

MATH 510, Notes 4

Modern Analysis

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As applied to defining the derivative, the limits in question are all of the more “interesting” variety.

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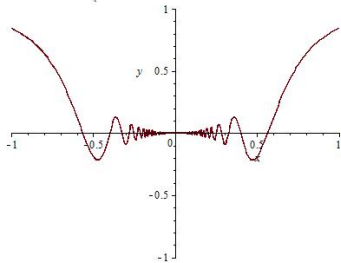
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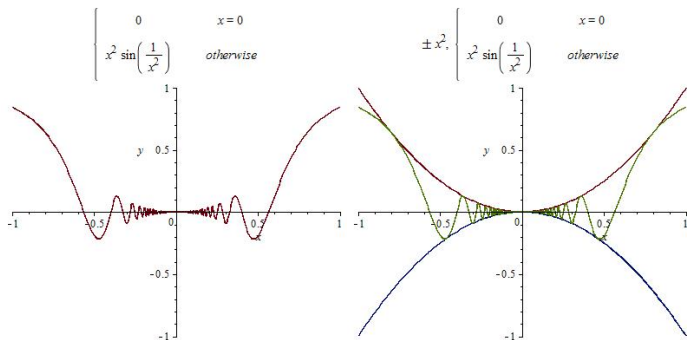
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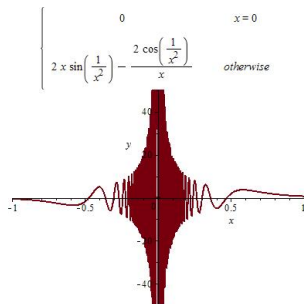
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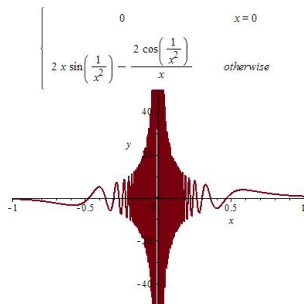
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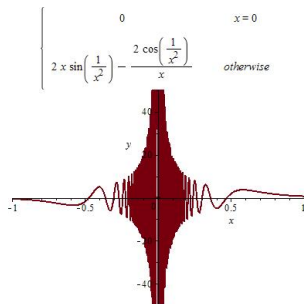


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