

Description

A mobile-first (tablet with stylus preferred over a phone) app for handwriting math solution. This will essentially be a clone of [Project Chiron](#).

Requirements

- **Primary user flow (“Training mode”)**
 - Problem text shown at the top.
 - The child writes the solution **line by line** on a handwriting canvas. Visible guides are preferred to encourage a clear solution process.
 - Each line is automatically **split and recognized as a separate step**.
 - After each line, the app checks:
 - **Correctness** – whether the math is valid.
 - **Usefulness** – whether it moves the solution forward.
 - Correct & useful → accept and move to the next line.
Correct but not useful → accept with a mild nudge.
Incorrect → mark and provide a targeted hint.
- **Handwriting support**
 - Full handwriting input with multiple colors and erasing.
 - **(optional)** Undo in addition to erasing.
- **Guidance**
 - Show **tips** after inactivity or wrong input.
 - Hints escalate gradually — concept cue → directional hint → micro next step.
 - Never reveal the entire solution or full next step unless absolutely necessary.
 - **(optional)** Voice tutoring : short, useful verbal hints, not chatty.

- **Technology**
 - Build in **React Native** (tablet-focused). See comments.
 - Use an **external math solver** for checking (CameraMath preferred; Wolfram Alpha may be tried, Symbolab excluded). See comments.
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Extras

1. **Cloud storage** of every attempt (problem, written lines, and outcomes).
2. **Guide/Teacher app** with bidirectional contact — guide can see live progress and write directly into the student's workspace.
3. Tutorial mode with Direct Instruction-based tutorials (before giving students the problems from the same skill).
4. Assessment mode - keep splitting the solution into lines, but check the entire thing only after clicking submit.

Comments

- React native is a weak requirement, but I think it's better to converge onto as an org (iPads are not guaranteed so no Swift, and Flutter seems like a semi-dead tech). We'll be able to use components if not the entire app. React-native-skia seems promising.
- Choices of external math solver are described based on the actual experience. Wolfram has a weird API, and Symbolab is either a dead company or didn't even bother replying to me. CameraMath offers an initial free \$10 of credits which will be completely sufficient.
- **Practically, I'd be happier with a really nice and smooth tablet experience over implementation of extras so we can directly bring them into our (multiple) projects that need this**

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