ABSTRACT

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It was asked whether or not we, as teachers of mathematics, are only concerned about handing out a certain collection of facts which we require our students to know. The discussion emphasized the importance of training our students to think abstractly and logically. Perhaps this means covering less material in a given course, but covering it more carefully.