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## VISUALIZATION BREAKOUT \#1 INSTRUCTIONS

Below you will find three sets of quantities, Quantity 1: Statistical Data Set; Quantity 2: Pythagorean Theorem; Quantity 3: Fractions. Each set is represented in two ways, numerically and visually. As a group, you will discuss responses to the questions: What does the quantity tell you? What sense can you makee from this representation? First, discuss the numeric representation of data followed by the visual representation. After you have finished discussing all three sets, respond to the question: How did the representation influence your thinking about the data?

## REPRESENTATION SET 1: STATISTICAL DATA SET

Below are four sets of ' $x, y$ ' values. Numeric Set I is the same data set as Visual Set I. Numeric Set II is the same data set as Visual Set II, and so on.

## Numeric Representation



Visual Representation


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## REPRESENTATION SET 2: PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM

Below is one example of the Pythagorean Theorem. The visual may need some explanation. If someone in the group is familiar with the visual representation, please spend a few minutes explaining it to prime the conversation.

## Numeric Representation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2} \\
& 4^{2}+3^{2}=5^{2} \\
& 16+9=25
\end{aligned}
$$

Visual Representation
Pythagorean Theorem

| $\operatorname{area}(A)+\operatorname{area}(B)=\operatorname{area}(C)$ |
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| $16+9=25$ |
| $a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$ |



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## REPRESENTATION SET 3: FRACTIONS

Below are two numeric representations of fraction addition and a visual representation of the relationships between fractions in a "fraction wall."

## Numeric Representation

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1 \\
\frac{1}{6}+\frac{1}{6}+\frac{1}{6}=\frac{1}{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

Visual Representation

| 1 whole |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ |  |  |  |  | $\frac{1}{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{1}{3}$ |  |  | $\frac{1}{3}$ |  |  |  | $\frac{1}{3}$ |  |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ |  |  | $\frac{1}{4}$ |  | 4 |  | $\frac{1}{4}$ |  |  |
|  | 5 |  |  |  | $\frac{1}{5}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{1}{6}$ |  | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ |  | $\frac{1}{6}$ |  | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ |  |
| $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ |  | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | 1 |  | $\frac{1}{1}$ |
| $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{40}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ |
| $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12} \frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12} \frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ |

