

Interactive visualization and e-assessment with JSXGraph

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Let's start with examples

“JSXGraph is an open source JavaScript library for interactive geometry, function plotting, charting, and data visualization in the web browser.”

- ▶ Euclidean Geometry
- ▶ Function plot
- ▶ Everything is number

What is JSXGraph?

Availability

- ▶ <https://jsxgraph.org>
- ▶ Open source project: <https://github.com/jsxgraph/jsxgraph>
- ▶ License: LGPL and MIT
- ▶ First published 2008 in Trondheim

What is “dynamic”?

“Dynamic” means

Dragging / changing one object affects another object / text

Technical details

- ▶ JavaScript library
- ▶ Runs in every **web browser** starting (from IE 10+) and in **ebooks** (epub3, ibook)
- ▶ PC, tablet, smartphone. Supports mouse, pen, multi-touch, keyboard
- ▶ Standalone, no other libraries required. Download approx. **200 kB**
- ▶ Highly configurable, seamless integration into websites
- ▶ Supports (dynamic) mathematical typesetting via *MathJax* or *KaTeX*.
- ▶ Graphics engine: SVG or Canvas

Embedding

JSXGraph can be included in / with

- ▶ Standalone HTML web page
- ▶ Moodle *JSXGraph filter*
- ▶ ILIAS plug-in
- ▶ STACK JSXGraph plug-in
- ▶ Mediawiki plug-in
- ▶ h5p
- ▶ ...

Bold estimate: Annually, approx. 1 billion JSXGraph constructions are opened in web browsers.

Features

- ▶ Static and interactive plots
- ▶ Calculus: functions, curves, sequences and series, Riemann sums, differential equations, various splines
- ▶ Dynamic geometry: Euclidean, analytic, projective
- ▶ Linear (projective) transformations
- ▶ Some statistics, e.g. boxplots
- ▶ Turtle graphics
- ▶ Dynamic MathJax / KaTeX
- ▶ Embedding of videos
- ▶ Path clipping
- ▶ Animations
- ▶ Some 3D

A few examples

with source code

- ▶ sketchometry
- ▶ Taylor polynomial
- ▶ Riemann sums
- ▶ Euclidean geometry
- ▶ Projective geometry (offside line in football)
- ▶ Video embedding
- ▶ Sketch curve

Work in progress

New in upcoming v1.6.0:

- ▶ vector fields and slope fields
- ▶ smart labels

Students' projects:

- ▶ `json2d interface` to CAS
- ▶ Some graph theory

Is it dangerous to use JSXGraph in e-assessment?

No:

- ▶ If problems are developed by the teacher and if there are **no** input fields

Yes:

- ▶ If users can type into input fields (like function terms)
- ▶ If problems come from unknown sources (like open source problem collections)

Counter measures:

- ▶ Execute JSXGraph / JavaScript in sandboxed iframe
- ▶ Parse input with JSXGraph's own language **JessieCode**

Where to get support?

JSXGraph:

- ▶ JSXGraph programming book
- ▶ API doc
- ▶ Wiki with many examples incl. source code
- ▶ New examples database
- ▶ Videos of online workshops and conferences
- ▶ Google groups
- ▶ Stackoverflow

JSXGraph in STACK:

- ▶ STACK documentation

Upcoming event

- ▶ **JSXGraph conference 2023** (online)
- ▶ 10.-12. October 2023
- ▶ <https://jsxgraph.org/conf2023>