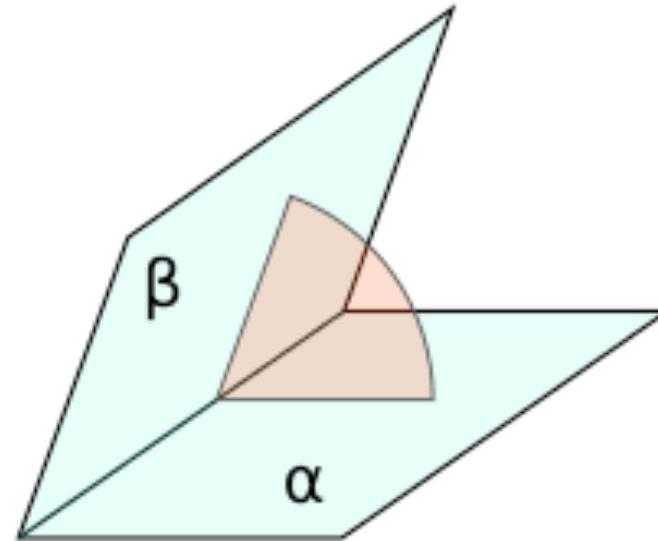
# DYNAMIC MERLO ITEMS IN GEOMETRY WITH GEOGEBRA (Teachers' professional development, 2018, ONE GROUP )

## DESIGN OF MERLO ITEMS IN GEOMETRY WITH GEOGEBRA:

- Choosing the concept in the institutional reference
- Designing the options in a static way
- Building the item in GG
- Re-designing the item

## NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- extension to space of some of the themes of plane geometry,
- reciprocal positions of lines and planes in space,
- parallelism and the perpendicularity,
- properties of the main geometric solids

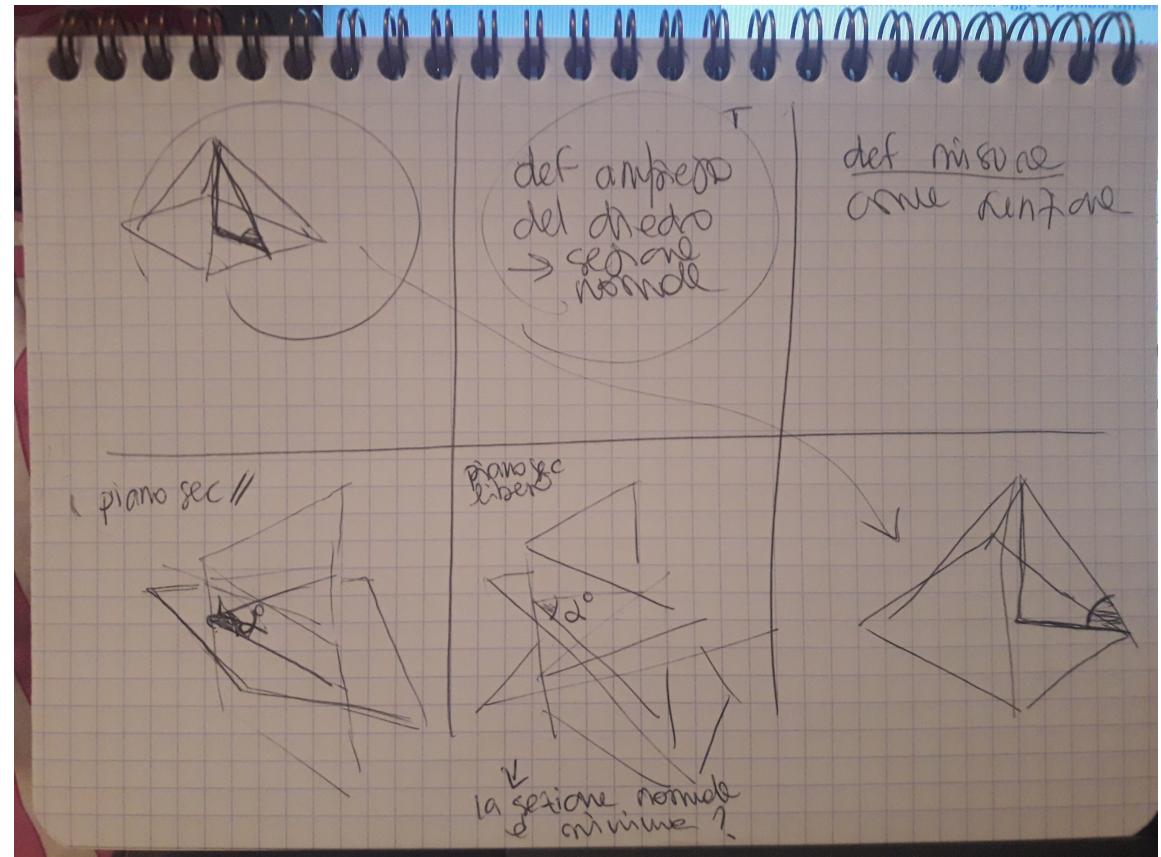


**DIHEDRAL ANGLE:** Angle between two planes ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , green) in a third plane (pink) which cuts the line of intersection at right angles

# ONE GROUP: DIHEDRAL ANGLE

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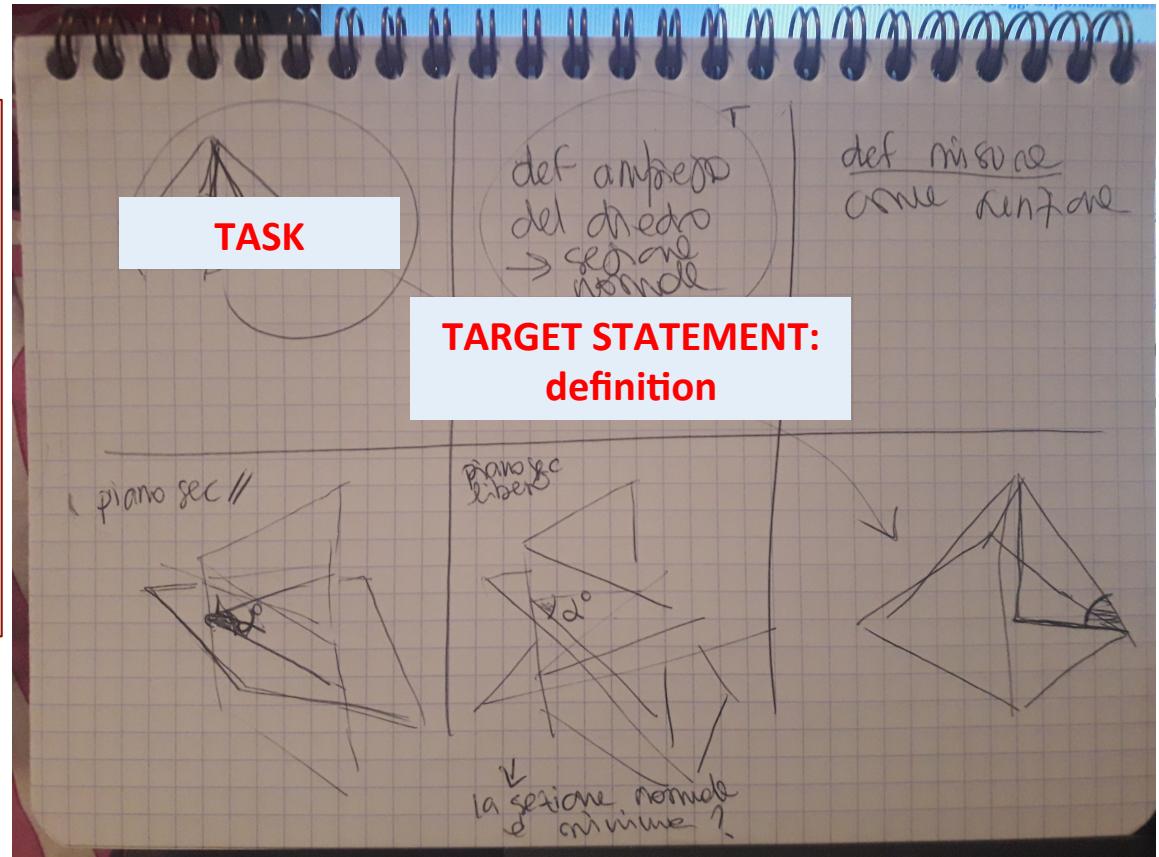


## SOME OPTIONS

# CHOOSING THE TARGET STATEMENT

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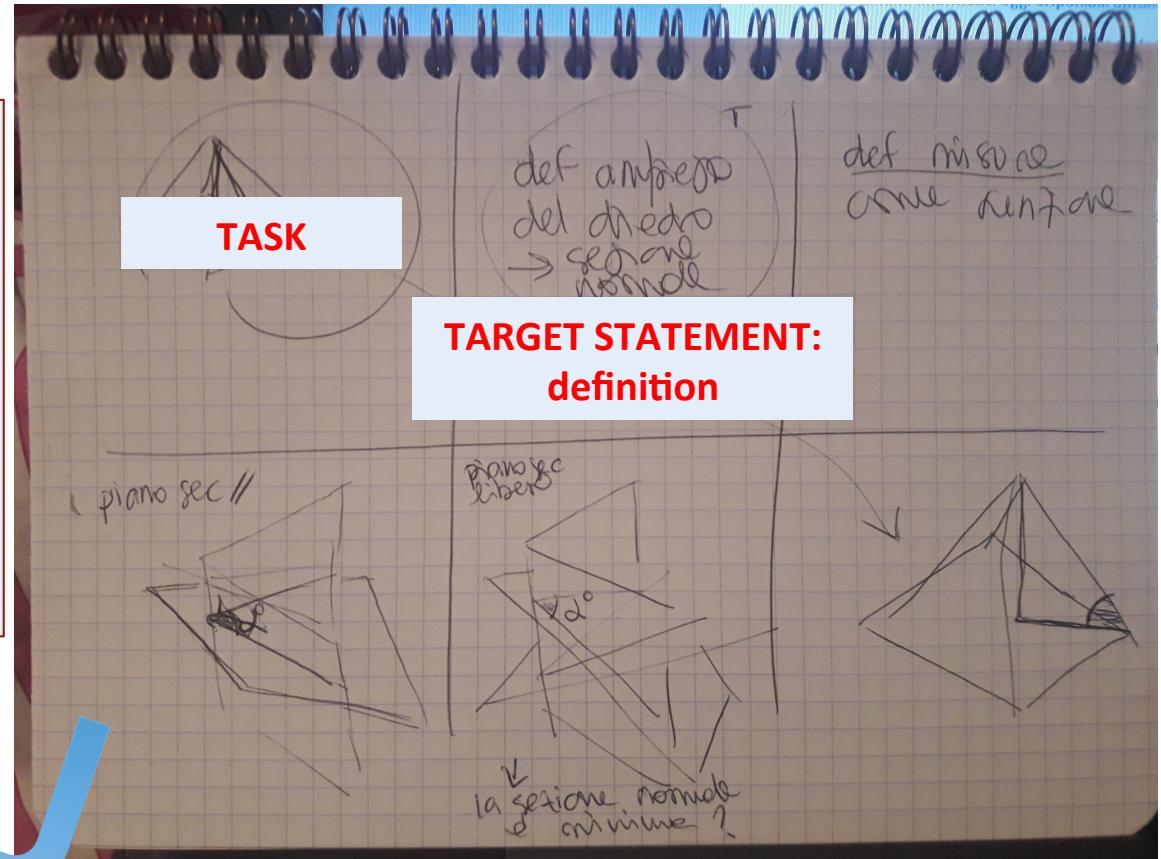
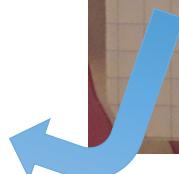
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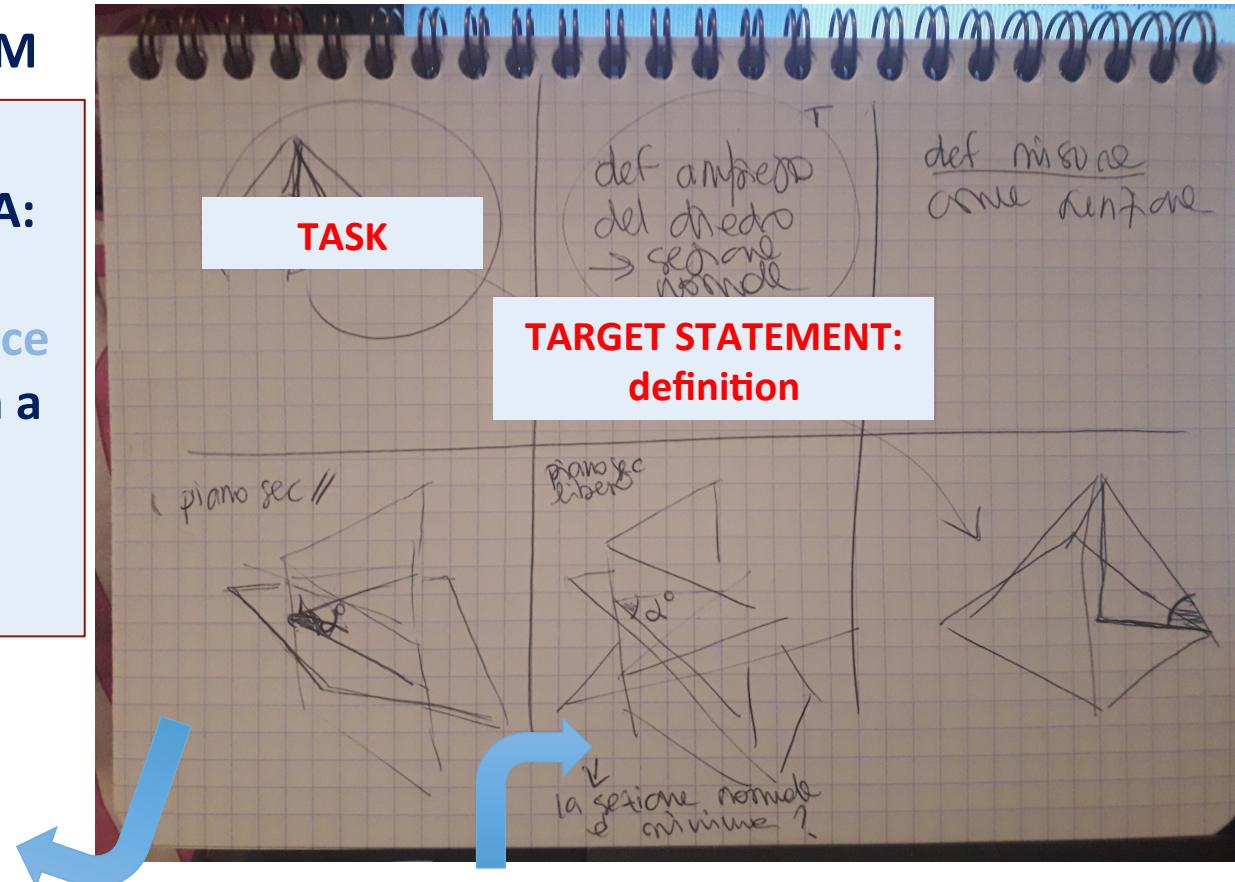
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Planes at varying inclinations intersecting the dihedral angle: the amplitude is not a fixed value

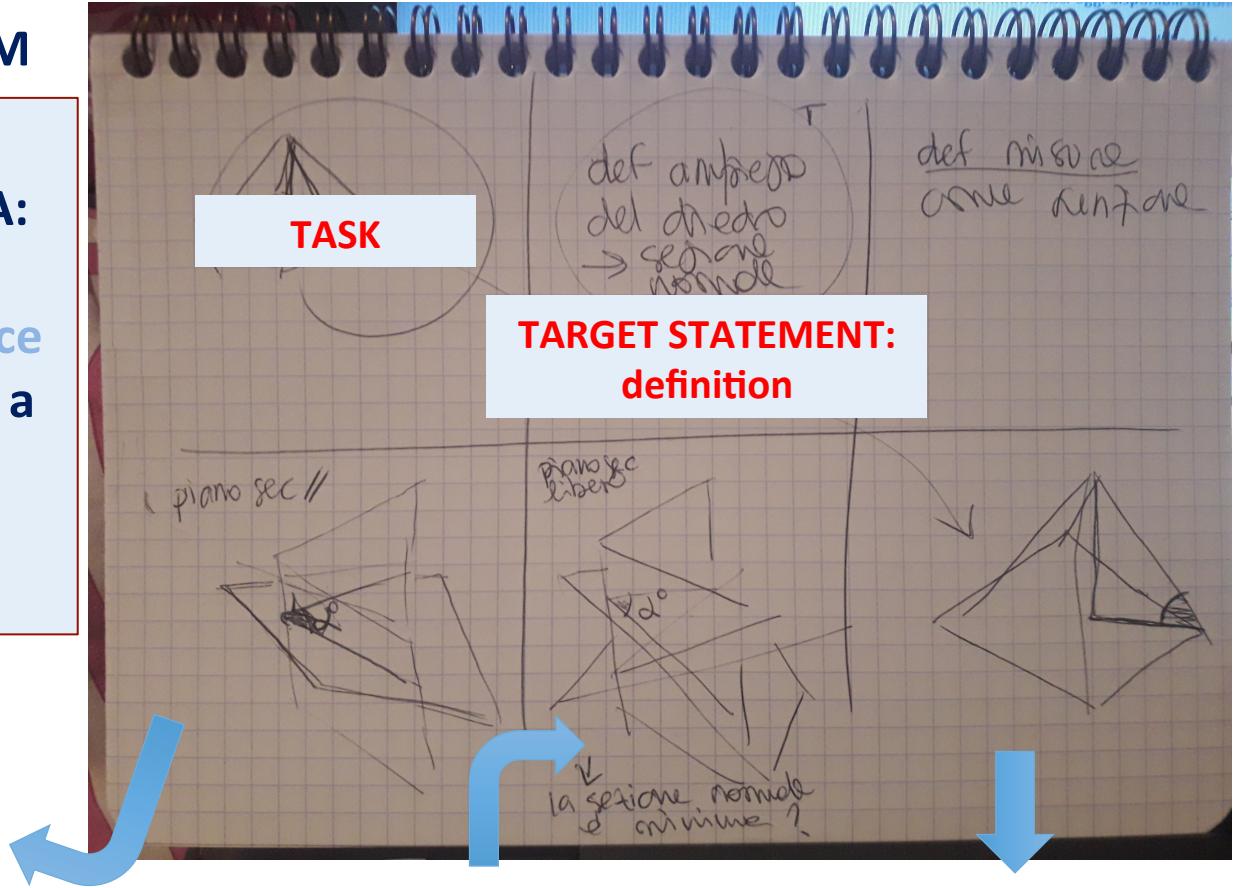
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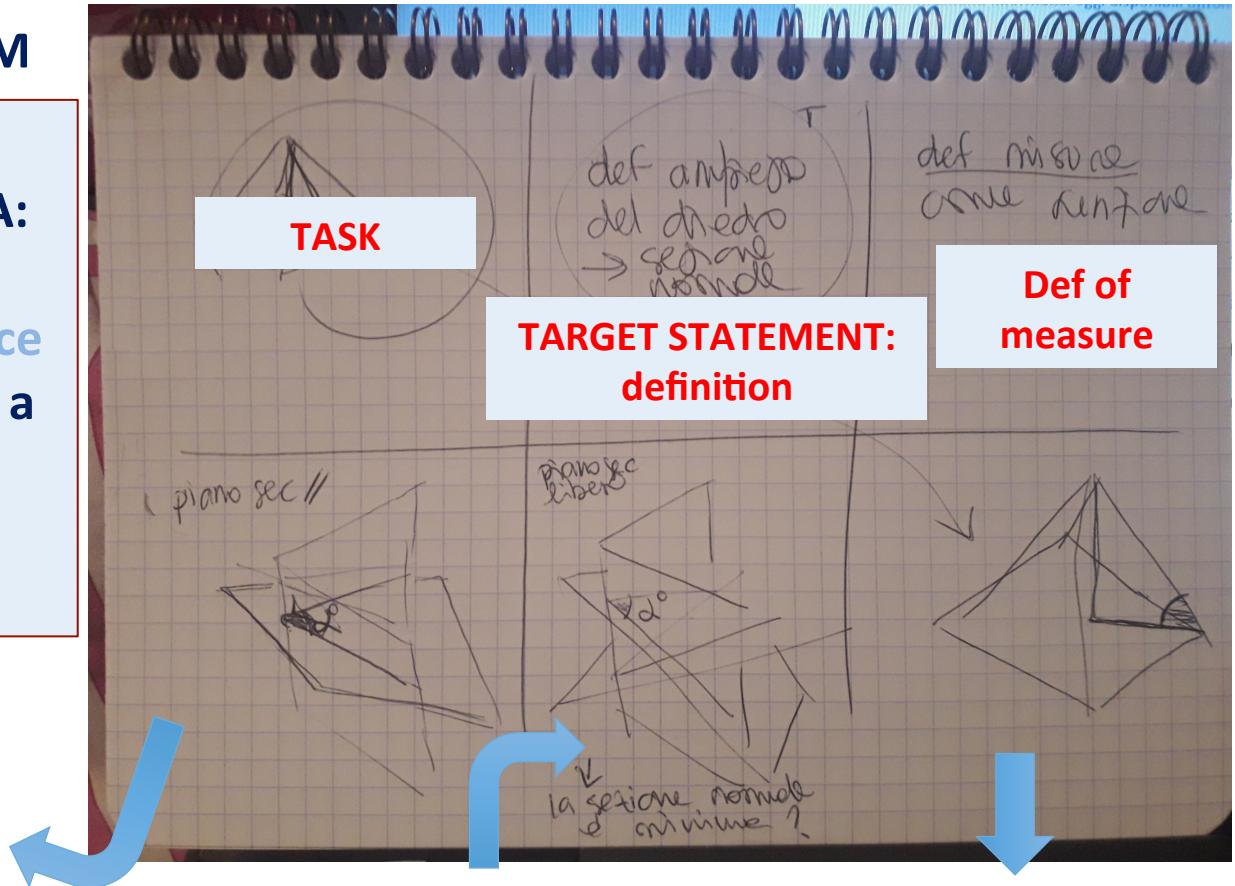
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# **PRAXEOLOGIES COMPONENTS OF THE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Shared praxeologies:**

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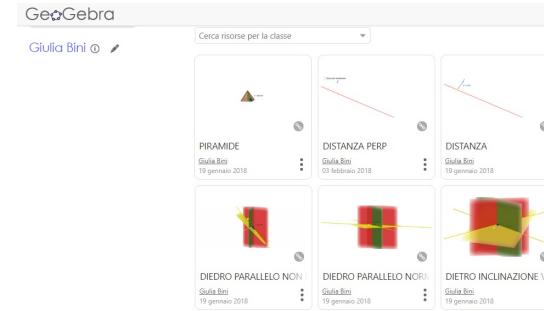
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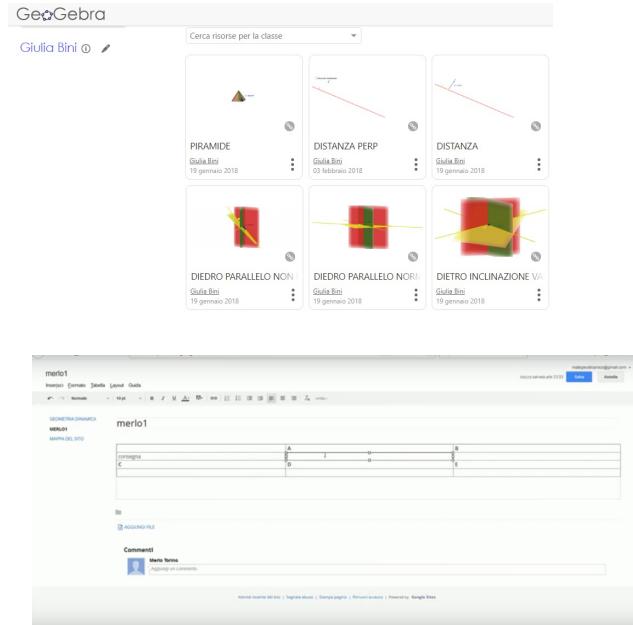
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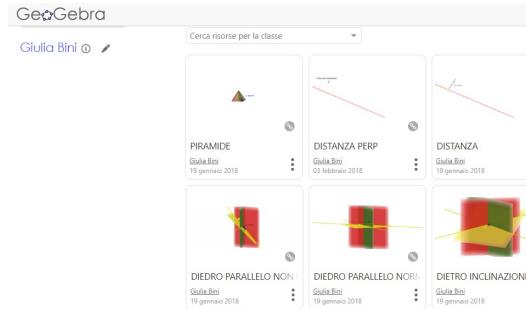
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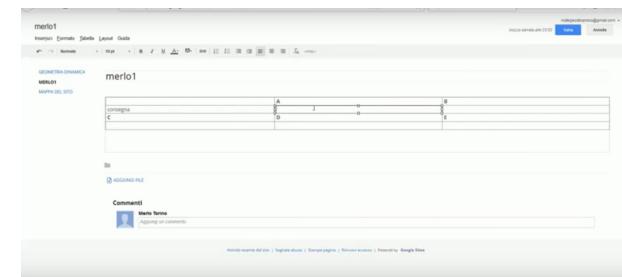
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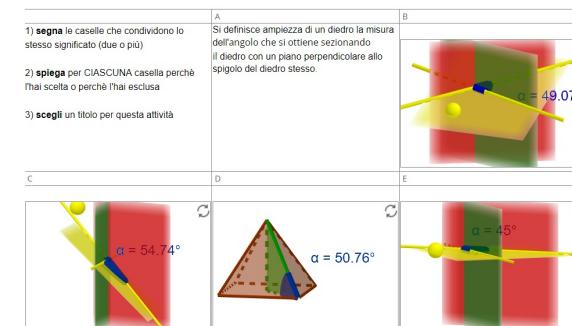
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# FIRST DRAFT OF MERLO ITEM BY TEACHERS

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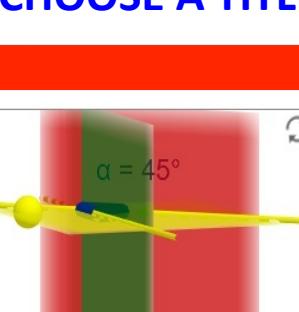
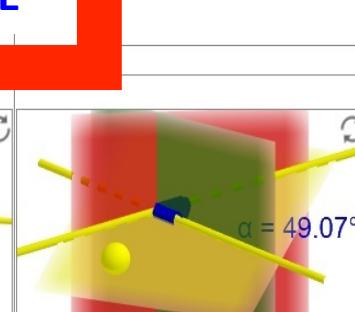
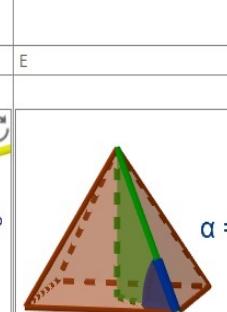
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# NEW KIND OF TASK BY RESEARCHERS

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  - FOR EACH BOX
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## RESEARCHERS' NEW PRAXEOLOGIES

Changing the task for students

## TEACHERS' NEW PRAXEOLOGIES

Building the item in GeoGebra

### Shared praxeologies:

- Building the item in GeoGebra
- Changing the task for students

# FIRST DRAFT: STUDENTS' VERSION

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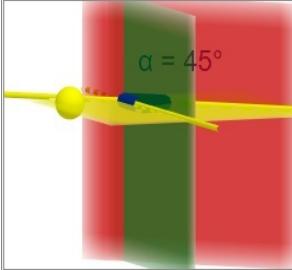
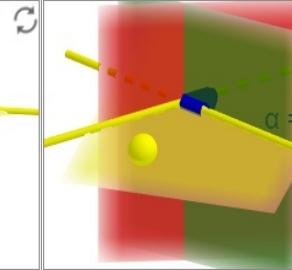
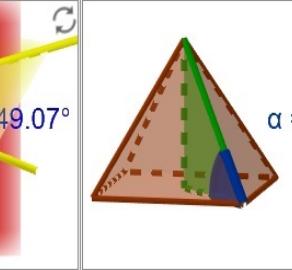
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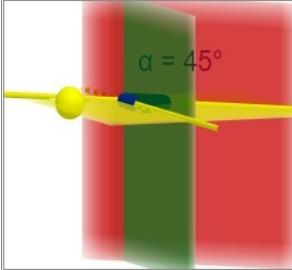
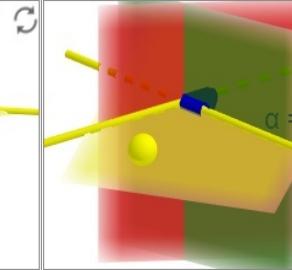
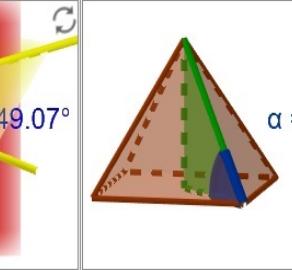
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# DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO TEACHERS

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GERMANA: then the item is not “dihedral”, it is “measure in the plane”, a measure in the plane and a measure in space

GIULIA: it's “measure”

GERMANA: it is “measure” so it is no longer “dihedral”

GIULIA: yes yes I understand what you are saying

GERMANA: if I'm working in 3D, we're here concentrate on the dihedral concept ... insert a box in which we have an example in 2d in which we have the distance from a point to a line and again the concept of perpendicular ...

GIULIA: there is the need to formulate the definition of measure so that it is univocal

GERMANA: yes, but if we are working on the dihedral my doubt is: if I insert this element can it confuse?

GIULIA: it could, however, in my experience if you can reconnect the 3D concepts to those in 2D with which they are familiar, they can extend to the third dimension more easily.

# SECOND DRAFT: STUDENTS' VERSION

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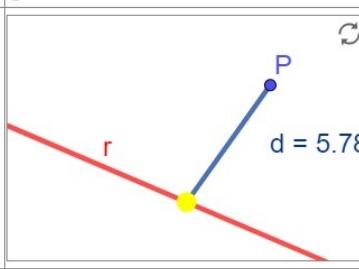
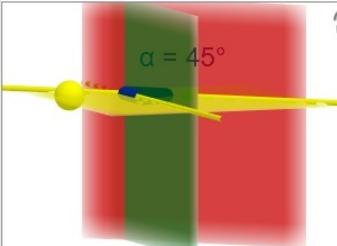
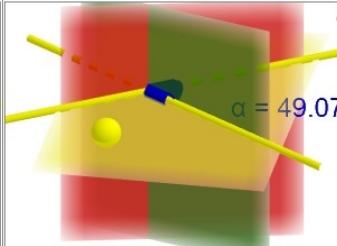
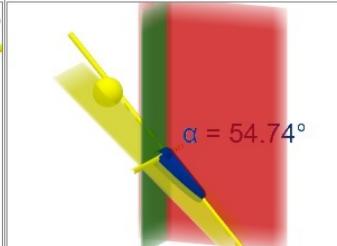
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# SPLITTING THE ITEM INTO 2 ITEMS

## DESIGN OF MERLO ITEMS IN GEOMETRY WITH GEOGEBRA:

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Dihedral angle

Measure



## DISCUSSING...

<https://youtu.be/2p9hAo1qSik?t=37s>

GIULIA: Because initially we had thought to do only two dynamic figures three-dimensional one with the **two planes sectioned with a plane with variable inclination** and the second with two planes sectioned by a **plane**... let's say a **bundle of parallel perpendicular planes**, but then we thought of adding the **third possibility**: of the **planes with fixed inclination, therefore a bundle of planes all parallel, but not perpendicular** and therefore increase the complexity.

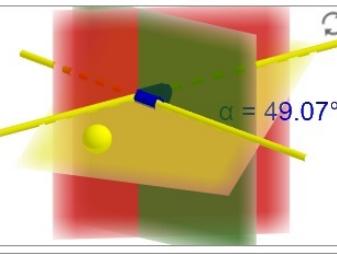
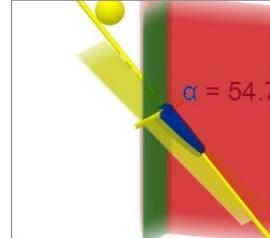
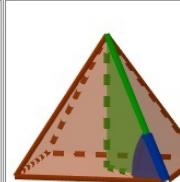
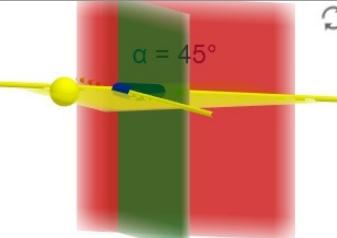
If I cut with a bundle of planes with variable inclination I get so many amplitudes - all different - and therefore I can not correctly attribute a measure to that; if I cut with planes that are all parallel but not orthogonal to the edge I get only one measure but I have to let them understand that it is not good; and then the third element is dihedral, a bundle of planes all parallel, but finally orthogonal to the corner and to see that this amplitude is that of the definition.

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### Dihedral angle

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## Measure

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# THE CHOICE OF A NEW DEFINITION OF MEASURE

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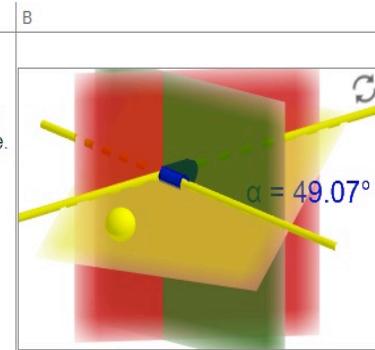
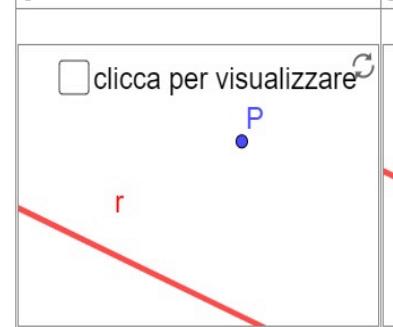
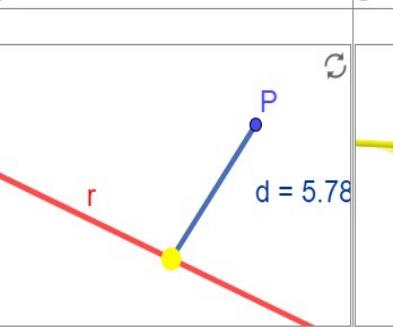
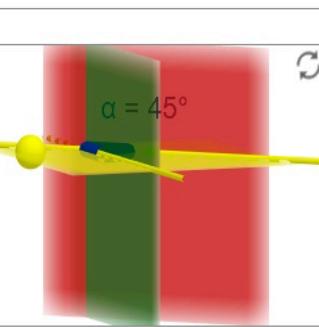
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# ITEM MEASURE: NEW VERSION

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B	
C	
D	
E	

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Measure	
1) <b>segna</b> le caselle che condividono lo stesso significato (due o più)	A <b>X</b> Si definisce misura una funzione che assegna un numero reale a taluni sottoinsiemi di un dato insieme per rendere quantitativa la nozione della loro estensione.
2) <b>spiega</b> per CIASCUNA casella perché l'hai scelta o perché l'hai esclusa	B
3) <b>scegli</b> un titolo per questa attività	C
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**Measure**

A measure is defined as a function that assigns to a quantity a positive real number obtained by comparing the quantity with a unit of measurement

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# FIRST DRAFT

## 1 ITEM

# PROCESS OF DESIGN

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2 explain for EACH box why you chose it or why you excluded it

3 choose a title for this activity

A The amplitude of a dihedral is defined as the measurement of the angle obtained by cutting the dihedral with a plane perpendicular to the edge of the dihedral.

B A measure is defined as a function that assigns a real number to certain subsets of a given set to make quantitative the notion of their extension.

$\alpha = 45^\circ$   $\alpha = 49.07^\circ$   $\alpha = 50.76^\circ$

2 DEFINITIONS  
3 DIAGRAMS

1) segna in caselle che condividono lo stesso significato (due o più)

2) spiega per CIASCUNA casella perché l'hai scelta o perché l'hai esclusa

3) scegli un titolo per questa attività

A Si definisce ampiezza di un diodo la misura dell'angolo che si ottiene sezionando il diodo con un piano perpendicolare allo spigolo del diodo stesso.

B

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DIHEDRAL  
ANGLE

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1 DEFINITION  
4 DYNAMIC DIAGRAMS

1) segna le caselle che condividono lo stesso significato (due o più)

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3) scegli un titolo per questa attività

A Si definisce misura una funzione che assegna un numero reale a taluni sottosinsiemi di un dato insieme per rendere quantitativa la nozione della loro estensione.

B

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MEASURE

# FINAL VERSION: 2 ITEMS

- 1 definition
- 4 dynamic diagrams

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LINKING 2D & 3D  
MEASURES

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NEW DEF

# PRAXEOLOGIES COMPONENTS

## RESEARCHERS' PRAXEOLOGIES

Previous shared praxeologies on  
the design of MERLO items  
Analysis of students' processes

## RESEARCHERS' NEW PRAXEOLOGIES

Changing the task for students  
Reflecting on definitions

## TEACHERS' PRAXEOLOGIES

Previous shared praxeologies  
on the design of MERLO items

## TEACHERS' NEW PRAXEOLOGIES

Building the item in GeoGebra  
A-priori expectations of  
students' solutions

### Shared praxeologies:

- Building the item in GeoGebra (TASK, TECHNIQUE)
- Changing the task for students (TECHNIQUE, JUSTIFICATION)
  - Reflecting on definitions (JUSTIFICATION, THEORY - MAT)
- A-priori expectations of students' solutions (THEORY- MAT EDU)
  - Analysis of students' processes (THEORY – MAT EDU)

# STUDENTS' SOLUTIONS

**THE STORY MUST GO ON ...**

- Teaching experiments in classroom environments

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# RESULT OF THE SPLITTING: 2nd ITEM NEW-NEW-NEW VERSION

## DESIGN OF MERLO ITEMS IN GEOMETRY WITH GEOGEBRA:

- Choosing the concept in the institutional reference
- Designing the options in a static way
- Building the item in GG
- Re-designing the item
- Re-re-designing the item



# IN TERMS OF LEARNING OF THE TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH RESEARCHERS...

## MATHEMATICS

- Reflecting on definitions: dihedral angle, measure

## USE OF GEOGEBRA

- Building the item in GeoGebra (Google site, GeoGbratube, HTML interface)

## DIDACTICS

- Task for students
- Dynamic MERLO item

## RESEARCH

- A-priori expectations of students' solutions
- Analysis of students' processes (and also of teachers)

# IN TERMS OF LEARNING OF THE TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH RESEARCHERS...

## MATHEMATICS

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2) <b>spiega</b> per CIASCUNA casella perchè l'hai scelta o perchè l'hai esclusa			
3) <b>scegli</b> un titolo per questa attività			
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# IN TERMS OF LEARNING OF THE TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH RESEARCHERS...

## MATHEMATICS

- Reflecting on definitions: measure

A measure is defined as a function that assigns a real number to certain subsets of a given set to make quantitative the notion of their extension

A measure is defined as a function that assigns to a quantity a positive real number obtained by comparing the quantity with a unit of measurement

Measure  
or  
invariant?

# IN TERMS OF LEARNING OF THE TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH RESEARCHERS...

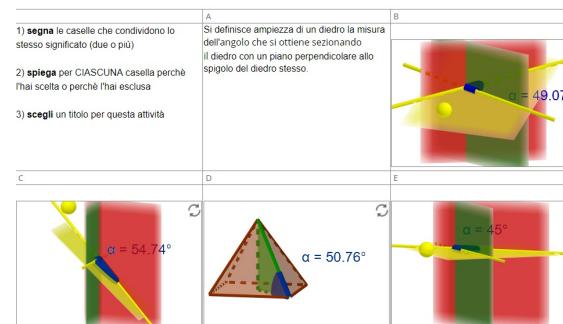
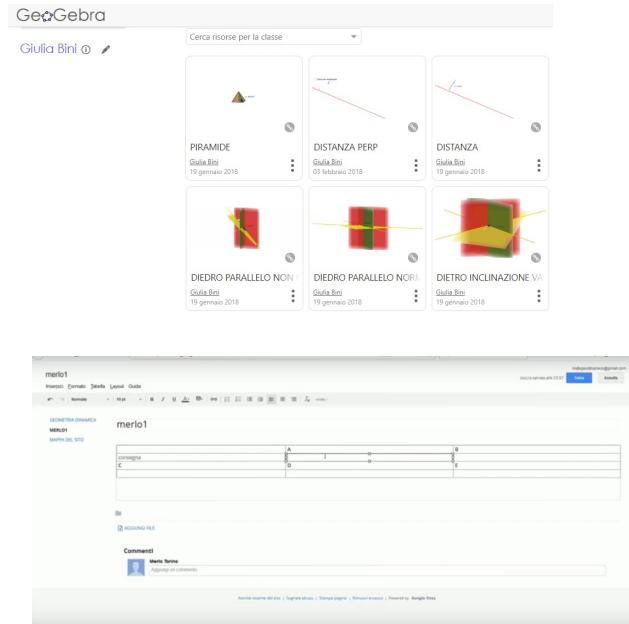
## USE OF GEOGEBRA

- **Building the item in GeoGebra (Google site, GeoGebratube, HTLM interface)**

1 - Upload single dynamic objects to GeoGebratube

2 – Create the MERLO frame in a Google site

3 - Embed the dynamic objects using the HTLM interface



# IN TERMS OF LEARNING OF THE TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH RESEARCHERS...

## DIDACTICS

- **Task for students**
- **Dynamic MERLO item**



In which ways using dynamic representations in the design of MERLO items, to support students' solutions?



1. Mark the statements (at least two) that share the same mathematical meaning.
2. Write the reasons that guided your choice.



1. Mark the statements (at least two) that share the same mathematical meaning.
2. For each statements, explain the reasons for having chosen it or not.
3. Give a title to the item.

# IN TERMS OF LEARNING OF THE TEACHERS WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH RESEARCHERS...

## RESEARCH

- **A-priori expectations of students' solutions**



In terms of mathematical learning, but not only: also discussing, arguing, reflecting on meaning and representations.

- **Analysis of students' processes (and also of teachers)**



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1. Teachers learn to observe students' processes.
2. Teachers learn from students' approaches and re-design the item.
3. Teachers learn to do research.

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# TEACHERS' LEARNING

## OPEN PROBLEM FOR RESEARCHERS:

**HOW TO OBSERVE/MEASURE/ANALYSE TEACHERS' LEARNING?**

**TASKS**

**INTERVIEWS**

**QUESTIONNAIRES**

**OBSERVATIONS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS**

**...**

# **BOUNDARY OBJECT**

## **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

- 1. CAN MERLO ITEM BE CONSIDERED A BOUNDARY OBJECT ACROSS THE COMMUNITIES OF RESEARCHERS AND THAT OF TEACHERS? WITH WHICH STRUCTURE?**
- 2. HOW CAN WE DESCRIBE THE EVOLUTION OVER TIME OF THE MERLO BOUNDARY OBJECT, THROUGH BOUNDARY ENCOUNTERS?**
- 3. WHICH INTERACTIONS, WHICH PRAXEOLOGIES SUPPORT THIS EVOLUTION?**



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