

ASSIGNMENT

TRIANGLES ON GRIDS

Course: Discrete Mathematics

Institution: Saint Mary's College

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Details about the audience and course context

- How many students are in the class? *20–25*
- What is the teaching modality (in person, virtual, hybrid)? *In person*
- What grade level/year are the majority of students? *Sophomores to seniors*
- Where does this course fall in the curriculum? (Is it in the core or organized within a particular course of study?) *The course is for math majors.*
- What virtues are integrated into the course? *Curiosity, beauty, and perseverance*

Assignment: Triangles on Grids

Suppose you have a square grid of 9 points (I'm going to call this a "3 by 3" grid) as shown below.



- How many different triangles can we draw on this grid assuming the vertices of the triangles are on points of the grid? What if you have a 4-by-4 grid? A 5-by-5 grid?
- Discuss how you would answer the question for a 6-by-6 (or larger) grid.
- Ask an interesting question based on these scenarios, generalizing or slightly changing them in some way. Discuss this new problem and how you could attempt to solve it. Maybe solve a special case or two.
- Curiosity: Pick your favorite topic that we have covered up to this point. Mathematically, why do you find it interesting? What makes you curious to know more about it?