

# Addition Strategies: Adding Bases and Adding Ones

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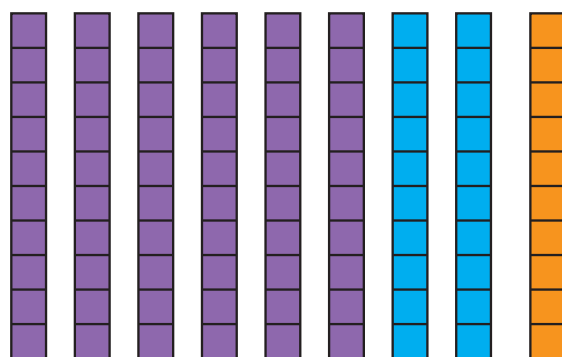
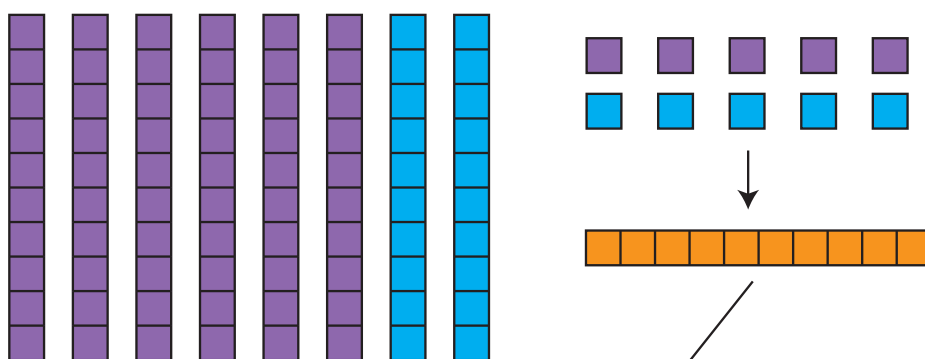
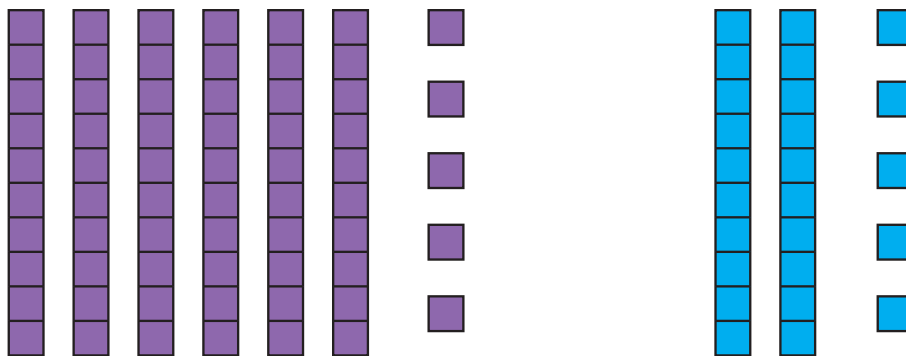
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## Transcript

Strategy descriptions and examples adapted from Hackenberg ([2025](#)). The video for this student's strategy was not a CGI video and has been removed from publicly accessible databases.

It involved a student named Sarah, who solved  $65+25$ . She said the following:

**Sarah's solution:** "I used decomposing, I broke 65 into 60 and five. I broke 25 into 20 and five. I added the 60 and the 20 and I got 80. I added the 5 to 5 and I got ten. I connected the 5 to the 80 and I got 90."



Notation Representing Sarah's Solution:

$$65 + 25 = \square$$

$$60 + 20 = 80$$

$$5 + 5 = 10$$

$$80 + 10 = 90$$

## Description of Strategy

- **Objective:** Split both addends into bases and ones, add bases together and ones together, then combine the partial sums.
- **Example:**  $65 + 25$ 
  - Split:  $65 = 60 + 5$ ,  $25 = 20 + 5$ .
  - Add bases:  $60 + 20 = 80$ .
  - Add ones:  $5 + 5 = 10$ .
  - Combine:  $80 + 10 = 90$ .

## Automaton Type

**Pushdown Automaton (PDA):** Needed to handle composition-over when adding ones.

## Formal Description of the Automaton

We define the PDA as the 7-tuple

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_{0/accept}, Z_0, F)$$

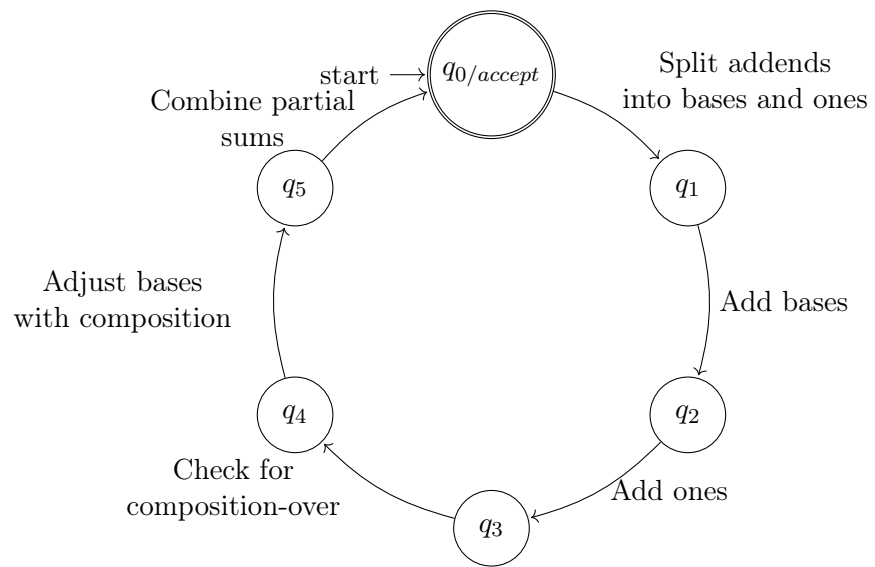
where:

- $Q = \{q_{0/accept}, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5\}$  is the set of states.
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, +\}$  is the input alphabet.
- $\Gamma = \{Z_0\} \cup \{c \mid c \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is the stack alphabet, where  $Z_0$  is the initial stack symbol and a symbol  $c$  represents a composition-over.
- $q_{0/accept}$  is the start state (which is also the accept state).
- $Z_0$  is the initial stack symbol.
- $F = \{q_{0/accept}\}$  is the set of accepting states.

The transition function  $\delta$  is defined as follows:

1.  $\delta(q_{0/accept}, "A, B", Z_0) = \{(q_1, Z_0)\}$   
(Read  $A$  and  $B$  and split each into its base (tens, hundreds, ...) and ones components.)
2.  $\delta(q_1, \varepsilon, Z_0) = \{(q_2, Z_0)\}$   
(Add the bases: compute  $A_{\text{base}} + B_{\text{base}}$ .)
3.  $\delta(q_2, \varepsilon, Z_0) = \{(q_3, Z_0)\}$   
(Add the ones: compute  $A_{\text{ones}} + B_{\text{ones}}$ .)
4.  $\delta(q_3, \varepsilon, Z_0) = \{(q_4, c Z_0)\}$   
(If the ones sum is greater than or equal to the base, push the composition  $c$  onto the stack.)
5.  $\delta(q_4, \varepsilon, c) = \{(q_5, c)\}$   
(Adjust the bases sum by adding the composition-over  $c$ .)
6.  $\delta(q_5, \varepsilon, Z_0) = \{(q_{0/accept}, Z_0)\}$   
(Combine the adjusted bases sum with the ones sum and output the final result.)

## Automaton Diagram for ABAO



## HTML Implementation

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <head>
4   <title>Addition Strategies: Adding Bases and Adding Ones (ABAO)</title>
5   <style>
6     body { font-family: sans-serif; }
7     #abaoDiagram { border: 1px solid #d3d3d3; }
8     #outputContainer { margin-top: 20px; }
9     .diagram-label { font-size: 14px; display: block; margin-bottom: 5px; }
10    .calc-label { font-size: 12px; text-anchor: middle; }
11    .group-rect { fill: none; stroke: black; stroke-dasharray: 5 5; stroke-width: 1; }
12    .arrow { fill: none; stroke: black; stroke-width: 2; }
13    .arrow-head { fill: black; stroke: black; }
14    .stopping-point { fill: red; }
15    .number-line-label { font-size: 12px; }
16  </style>
17 </head>
18 <body>
19
20   <h1>Addition Strategies: Adding Bases and Adding Ones (ABAO)</h1>
21
22   <div>
23     <label for="abaoAddend1">Addend 1:</label>
24     <input type="number" id="abaoAddend1" value="65"> <!-- Changed default back -->
25   </div>
26   <div>
27     <label for="abaoAddend2">Addend 2:</label>
28     <input type="number" id="abaoAddend2" value="25"> <!-- Changed default back -->
29   </div>
30
31   <button onclick="runABAOAutomaton()">Calculate and Visualize</button>
32
33   <div id="outputContainer">
34     <h2>Explanation:</h2>
35     <div id="abaoOutput">
36       <strong>Current Addends:</strong> 65+25<br> <!-- Initial content -->
37     </div>
38   </div>
39
40   <h2>Diagram:</h2>
41   <svg id="abaoDiagram" width="700" height="950"></svg> <!-- Increased height
42     significantly -->
43
44   <script>
45     // --- Helper SVG Functions --- (Keep these the same as the previous version) ---
46     function drawBlock(svg, x, y, width, height, fill) {
47       const rect = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", 'rect');
48       rect.setAttribute('x', x);
49       rect.setAttribute('y', y);
50       rect.setAttribute('width', width);
51       rect.setAttribute('height', height);
52       rect.setAttribute('fill', fill);
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52     rect.setAttribute('stroke', 'black');
53     rect.setAttribute('stroke-width', '0.5'); // Thinner lines for blocks
54     svg.appendChild(rect);
55 }
56
57 function drawTenBlock(svg, x, y, width, height, fill, unitBlockSize) {
58     const group = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", 'g');
59     const backgroundRect = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", '
        rect');
60     backgroundRect.setAttribute('x', x);
61     backgroundRect.setAttribute('y', y);
62     backgroundRect.setAttribute('width', width);
63     backgroundRect.setAttribute('height', height);
64     backgroundRect.setAttribute('fill', fill);
65     backgroundRect.setAttribute('stroke', 'black');
66     backgroundRect.setAttribute('stroke-width', '1');
67     group.appendChild(backgroundRect);
68
69     for (let i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
70         const unitBlock = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", 'rect
            ');
71         unitBlock.setAttribute('x', x);
72         unitBlock.setAttribute('y', y + i * unitBlockSize);
73         unitBlock.setAttribute('width', unitBlockSize);
74         unitBlock.setAttribute('height', unitBlockSize);
75         unitBlock.setAttribute('fill', fill);
76         unitBlock.setAttribute('stroke', 'lightgrey');
77         unitBlock.setAttribute('stroke-width', '0.5');
78         group.appendChild(unitBlock);
79     }
80     svg.appendChild(group);
81 }
82
83 function drawHundredBlock(svg, x, y, size, fill, unitBlockSize) {
84     const group = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", 'g');
85     const backgroundRect = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", '
        rect');
86     backgroundRect.setAttribute('x', x);
87     backgroundRect.setAttribute('y', y);
88     backgroundRect.setAttribute('width', size);
89     backgroundRect.setAttribute('height', size);
90     backgroundRect.setAttribute('fill', fill);
91     backgroundRect.setAttribute('stroke', 'black');
92     backgroundRect.setAttribute('stroke-width', '1');
93     group.appendChild(backgroundRect);
94
95     for (let row = 0; row < 10; row++) {
96         for (let col = 0; col < 10; col++) {
97             const unitBlock = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", '
                rect');
98             unitBlock.setAttribute('x', x + col * unitBlockSize);
99             unitBlock.setAttribute('y', y + row * unitBlockSize);
100             unitBlock.setAttribute('width', unitBlockSize);
101             unitBlock.setAttribute('height', unitBlockSize);

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102         unitBlock.setAttribute('fill', fill);
103         unitBlock.setAttribute('stroke', 'lightgrey');
104         unitBlock.setAttribute('stroke-width', '0.5');
105         group.appendChild(unitBlock);
106     }
107 }
108 svg.appendChild(group);
109 }
110
111
112 function drawGroupRect(svg, x, y, width, height) {
113     const rect = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", 'rect');
114     rect.setAttribute('x', x);
115     rect.setAttribute('y', y);
116     rect.setAttribute('width', width);
117     rect.setAttribute('height', height);
118     rect.setAttribute('class', 'group-rect');
119     svg.appendChild(rect);
120 }
121
122 function createText(svg, x, y, textContent, className = 'diagram-label', anchor = '
123     start') {
124     const text = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", 'text');
125     text.setAttribute('x', x);
126     text.setAttribute('y', y);
127     text.setAttribute('class', className);
128     text.setAttribute('text-anchor', anchor);
129     // text.setAttribute('font-size', '14px'); // Use CSS
130     text.textContent = textContent;
131     svg.appendChild(text);
132 }
133
134 function createCurvedArrow(svg, x1, y1, x2, y2, cx, cy, arrowClass='arrow', headClass
135     ='arrow-head') {
136     const path = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", 'path');
137     path.setAttribute('d', 'M ${x1} ${y1} Q ${cx} ${cy} ${x2} ${y2}');
138     path.setAttribute('class', arrowClass);
139     svg.appendChild(path);
140
141     const arrowHead = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg", 'path');
142     const arrowSize = 5;
143     // Calculate angle at the end of the curve (approx)
144     const dx = x2 - cx;
145     const dy = y2 - cy;
146     const angleRad = Math.atan2(dy, dx);
147     const angleDeg = angleRad * (180 / Math.PI);
148     arrowHead.setAttribute('d', 'M 0 0 L ${arrowSize} ${arrowSize/2} L ${arrowSize} $
149         {-arrowSize/2} Z');
150     arrowHead.setAttribute('class', headClass);
151     arrowHead.setAttribute('transform', 'translate(${x2}, ${y2}) rotate(${angleDeg +
152         180})');
153     svg.appendChild(arrowHead);
154 }

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152 function drawStoppingPoint(svg, x, y, labelText, labelOffsetBase = 20, index = 0) {
153     const circle = document.createElementNS('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'circle'
154     );
155     circle.setAttribute('cx', x);
156     circle.setAttribute('cy', y);
157     circle.setAttribute('r', 4);
158     circle.setAttribute('class', 'stopping-point');
159     svg.appendChild(circle);
160
161     // Use the provided y parameter instead of numberLineY
162     if (labelText) {
163         // Add staggering based on index to prevent overlap with large values
164         const labelOffset = labelOffsetBase * (index % 2 === 0 ? 1.5 : -1.8);
165         createText(svg, x, y + labelOffset, labelText, 'number-line-label');
166     }
167 }
168
169 // --- End Helper Functions ---
170
171 function drawABAODiagram(svgId, a1, a2, hunsA1, tensA1, onesA1, hunsA2, tensA2,
172     onesA2,
173     initialHunsSum, initialTensSum, initialOnesSum,
174     onesCarry, tensCarry,
175     finalHunsSum, finalTensSum, finalOnesSum, finalSum)
176 {
177     const svg = document.getElementById(svgId);
178     if (!svg) return;
179     svg.innerHTML = ''; // Clear SVG
180
181     const svgWidth = parseFloat(svg.getAttribute('width'));
182     const svgHeight = parseFloat(svg.getAttribute('height'));
183     const blockUnitSize = 10;
184     const tenBlockWidth = blockUnitSize;
185     const tenBlockHeight = blockUnitSize * 10;
186     const hundredBlockSize = blockUnitSize * 10;
187     const blockSpacing = 4;
188     const groupSpacingX = 30;
189     const sectionSpacingY = 140; // Increased spacing slightly
190     const startX = 30;
191     let currentY = 40;
192     const colorA1 = 'purple';
193     const colorA2 = 'cyan';
194     const colorOnesCarry = 'orange';
195     const colorTensCarry = 'lightgreen';
196     const maxBlockHeight = Math.max(tenBlockHeight, hundredBlockSize, blockUnitSize);
197     const calcLabelYOffset = 20; // Offset below blocks for calc labels
198     const textHeightApproximation = 10; // Approximate height of text for arrow start
199     Y
200
201     // --- 1. Initial Split Visualization ---
202     createText(svg, startX, currentY, 'Initial Split: ${a1} = ${hunsA1 > 0 ? hunsA1 +
203         '+': ''}${tensA1}+${onesA1}, ${a2} = ${hunsA2 > 0 ? hunsA2 + '+': ''}${tensA2
204         }+${onesA2}');
205     currentY += 30;

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201 let currentX = startX;
202 let section1MaxY = currentY;
203
204
205 // A1 Blocks
206 for (let i = 0; i < hunsA1 / 100; i++) { drawHundredBlock(svg, currentX, currentY,
    hundredBlockSize, colorA1, blockUnitSize); currentX += hundredBlockSize +
    groupSpacingX; section1MaxY = Math.max(section1MaxY, currentY +
    hundredBlockSize); }
207 for (let i = 0; i < tensA1 / 10; i++) { drawTenBlock(svg, currentX, currentY,
    tenBlockWidth, tenBlockHeight, colorA1, blockUnitSize); currentX +=
    tenBlockWidth + blockSpacing; section1MaxY = Math.max(section1MaxY, currentY +
    tenBlockHeight); }
208 for (let i = 0; i < onesA1; i++) { drawBlock(svg, currentX, currentY +
    maxBlockHeight - blockUnitSize, blockUnitSize, blockUnitSize, colorA1);
    currentX += blockUnitSize + blockSpacing; section1MaxY = Math.max(section1MaxY
    , currentY + maxBlockHeight); }
209 const a1EndX = currentX;
210
211 // A2 Blocks
212 currentX = a1EndX + groupSpacingX * 2;
213 const a2StartX = currentX;
214 for (let i = 0; i < hunsA2 / 100; i++) { drawHundredBlock(svg, currentX, currentY,
    hundredBlockSize, colorA2, blockUnitSize); currentX += hundredBlockSize +
    groupSpacingX; section1MaxY = Math.max(section1MaxY, currentY +
    hundredBlockSize); }
215 for (let i = 0; i < tensA2 / 10; i++) { drawTenBlock(svg, currentX, currentY,
    tenBlockWidth, tenBlockHeight, colorA2, blockUnitSize); currentX +=
    tenBlockWidth + blockSpacing; section1MaxY = Math.max(section1MaxY, currentY +
    tenBlockHeight); }
216 for (let i = 0; i < onesA2; i++) { drawBlock(svg, currentX, currentY +
    maxBlockHeight - blockUnitSize, blockUnitSize, blockUnitSize, colorA2);
    currentX += blockUnitSize + blockSpacing; section1MaxY = Math.max(section1MaxY
    , currentY + maxBlockHeight); }
217 currentY = section1MaxY + sectionSpacingY;
218
219
220 // --- 2. Combine Like Units (Before Composition) ---
221 createText(svg, startX, currentY, 'Combine Like Units');
222 currentY += 30;
223
224 let section2MaxY = currentY;
225 let combinedHunsX = startX;
226 let combinedTensX = 0;
227 let combinedOnesX = 0;
228 let hunsEndX = startX;
229 let tensEndX = 0;
230 let onesEndX = 0;
231 let onesGroupEndX = 0; // For composition grouping rect later
232 let tensGroupStartX = 0; // For composition grouping rect later
233 let tensGroupEndX = 0; // For composition grouping rect later
234
235
236 // Draw Combined Hundreds

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237 if(initialHunsSum > 0) {
238     for (let i = 0; i < initialHunsSum / 100; i++) { let color = (i < hunsA1 /
        100) ? colorA1 : colorA2; drawHundredBlock(svg, combinedHunsX, currentY,
        hundredBlockSize, color, blockUnitSize); combinedHunsX += hundredBlockSize
        + blockSpacing; }
239     hunsEndX = combinedHunsX;
240     createText(svg, startX + (hunsEndX - startX - blockSpacing) / 2, currentY +
        hundredBlockSize + calcLabelYOffset, `${hunsA1}+${hunsA2}=${initialHunsSum}
        `, 'calc-label', 'middle');
241     section2MaxY = Math.max(section2MaxY, currentY + hundredBlockSize);
242     combinedTensX = hunsEndX + groupSpacingX;
243 } else {
244     combinedTensX = startX;
245 }
246
247 // Draw Combined Tens
248 tensGroupStartX = combinedTensX; // Mark start for potential grouping
249 currentX = combinedTensX;
250 for (let i = 0; i < initialTensSum / 10; i++) {
251     let color = (i < tensA1 / 10) ? colorA1 : colorA2;
252     drawTenBlock(svg, currentX, currentY, tenBlockWidth, tenBlockHeight, color,
        blockUnitSize);
253     if (i < 10) tensGroupEndX = currentX + tenBlockWidth; // Track end of first
        10 tens
254     currentX += tenBlockWidth + blockSpacing;
255 }
256 tensEndX = currentX;
257 const tensLabelX = combinedTensX + (tensEndX - combinedTensX - blockSpacing) / 2;
258 const tensLabelY = currentY + tenBlockHeight + calcLabelYOffset;
259 createText(svg, tensLabelX, tensLabelY, `${tensA1}+${tensA2}=${initialTensSum}`, '
    calc-label', 'middle');
260 section2MaxY = Math.max(section2MaxY, currentY + tenBlockHeight);
261
262
263 // Draw Combined Ones
264 combinedOnesX = tensEndX + groupSpacingX;
265 currentX = combinedOnesX;
266 for (let i = 0; i < initialOnesSum; i++) {
267     let color = (i < onesA1) ? colorA1 : colorA2;
268     drawBlock(svg, currentX, currentY + maxBlockHeight - blockUnitSize,
        blockUnitSize, blockUnitSize, color);
269     if (i < 10) onesGroupEndX = currentX + blockUnitSize; // Track end of first 10
        ones
270     currentX += blockUnitSize + blockSpacing;
271 }
272 onesEndX = currentX;
273 const onesLabelX = combinedOnesX + (onesEndX - combinedOnesX - blockSpacing) / 2;
274 const onesLabelY = currentY + maxBlockHeight + calcLabelYOffset;
275 createText(svg, onesLabelX, onesLabelY, `${onesA1}+${onesA2}=${initialOnesSum}`, '
    calc-label', 'middle');
276 section2MaxY = Math.max(section2MaxY, currentY + maxBlockHeight);
277
278
279 // --- Store Coordinates for Arrows ---

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280     const onesArrowStartY = onesLabelY + textHeightApproximation; // Start below the
      ones calculation text
281     const tensArrowStartY = tensLabelY + textHeightApproximation; // Start below the
      tens calculation text
282
283
284     // --- 3. Skip separate composition step, move Y ---
285     currentY = section2MaxY + sectionSpacingY;
286
287
288     // --- 4. Final Sum Visualization ---
289     createText(svg, startX, currentY, 'Final Result (After Composition): ${finalSum}')
      ;
290     currentY += 30;
291
292     let finalMaxY = currentY;
293     currentX = startX;
294     let finalHunsStartX = startX;
295     let finalTensStartX = 0;
296     let finalOnesStartX = 0;
297
298
299     // Final Hundreds
300     let composedHundredX = 0, composedHundredY = 0;
301     for (let i = 0; i < finalHunsSum / 100; i++) {
302         let color;
303         if (i < hunsA1 / 100) color = colorA1;
304         else if (i < initialHunsSum / 100) color = colorA2;
305         else {
306             color = colorTensCarry; // Color for hundred composed from tens
307             composedHundredX = currentX + hundredBlockSize / 2; // Store center of
              composed hundred
308             composedHundredY = currentY + hundredBlockSize / 2;
309         }
310         drawHundredBlock(svg, currentX, currentY, hundredBlockSize, color,
              blockUnitSize);
311         currentX += hundredBlockSize + blockSpacing;
312     }
313     let finalHunsEndX = currentX > startX ? currentX - blockSpacing : startX;
314
315     // Final Tens
316     currentX = finalHunsEndX + (finalHunsEndX > startX ? groupSpacingX : 0);
317     finalTensStartX = currentX; // Store start X for final tens
318     let composedTenX = 0, composedTenY = 0;
319     for (let i = 0; i < finalTensSum / 10; i++) {
320         let color = colorA1; // Default/placeholder color
321         // More precise coloring: Check if this ten block is the one created by
          onesCarry
322         if (onesCarry > 0 && i === initialTensSum / 10) { // If it's the position
          right after initial tens
323             color = colorOnesCarry;
324             composedTenX = currentX + tenBlockWidth / 2; // Store center of composed
              ten
325             composedTenY = currentY + tenBlockHeight / 2;

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326     } else if (i < tensA1 / 10 && tensCarry == 0) { // Original A1 if no tens->
327         hundred carry
328         color = colorA1;
329     } else if (i < initialTensSum / 10 && tensCarry == 0) { // Original A2 if no
330         tens->hundred carry
331         color = colorA2;
332     }
333     // If tensCarry happened, coloring remaining tens accurately is complex,
334     using carry color as fallback
335     else if (tensCarry > 0) {
336         color = colorOnesCarry; // Might be remaining original or from ones carry
337     }
338
339     drawTenBlock(svg, currentX, currentY, tenBlockWidth, tenBlockHeight, color,
340         blockUnitSize);
341     currentX += tenBlockWidth + blockSpacing;
342 }
343 let finalTensEndX = currentX > finalTensStartX ? currentX - blockSpacing :
344     finalTensStartX;
345
346 // Final Ones Blocks
347 currentX = finalTensEndX + (finalTensEndX > finalTensStartX ? groupSpacingX : 0);
348 finalOnesStartX = currentX;
349 for (let i = 0; i < finalOnesSum; i++) {
350     let color = (i < onesA1 && onesCarry == 0) ? colorA1 : colorA2;
351     drawBlock(svg, currentX, currentY + maxBlockHeight - blockUnitSize,
352         blockUnitSize, blockUnitSize, color);
353     currentX += blockUnitSize + blockSpacing;
354 }
355 finalMaxY = Math.max(currentY + maxBlockHeight, currentY + hundredBlockSize);
356
357 // --- Draw Composition Arrows ---
358 // Arrow from ones sum text to composed ten block
359 if (onesCarry > 0 && composedTenX > 0) {
360     createCurvedArrow(svg,
361         onesLabelX, onesArrowStartY, // Start below ones calculation text
362         composedTenX, composedTenY - tenBlockHeight/2, // End at top-center of
363         composed ten block
364         onesLabelX + 30, onesArrowStartY + sectionSpacingY / 2 // Control point
365     );
366 }
367 // Arrow from tens sum text to composed hundred block
368 if (tensCarry > 0 && composedHundredX > 0) {
369     createCurvedArrow(svg,
370         tensLabelX, tensArrowStartY, // Start below tens calculation text
371         composedHundredX, composedHundredY - hundredBlockSize/2, // End at top-
372         center of composed hundred block
373         tensLabelX + 50, tensArrowStartY + sectionSpacingY / 2 // Control point
374     );
375 }
376 }
377
378 (function() { // IIFE

```

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372 window.runABAOAutomaton = function() {
373     const outputDiv = document.getElementById('abaoOutput');
374     const a1 = parseInt(document.getElementById('abaoAddend1').value);
375     const a2 = parseInt(document.getElementById('abaoAddend2').value);
376
377     if (isNaN(a1) || isNaN(a2)) {
378         outputDiv.textContent = "Please_enter_valid_numbers_for_both_addends";
379         diagramABAOSVG.innerHTML = ''; // Clear diagram on error
380         return;
381     }
382
383     let steps = '';
384
385     // Split both addends
386     const hunsA1 = Math.floor(a1 / 100) * 100;
387     const tensA1 = Math.floor((a1 % 100) / 10) * 10;
388     const onesA1 = a1 % 10;
389     const hunsA2 = Math.floor(a2 / 100) * 100;
390     const tensA2 = Math.floor((a2 % 100) / 10) * 10;
391     const onesA2 = a2 % 10;
392     steps += '<strong>Splitting Addends:</strong><br>';
393     steps += `${a1} = ${hunsA1 > 0 ? hunsA1 + ' + ' : ''}${tensA1} + ${onesA1}<br>
394         >`;
395     steps += `${a2} = ${hunsA2 > 0 ? hunsA2 + ' + ' : ''}${tensA2} + ${onesA2}<br>
396         >`;
397
398     // Add like units
399     const initialHunsSum = hunsA1 + hunsA2;
400     const initialTensSum = tensA1 + tensA2;
401     const initialOnesSum = onesA1 + onesA2;
402     steps += '<br><strong>Combine Like Units:</strong><br>';
403     if(initialHunsSum > 0) steps += `Hundreds: ${hunsA1} + ${hunsA2} = ${
404         initialHunsSum}<br>`;
405     steps += `Tens: ${tensA1} + ${tensA2} = ${initialTensSum}<br>`;
406     steps += `Ones: ${onesA1} + ${onesA2} = ${initialOnesSum}<br>`;
407
408     // Handle Compositions
409     steps += '<br><strong>Composition:</strong><br>';
410     let onesCarry = Math.floor(initialOnesSum / 10) * 10;
411     let finalOnesSum = initialOnesSum % 10;
412     if (onesCarry > 0) {
413         steps += `- Compose ${onesCarry} from ones into ${onesCarry/10} ten(s).
414             Remaining ones: ${finalOnesSum}<br>`;
415     } else {
416         steps += `- No composition needed for ones.<br>`;
417     }
418
419     let tensSumAfterOnesCarry = initialTensSum + onesCarry;
420     let tensCarry = Math.floor(tensSumAfterOnesCarry / 100) * 100;
421     let finalTensSum = tensSumAfterOnesCarry % 100;
422     if (tensCarry > 0) {
423         steps += `- Compose ${tensCarry} from tens into ${tensCarry/100} hundred(s)
424             Remaining tens: ${finalTensSum}<br>`;
425     } else {

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421         steps += '- No composition needed for tens.<br>';
422     }
423
424     let finalHunsSum = initialHunsSum + tensCarry;
425
426     // Combine for final result
427     const finalSum = finalHunsSum + finalTensSum + finalOnesSum;
428     steps += '<br><strong>Final_Result:</strong><br>';
429     steps += `${finalHunsSum > 0 ? finalHunsSum + '_+': ''}${finalTensSum} + ${
430         finalOnesSum} = ${finalSum}`; // Hide 0 hundreds in final sum text
431
432     outputDiv.innerHTML = steps;
433     typesetMath();
434
435     // Draw Diagram
436     drawABAODiagram('abaoDiagram', a1, a2, hunsA1, tensA1, onesA1, hunsA2, tensA2
437         , onesA2,
438         initialHunsSum, initialTensSum, initialOnesSum,
439         onesCarry, tensCarry,
440         finalHunsSum, finalTensSum, finalOnesSum, finalSum);
441
442     };
443
444     function typesetMath() { /* Placeholder */ }
445
446     // Initialize on load
447     const initialOutputDiv = document.getElementById('abaoOutput');
448     if (initialOutputDiv) {
449         // Run with default values on load
450         runABAOAutomaton();
451     }
452
453     })(); // End of IIFE
454
455 </script>
456
457 <!-- New button for viewing PDF documentation -->
458 <button onclick="openPdfViewer()">Want to learn more about this strategy? Click here.</
459     button>
460
461 <script>
462     function openPdfViewer() {
463         // Opens the PDF documentation for the strategy.
464         window.open('../SAR_ADD_ABAO.pdf', '_blank');
465     }
466 </script>
467
468 </body>
469 </html>

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## References

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