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- Bloom's Taxonomy was created by Benjamin Bloom in 1956 and revised in 2001
- Bloom's taxonomy is a set of three hierarchical models used to classify educational objectives into level of complexity and specificity.
- The three lists cover the learning objectives in cognitive, affective and sensory domains.

# **Cognitive Domain**



#### BLOOM'S REVISED TAXONOMY

Generating new ideas, products, or ways of viewing things Designing, constructing, planning, producing, inventing.

Creating

Evaluating Justifying a decision or course of action Checking, hypothesising, critiquing, experimenting, judging

Analysing

Breaking information into parts to explore understandings and relationships Comparing, organising, deconstructing, interrogating, finding

> Applying Using information in another familiar situation Implementing, carrying out, using, executing

Understanding Explaining ideas or concepts Interpreting, summarising, paraphrasing, classifying, explaining

Recalling information Recalling, information Recognising, listing, describing, retrieving, naming, finding

## **Affective Domain**

•Affective domain is related with our emotions, feelings, values, motivations and attitudes.

Receiving
Responding
Valuing
Organizing
Internalizing Values

# **Psychomotor Domain**

Reflex Movements
Basic Movements
Perceptual Abilities
Physical Abilities
Skilled Movements
Non-discursive communication

#### HOW TO FRAME LEARNING OBJECTIVES USING BLOOM'S TAXONOMY



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# Writing objectives in Mathematics with reference to Bloom

Questions that encourage each of these skills often begin with:

- Knowledge: List, define, describe, show, name, what, when, etc.
- Comprehension: Summarize, compare and contrast, estimate, discuss, etc.
- Application: Apply, calculate, complete, show, solve, modify, etc.
- Analysis: Separate, arrange, classify, explain, etc.
- Synthesis: Integrate, modify, substitute, design, create, What if..., formulate, generalize, prepare, etc.
- Evaluation: Assess, rank, test, explain, discriminate, support, etc

## Example

**Knowledge:** Questions include "State the definition", "State the theorem", or "Use the

#### specified method."

E.g., Take the derivative of the following rational function using quotient rule.

**Comprehension:** Questions ask the student to

use definitions or methods to calculate something.

E.g., Find the slope of the tangent line to the following function at a given point.

**<u>Application</u>**: Questions which require the usage of more than one definition, theorem, and/or algorithm. E.g., Find the derivative of the following implicitly defined function. (This question could be used to test logarithmic differentiation as well, for instance) **Analysis:** Questions require the student to identify the appropriate theorem and use it to arrive at the given conclusion or classification. Alternatively, these questions can provide a scenario and ask the student to generate a certain type of conclusion. E.g., Let f(x) be a fourth-degree polynomial. How many roots can f(x) have? Explain.

**Synthesis:** Questions are similar to Analysis questions, but the conclusion to be reached by the student is an algorithm for solving the given question. This also includes questions which ask the student to develop their own classification system

E.g., optimization word problems where student generates the function to be differentiated.

**Evaluation:** Questions are similar to Synthesis questions, except the student is required to make judgements about which information should be used.

E.g., related rate word problem where student

