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Thanks for inviting me to the fall 2018 MAA Seaway Section meeting!

Handout, video, links at <http://drorbn.net/maa18/>

My Favourite First-Year Analysis Theorem

Abstract. Whatever it may be, it should say something useful and exciting and it should not be *about* rigour, yet it should *demand* rigour. You can't guess. You probably think it the dreariest. You are wrong.

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for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $\delta > 0$ such that, for all x ,
if $0 < |x - a| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$.

If f and g are continuous at a , then

- (1) $f + g$ is continuous at a ,
- (2) $f \cdot g$ is continuous at a .

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$, then there is some x in $[a, b]$ such that $f(x) = 0$.

7 Three Hard Theorems.

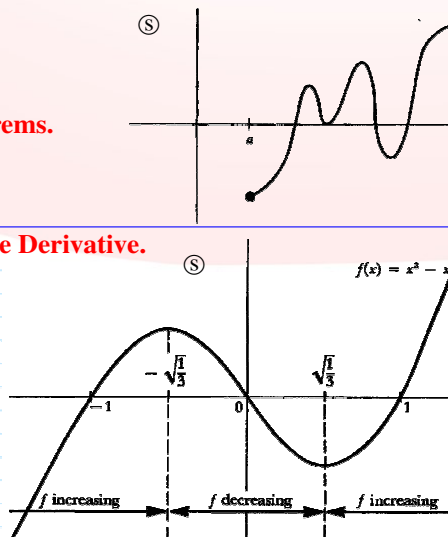
11 Significance of the Derivative.

$$y = x^2 - x$$

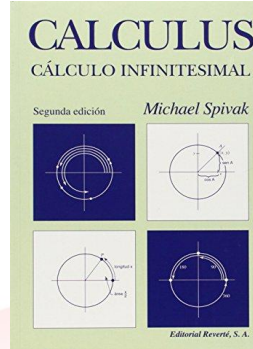
$$y' = 3x^2 - 1$$

$$= (\sqrt{3}x + 1)(\sqrt{3}x - 1)$$

$$= \begin{cases} > 0 & x > \sqrt{3} \\ < 0 & -\sqrt{3} < x < \sqrt{3} \\ > 0 & x < -\sqrt{3} \end{cases}$$



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14 The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

If f is integrable on $[a, b]$ and $f = g'$ for some function g , then

$$\int_a^b f = g(b) - g(a).$$

Tweets

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*16 π is Irrational.



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$\pi = a/b$, $f(x) = x^n(a-bx)^n/n!$, n large $\Rightarrow 0 < V = \int_0^\pi f(x) \sin(x) dx < 1$. Repeated integration by parts & $f(x) = f(\pi - x) \Rightarrow V \in \mathbb{Z}$. So π is irrational.

20 Approximation by Polynomial Functions.

Suppose that f is a function for which $f'(a), \dots, f^{(n)}(a)$ all exist. Let

$$a_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n,$$

and define

$$P_{n,a}(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-a) + \dots + a_n(x-a)^n.$$

Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - P_{n,a}(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0.$$

For example for $f(x) = \sin(x)$ at $a = 0$, $f^{(k)} = \sin, \cos, -\sin, -\cos, \sin, \dots$, so

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)/2}}{k!} & k \text{ odd} \\ 0 & k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

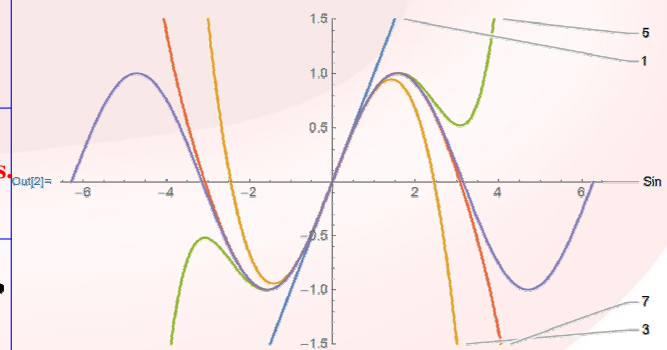
$$In[1] := a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)/2}}{k!} & \text{OddQ}[k] \\ 0 & \text{EvenQ}[k] \end{cases};$$

Plot[Evaluate@Append[

$$\text{Table[Labeled}[\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k, n], \{n, \{1, 3, 5, 7\}\}],$$

Labeled[Sin[x], Sin]

$$], \{x, -2\pi, 2\pi\}, \text{PlotRange} \rightarrow \{-1.5, 1.5\}]$$



$$In[3] := \text{Column@Table}[k \rightarrow N[a_k 157^k], \{k, \{0, 3, 9, 13, 29, 35, 157, 223, 457\}\}]$$

$$0 \rightarrow 0.$$

$$3 \rightarrow -644982.$$

$$9 \rightarrow 1.59711 \times 10^{14}$$

$$13 \rightarrow 5.65477 \times 10^{18}$$

$$29 \rightarrow 5.42689 \times 10^{32}$$

$$35 \rightarrow -6.95433 \times 10^{36}$$

$$157 \rightarrow 4.86366 \times 10^{66}$$

$$223 \rightarrow -1.94045 \times 10^{61}$$

$$457 \rightarrow 4.87404 \times 10^{-10}$$

Some sizes (in multiples of the diameter of a Hydrogen atom:

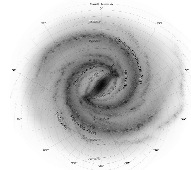
A red blood cell	1.56×10^5
The CN Tower	1.11×10^{13}
The rings of Saturn	5.6×10^{18}
The Milky Way galaxy	1.89×10^{31}
The observable universe	1.76×10^{37}

$$In[4] := N[\sum_{k=0}^{457} a_k 157^k], \sum_{k=0}^{457} N[a_k 157^k]$$

$$Out[4] := \{-0.0795485, 5.10624 \times 10^{30}\}$$

$$In[8] := N[\sin[157]]$$

$$Out[8] := -0.0795485$$



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