



# Dresden University of Applied Sciences

## Using CAS in Math Education – first experience in Germany with the newest ClassPad technology CP400

### Preface:

Ministry of Education in Saxony/Germany introduced 2004:  
Modern Math Education with CAS, DGS and TK  
beginning in the 8th class upto 12th class,  
using graphic calculators (GTR)

CAS – Computer Algebra Systems  
DGS – Dynamic Geometry Software  
TK – Spreadsheet (Table Calculation)

## 8th class:

- Knowledge of the use of CAS when forming more complex terms and equations
- Investigating the influence of parameters in the function equation to trace the graph with DGS, TK, GTR or CAS
- Finding equations for measurement series with the help of linear regression with GTR, CAS or TK
- Solving linear systems of equations with more complex coefficients with GTR or CAS (two equations with two unknown variables)

## 9th class:

Functions and Powers

Mastered of determining zero quadratic functions, graphical solving quadratic equations and solving with GTR or CAS

## 10th class:

Obtaining the inverse function with CAS, graphical interpretation

Use of CAS to demonstrate the properties of functions

Obtaining illustrative of the limit concept

Know of parametric representation and polar coordinates to describe curves with GTR and CAS

## 11/12th class:

### Differential calculus

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## worksheets:

- ☞ The use of worksheets in mathematics instruction has a long tradition.
- ☞ The use of a worksheet should guide the students to a structured work.
- ☞ Instead of an oral instruction, which requires a synchronous work of all students, the worksheet individually and with their own timing can be processed next.
- ☞ The sequence of the work orders in the worksheet helps to recognize the logical structure of a problem; the work procedures help to penetrate the question.

## worksheets:

The disadvantage of a sheet of paper with work orders is seen, that the tools which can be used must be made available about. The students do not know always, how to carry out its solution steps in detail. Moreover, in a classic worksheet are missing the self check of the results, a feedback of the partial steps and also the visualization of the results.

The new developed **eActivity in the ClassPad** represents an extremely rich extension of the worksheet. The eActivity combines the written representation of the setting of tasks of a worksheet with the tool level of the ClassPad.

These tools are the individual menus or modules, which the ClassPad offers: Computer algebra system, dynamic geometry software, computer statistics, curve plotter, and much more.

## eActivity:

Thus, all tasks can be worked on with the possibilities of the computer.

At the same time, the documentation of the work can be entered directly.

The found results can to be visualized immediately or the results may be in a hidden file, can be viewed.

It is an interactive work of the students, between setting of tasks and the results and control of the results themselves.



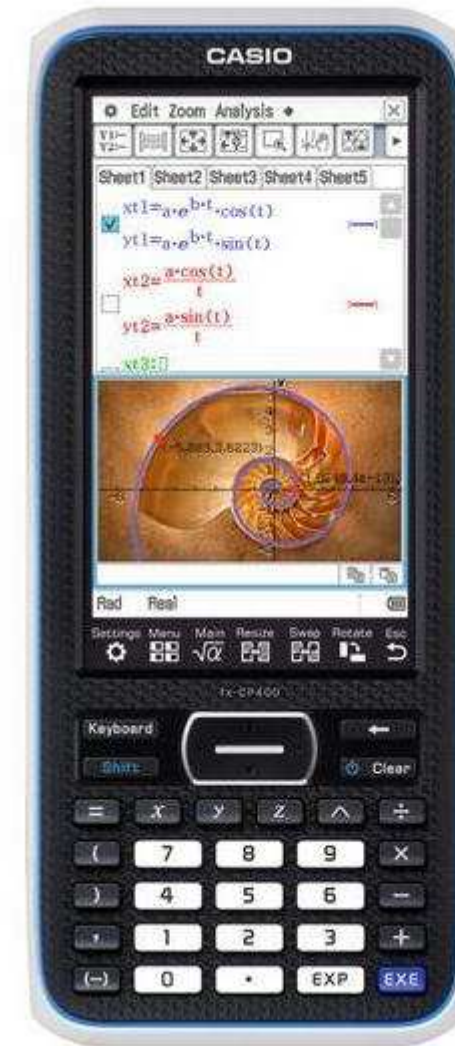
## The tool – ClassPad 400:

Графический калькулятор  
с сенсорным дисплеем

Fx-CP400 обладает рядом функций,  
помогающих школьникам лучше  
усваивать материал:

USB поддержка для быстрой и  
легкой передачи данных и сов-  
местимость с **проектором CASIO**  
для отображения информации на  
доске.

<http://edu.casio.ru/fx-cp400/>



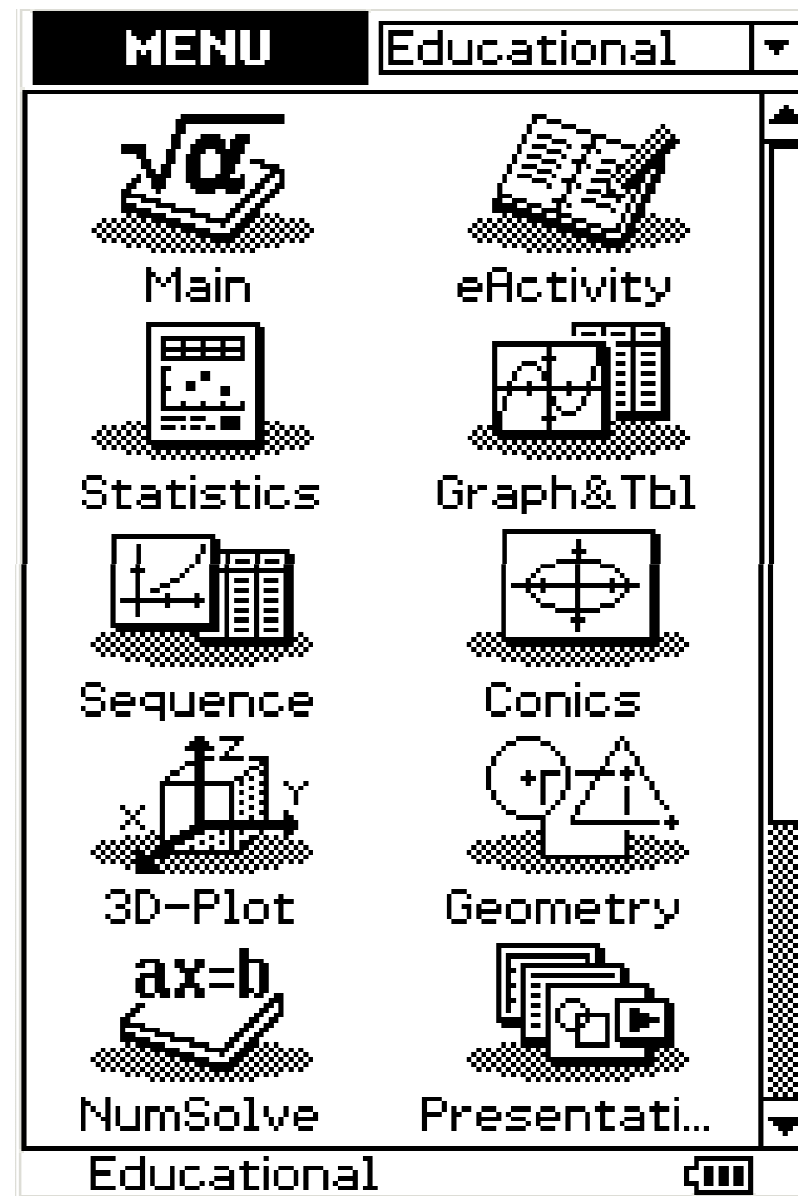
## The tool – Beamer XJ-A146:

<http://casio-projectors.ru/products/xja146/>



## eActivity – an example

According to the  
instructions from the  
formula construct a  
rhombus:





**Большое спасибо за ваше внимание!**