

# Tips and Review

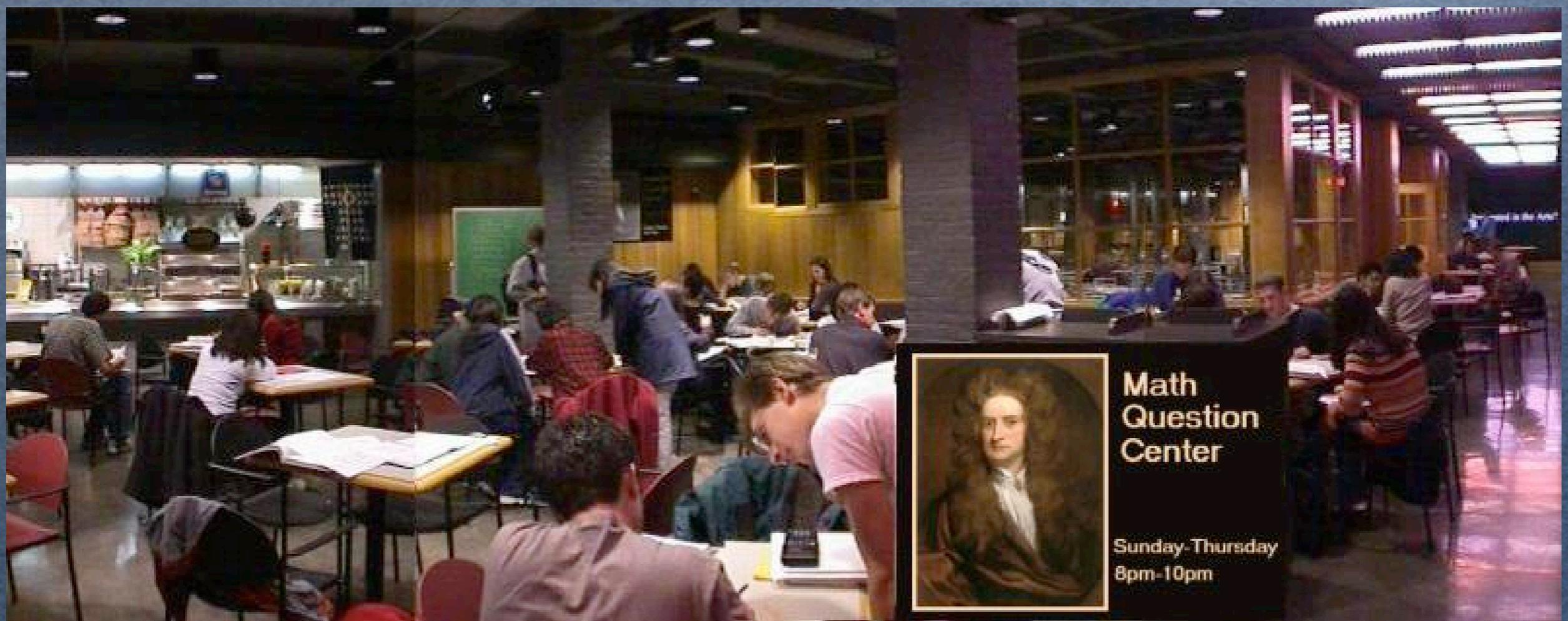
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I General Tips

II Time and  
study advise

III Some review

# Work the problems!



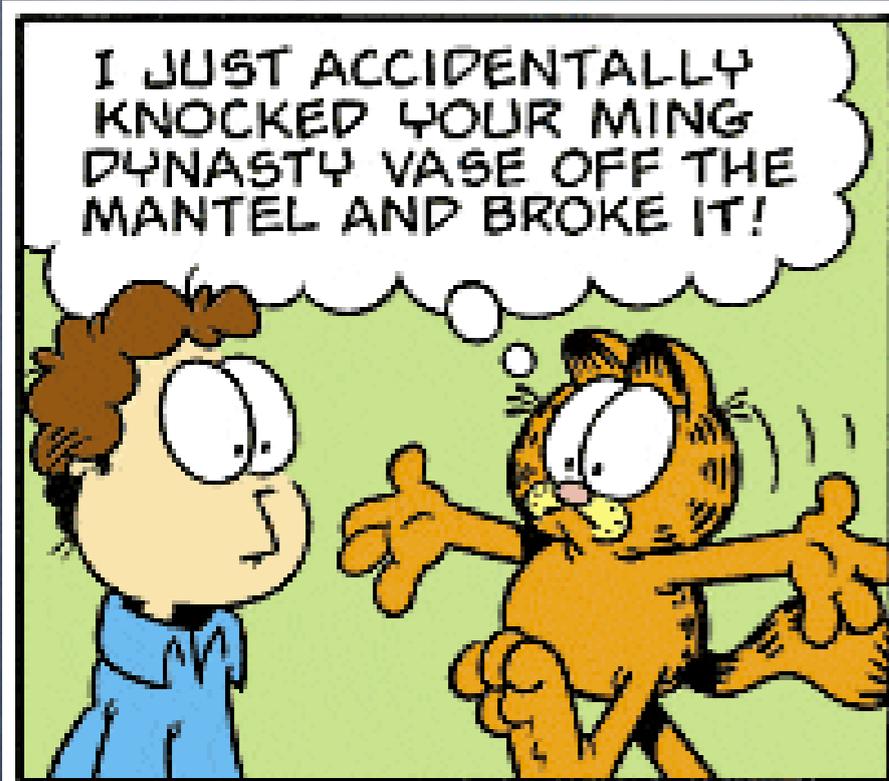
# Come to Lectures!



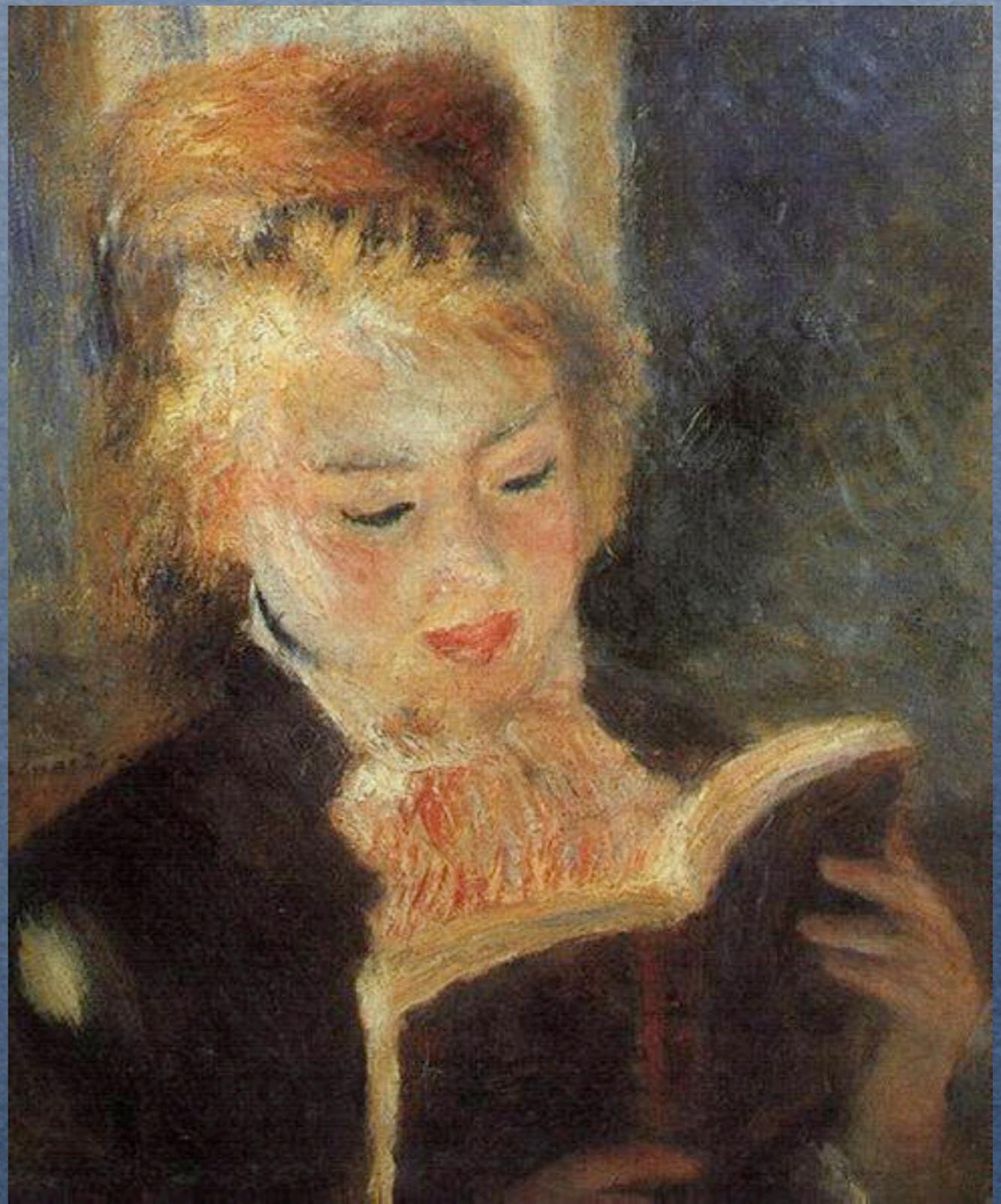
# Ask Questions



# Get Involved



# Read the book



La liseuse, Pierre-August Renoir (1875)

# Be Prepared



# Discuss Material



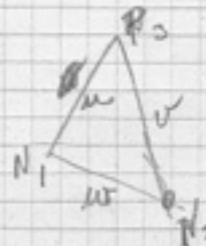
# Keep Notes

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Kinetic energy  $= -\frac{\hbar^2}{M} \nabla^2 \psi$

Potential energy  $V(u, v, w) = A(u) + \sigma_1 \sigma_2 B(u) + A(v) + \sigma_1 \sigma_3 B(v) + C(w) + \sigma_1 \sigma_3 C(w)$



Symmetry

$\psi(u, v, w) = \pm \psi(v, u, w)$

+ sign associated with spin function  
 $\frac{(-+-) + (+-+) - 2(++-)}{\sqrt{6}}$

- sign associated with spin function (+++)  
 $\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 = \xi_1 \xi_2 + \frac{1}{2}(\xi_1 + i\eta_1)(\xi_2 - i\eta_2) + \frac{1}{2}(\xi_1 - i\eta_1)(\xi_2 + i\eta_2)$

~~$\psi(u, v, w)$~~

$\xi = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{vmatrix}$       $\xi + i\eta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 (++) = \frac{1}{4} (++)$

$\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 (+-) = -\frac{1}{4} (+-) + \frac{1}{2} (-+)$

$\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 (-+) = -\frac{1}{4} (-+) + \frac{1}{2} (+-)$

$\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 (--) = \frac{1}{4} (--)$

# Group Collaboration



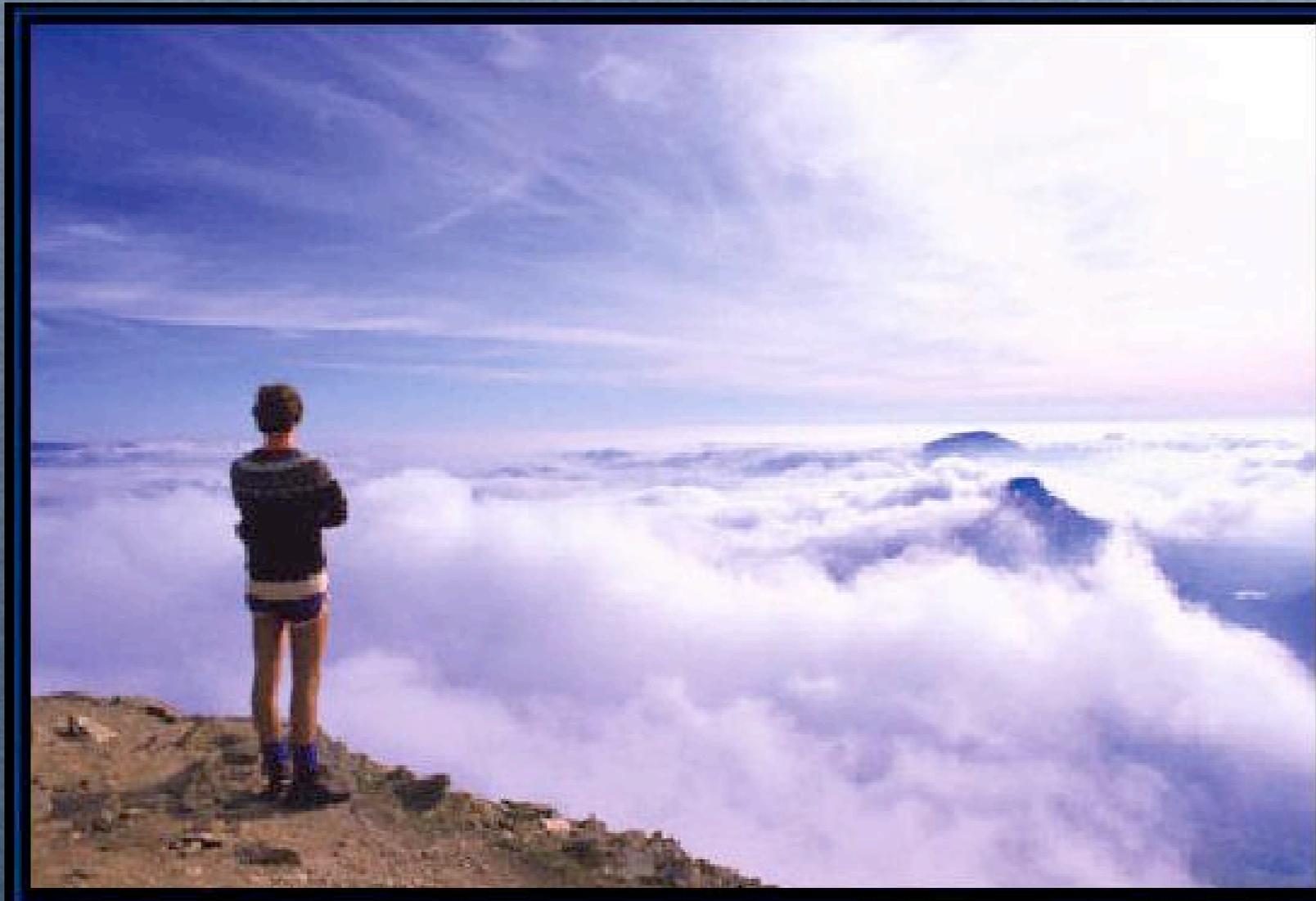
# Live Beyond Classes



# Timemanagement



# Do Homework Early

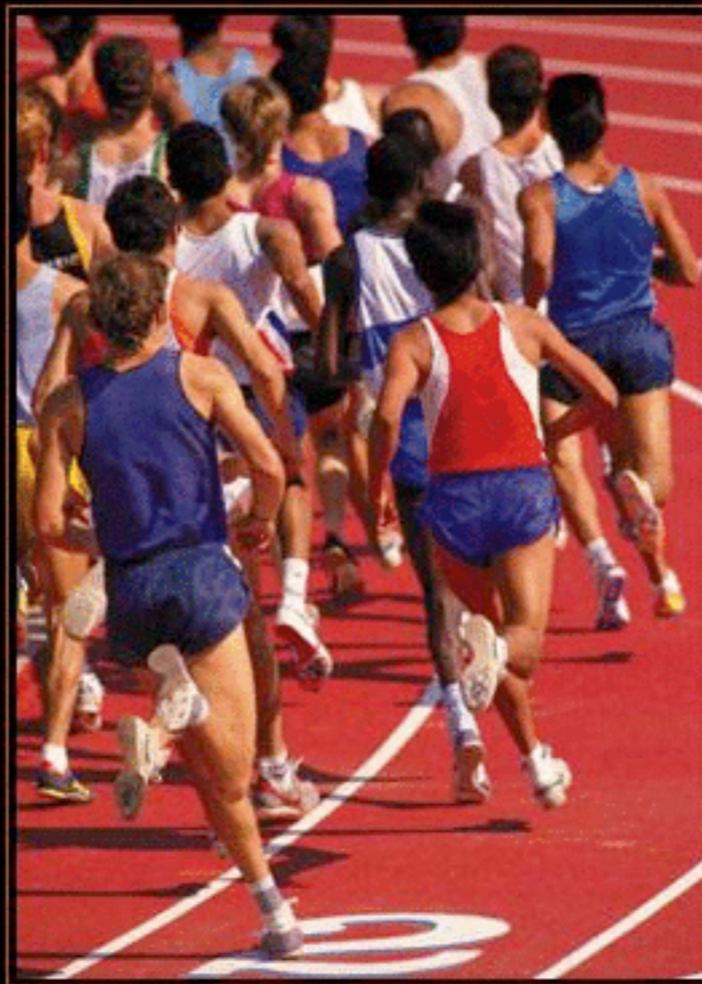


**PROCRASTINATION**

Hard Work Often Pays Off After Time,  
But Laziness Always Pays Off Now

# Catch Up

The sooner  
you fall  
behind, the  
more time  
you have to  
catch up.



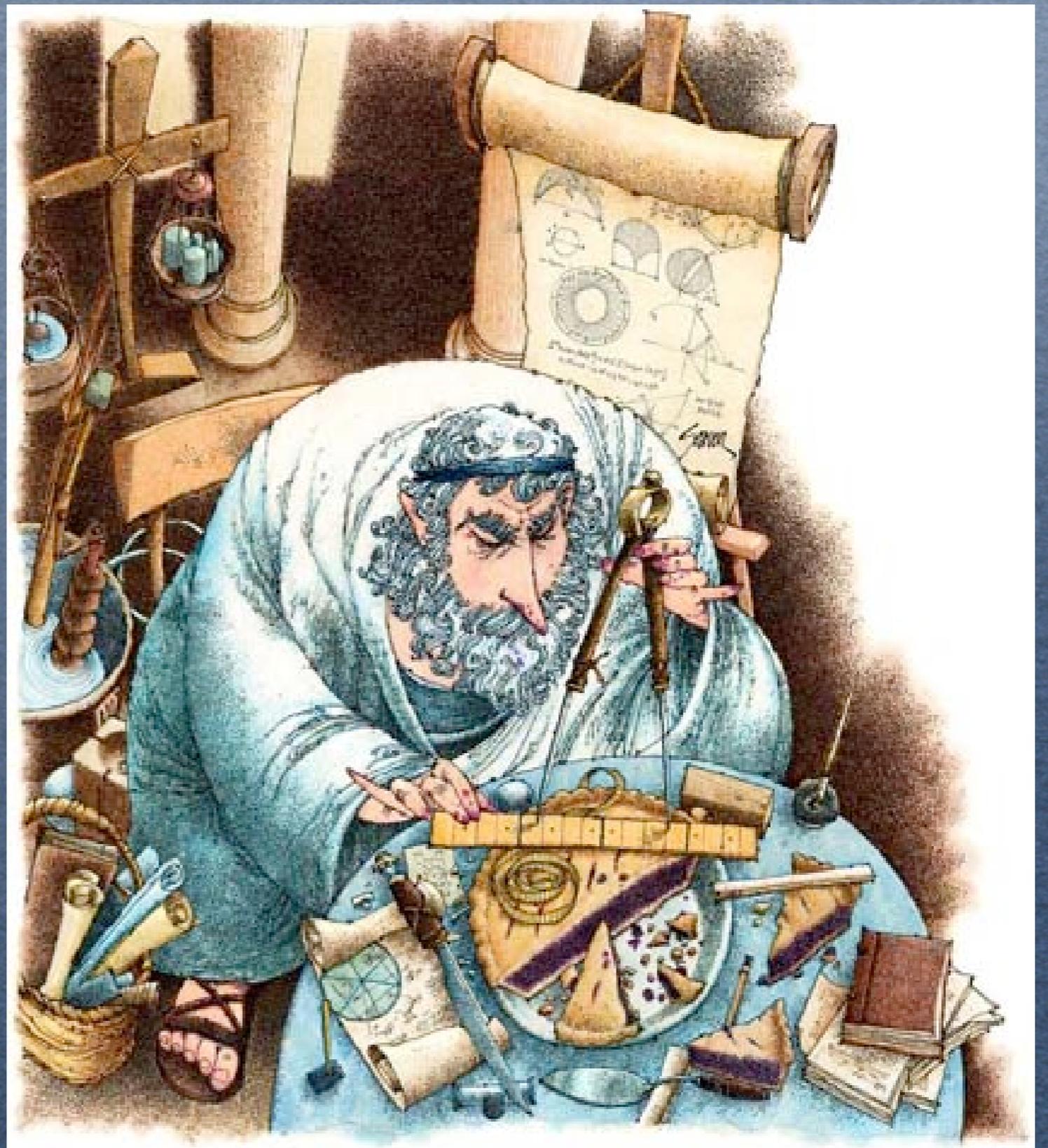
**DEFEAT**

FOR EVERY WINNER, THERE ARE DOZENS OF LOSERS.  
ODDS ARE YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.

See  
The  
Show



# Practice Problem Solving



Learn  
to  
say  
NO.



# Polya: “How to solve it”

- Understand the problem.
- Plan: Solve subproblems, connect to old problems
- Walk along plan while controlling each step
- Check the result. Result obvious? Method useful?

George Polya: (1887-1985)



# Use Free CPU Cycles



# Sleep Enough

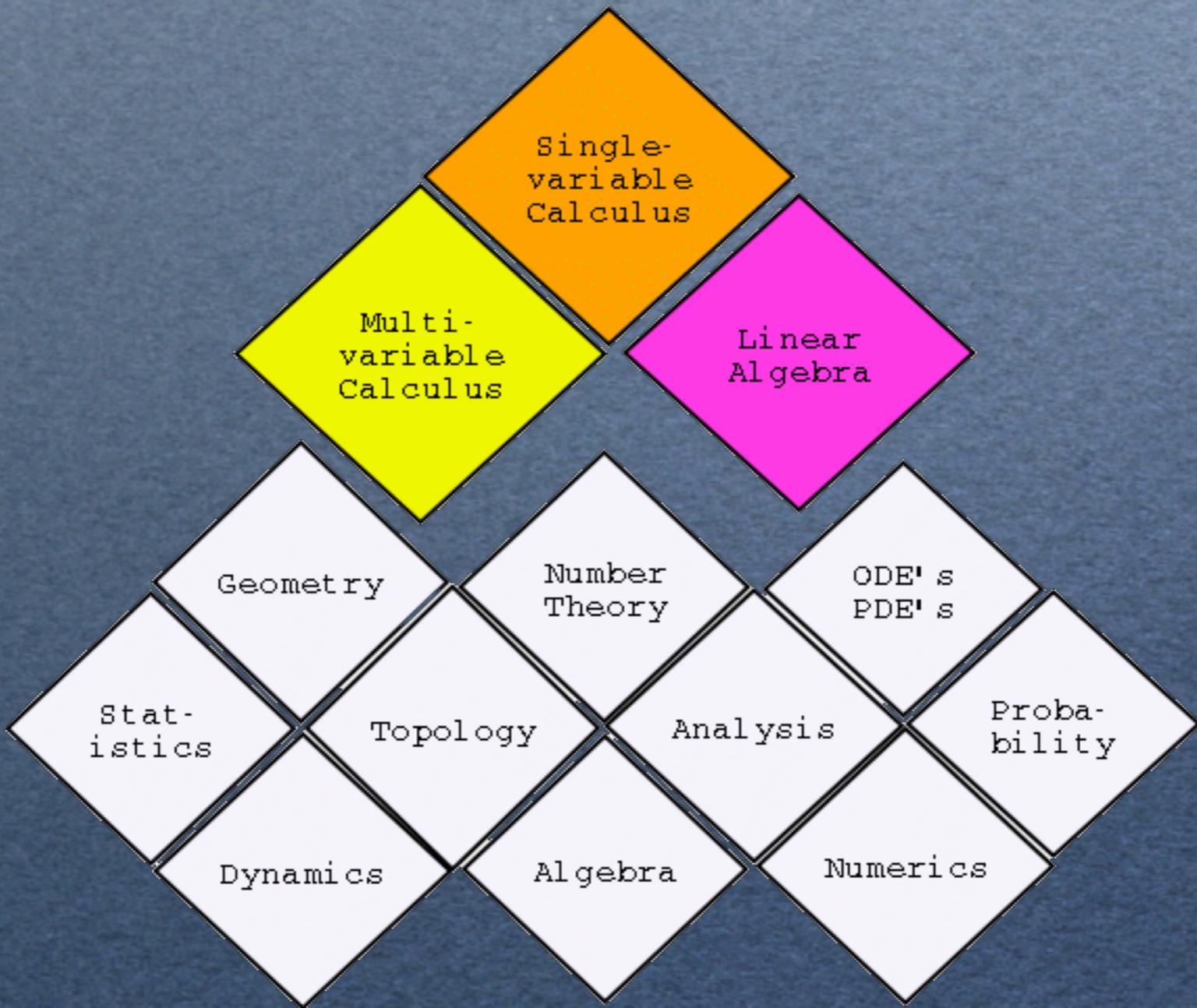


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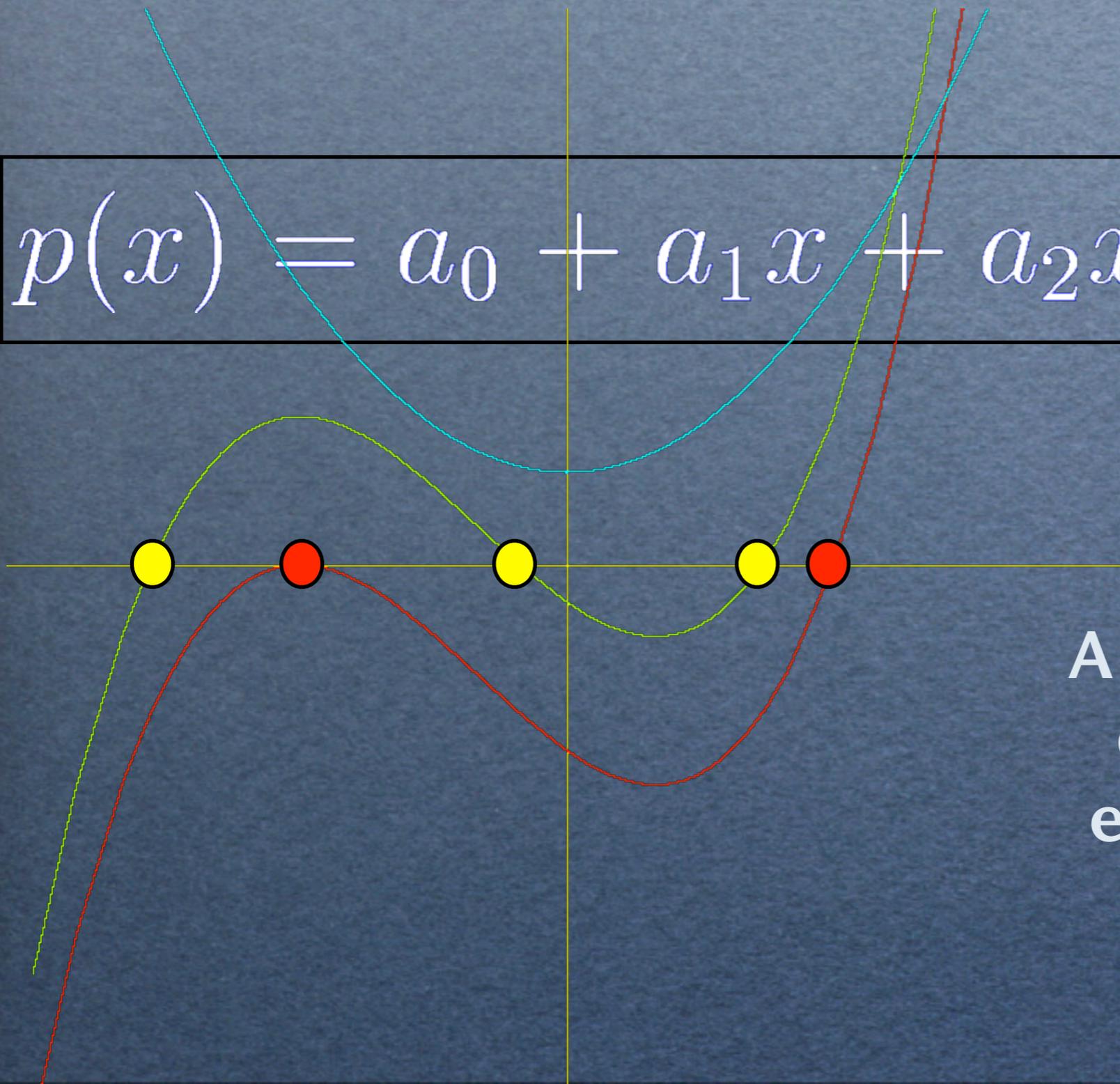
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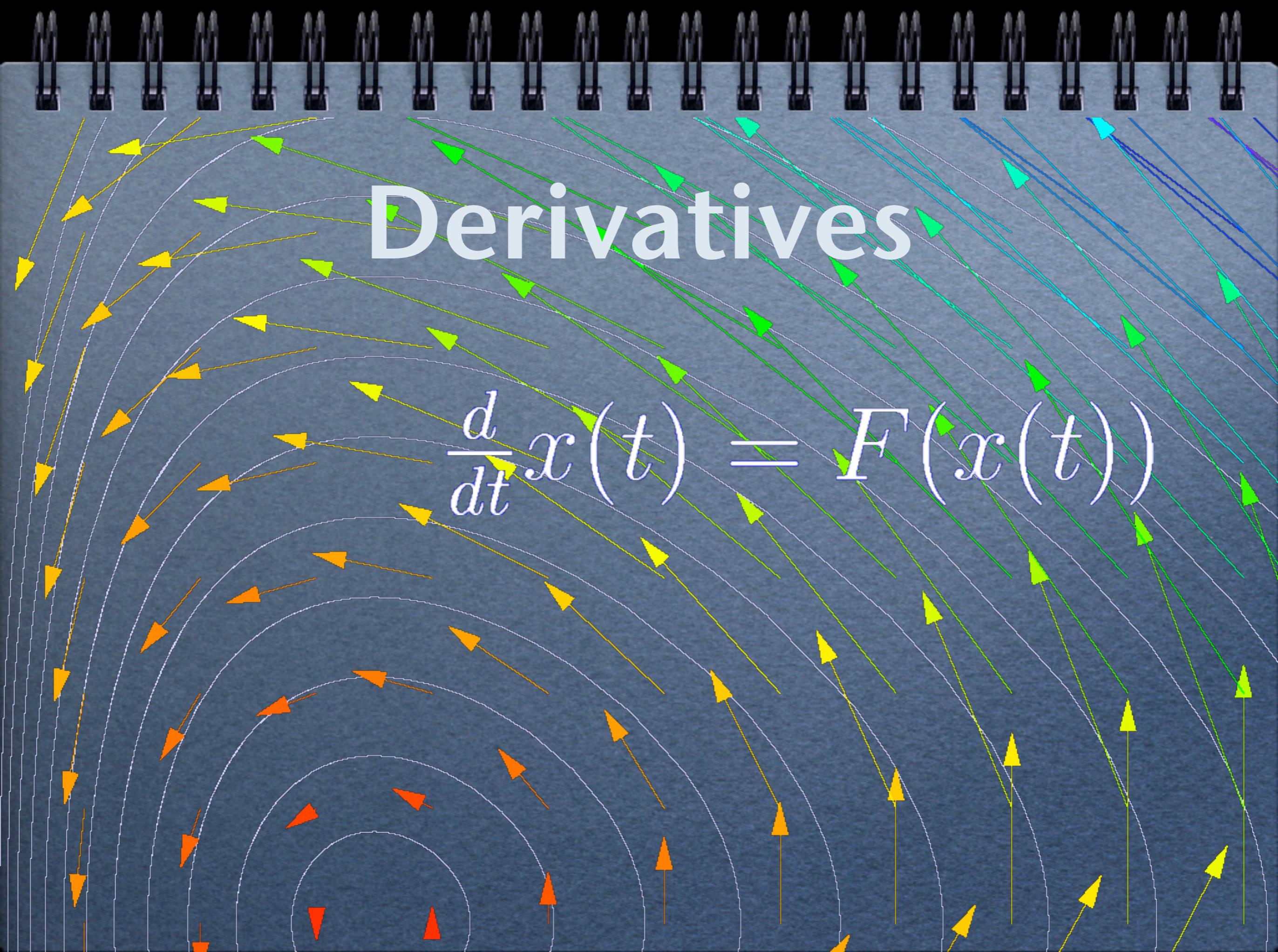
# Polynomials

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$$



A polynomial of  
degree  $n$  has  
exactly  $n$  roots  
 $p(x)=0$

# Derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = F(x(t))$$


# Integration

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(y) dy = f(x)$$

$$\int \sin(x) dx = -\cos(x)$$

$$\int \cos(x) dx = \sin(x)$$

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

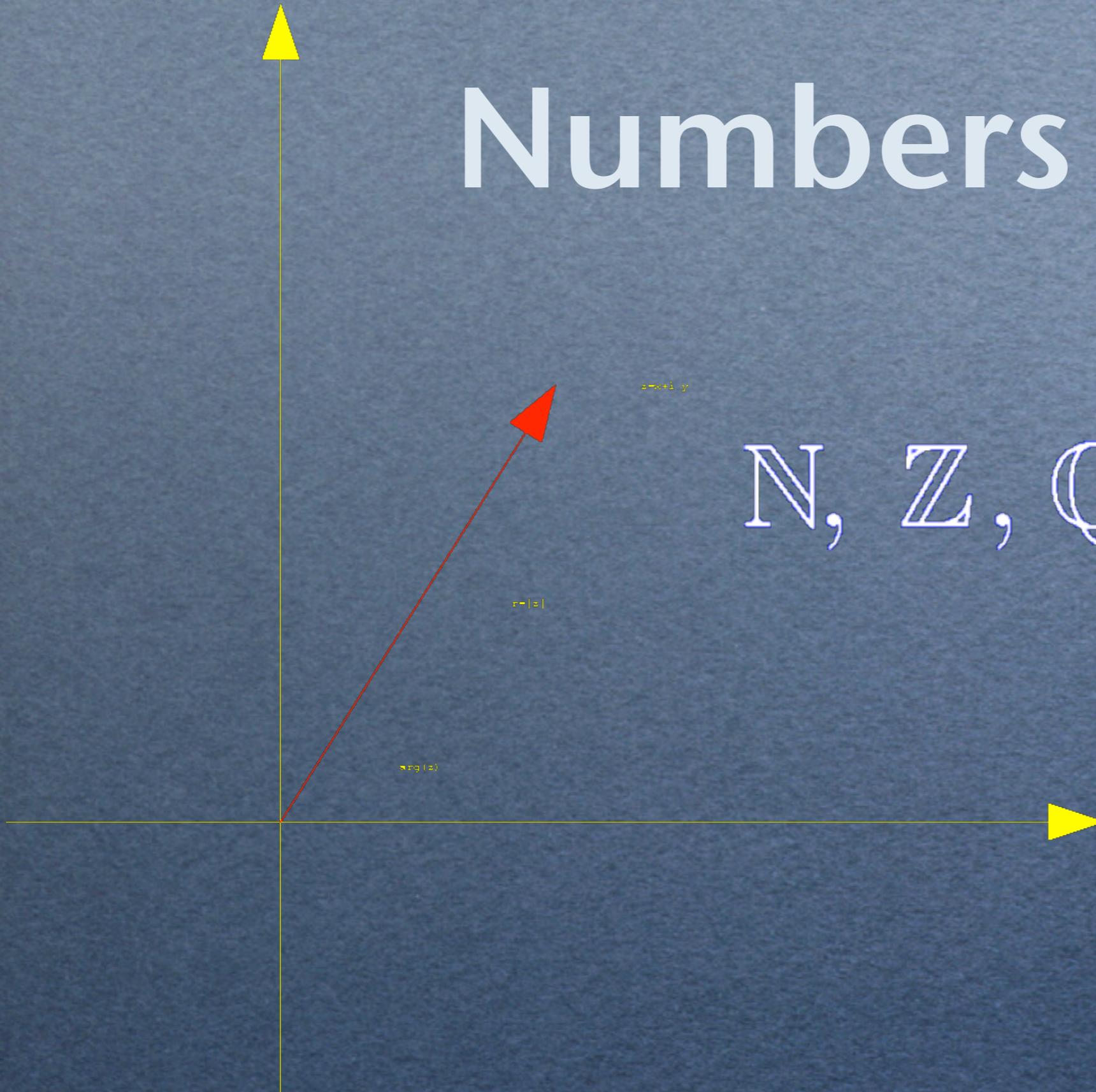
# Series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx)$$

# Numbers

$\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$



# Geometry

$$(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = r^2$$

$$ax + by = d$$
