

Analyzing images from teaching

Today's Topic: Comparing fractions through different methods

Representations

used: number line
area (rectangles)

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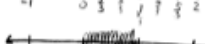
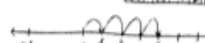
not used: sets of objects
area (circles)

which is larger: $\frac{4}{3}$ or $\frac{14}{15}$



$$\frac{4}{3} = \frac{20}{15}$$

$$\frac{20}{15} > \frac{14}{15}$$



which is larger: $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{14}{15}$

Findings:

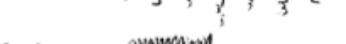
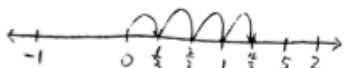
- $\frac{4}{3}$ is bigger because it is more than 1 while $\frac{14}{15}$ is a little smaller.
- Both of these fractions are 1 part away from 1
- Even though the denominator is really small that does not mean that the fraction is going to be smallest
- You can change $\frac{4}{3}$ into a fraction with an equal value that is easier to compare with $\frac{14}{15}$

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