# Communication & Learning?

- Communication vs Mimetic Technology
- Communication technology is not unalloyed good
  - power
  - fascination and pleasure
  - deception

Communication

$$\#$$
  $\#$  Information  $\#$  Knowledge

Reflection vs Discourse ...

### Learning as Research Activity

#### Learning by doing: Make your own

- tools, to encapsulate knowledge (theorems)
  - Cabrera Physics
  - Tversky Psychology
- models, to learn how to abstract, analyze
- views, to learn how to communicate

### Research Environment = Learning Environment

- research -- understand something known to few
- study -- understand something known to many
- experts and novices share "language," -- different registers, dexterity

## **Scholarly Gestures**

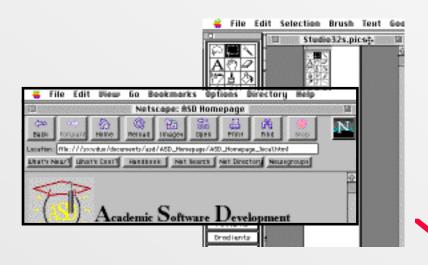
#### Create and interpret models

- algebraic, geometric
- relational
- numerical, statistical
- logical
- Create and interpret narratives
  - text
  - cinema
  - music
- Annotate anything with anything
- Create and use functions

### What's Fundamental? What's Artifact?

- Network is artifact. Latency becomes
  - object inertia
  - metric on places
- Multimedia is an artifact.
- Expressivity is fundamental.

# Trends: "Computing Technology"

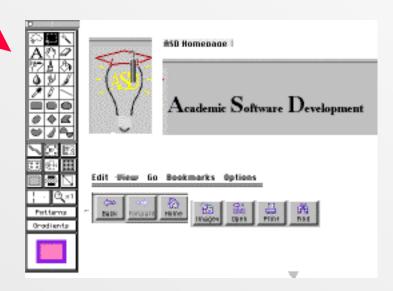


Monolithic, OS-bound apps ->

- -> distributed tools
- -> pure document

Transmit data ->

- -> remote process
- -> transmit objects



# Trends: "Writing Technologies"

expressive

Video, film

Music, Theater

Mathematica

Natural (written) language

Diagrams, Drawings

Structure programming languages

Procedural programming languages

inexpressive

hard to write

easy

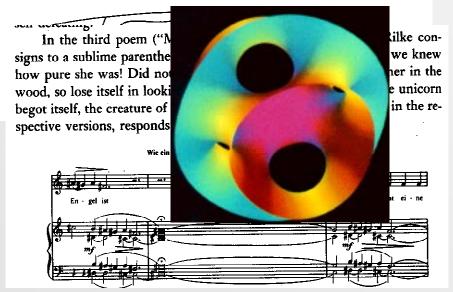
### **Old Dualities**

### • Natural language narratives, analog art

17.2.11. Now define the continuous map  $f_4: M \to \mathbb{R}^n$  in the following way

$$f_4(x) = \begin{cases} f_3(x) & \text{for } x \in M_i - M_i^0, \\ (1 - t)f_3(x) + tpf_3(x) & \text{for } x = (b, t) \in B_i^0 \times [0, 1] = T_i, \\ \tilde{f}_i(x) & \text{for } x \in M_i^0 - T_i, \end{cases}$$

here p is the projection on  $\Gamma_i$ , while  $\tilde{f_i}$ :  $(M_i^0 - T_i) \to \Gamma_i$  is the smooth  $C_{n-1}$ -operimetric map spanning  $\tilde{g_i}$ :  $B_i' \to \Gamma_i$ ,  $\tilde{g_i} = pf_3$ , which exists according to the duction hypothesis.



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int main(int argc, char* argv[])
#ifdef DEBUG
    syslog(LOG_WARNING, "mmddSession: created
mmddResMgr and sessionMgr\n");
    fprintf(stderr, "mmddSession: created
mmddResMgr and sessionMgr\n");
        fflush(stderr);
#endif
#ifdef DEBUGREAL
                char *p;
                char **argPtr;
                register int i;
                FILE *fd;
                argPtr = argv;
                i = 0;
                while (i < argc)
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# Performable Writing

- \* Readable by human
- \* Interpretable by computer

### Example

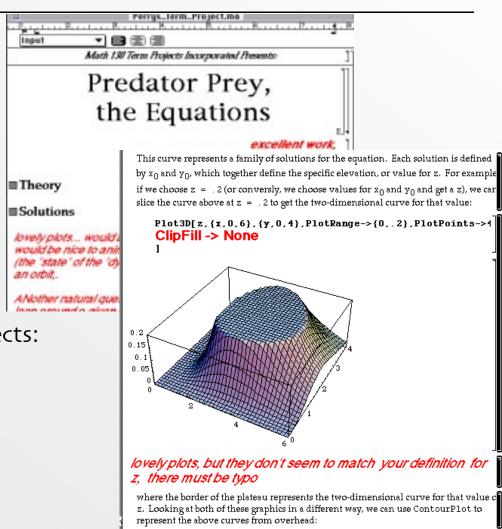
Differential Equations - student projects:

Written narrative

Interpretable (math) funtions

Structures amplify coversation

between teacher and student



ContourPlot[z, {x, 0, 6}, {y, 0, 4}, Contours->40]

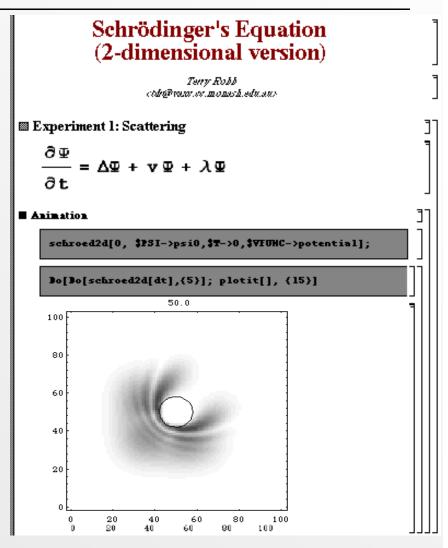
# Performable Writing

Example: Quantum Mechanics Simulations

Combine symbolic with numeric functions

Combine mathematics with English narrative

Produce video in place



### **Problems**

#### Modalities

- Sound, Music and Speech
- Haptic
- Embed computational artifacts into physical media

#### Representations

- Structured media: text, databases, scorefiles, Mathematica
- Opaque media: human, realia, bitmap, digital video, aiff sound

### New writing technologies (languages) for

- Action and interaction
- Multi-modality
- Performable literature