

Multiplicative Calculus

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Motivation

Solving simple differential equations:

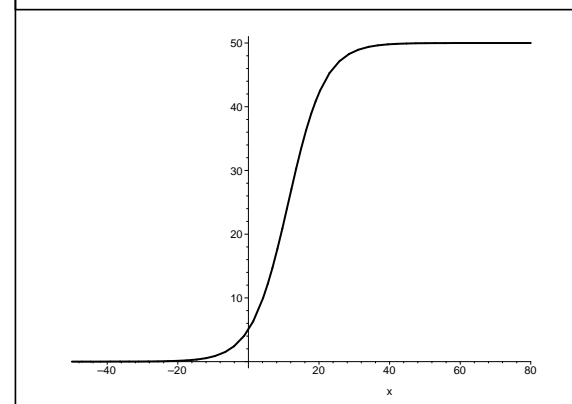
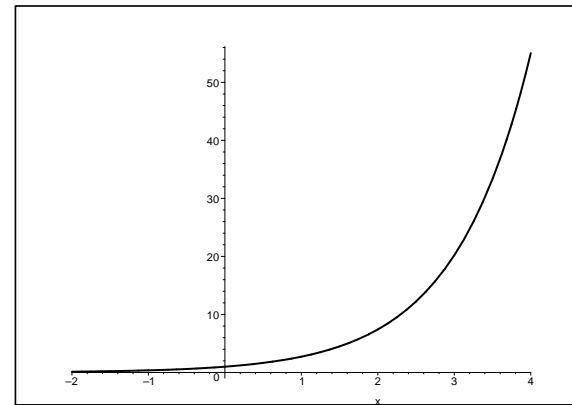
$$y' = ky$$
$$y = Ce^{kt} \quad \text{if } y > 0$$

Exponential Functions:

- constant growth rate
- unbounded growth

Logistic Growth Equation:

- bounded population growth
- decreasing growth rate



Motivation

Growth rate = Derivative:

$$y' = ky = Cke^{kt} \quad (\text{not constant})$$

The ratio $\frac{y'}{y} = k$ is constant.

But this is the *growth constant*, not the growth rate.

The growth rate is a multiplicative growth factor.

i.e. what you would multiply by to get the "next" function value.

A population that doubles each year has a growth rate of 2.

A population with a growth constant k has a growth rate of e^k .

Additive vs Multiplicative

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additive slope

linear functions constant

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$$\left(\frac{g(x + h)}{g(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{h}}$$

-multiplication

-division

-exponentiation

Multiplicative Derivative

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f^*(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(x+h)}{f(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{h}}$$

Note: $f^*(x)$ is only defined where $f(x) \neq 0$.

Other Notation: $\frac{d^* f}{dx}$

Higher Order Derivatives: $f^{**}(x)$

n^{th} Derivative: $f^{*(n)}(x)$

Simplifying Formula

$$\begin{aligned}f^*(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(x+h)}{f(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{h}} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(x+h)}{f(x)} - \frac{f(x)}{f(x)} + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{h}} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{f(x)} \right)^{\frac{f(x)}{f(x+h) - f(x)} \cdot \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \cdot \frac{1}{f(x)}} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\left(1 + \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{f(x)} \right)^{\frac{f(x)}{f(x+h) - f(x)}} \right]^{\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \cdot \frac{1}{f(x)}} \\&= e^{\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}} \\&= e^{(\ln \circ |f|)'(x)}\end{aligned}$$

Differentiability

$$f^*(x) = e^{(\ln \circ |f|)'(x)}$$

Similarly, $f^{**}(x) = e^{(\ln \circ f^*)'(x)} = e^{(\ln \circ |f|)''(x)}$

If $f(x) \neq 0$ and $f^{(n)}(x)$ exists, then $f^{*(n)}(x)$ exists and

$$f^{*(n)}(x) = e^{(\ln \circ |f|)^{(n)}(x)} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Note: For $n = 0$ $f^{*(0)}(x) = e^{(\ln \circ |f|)^{(0)}(x)} = |f(x)|$

For $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ non-zero:

f differentiable at x or on $A \implies$ f^* differentiable at x or on A .

Differentiability

$$f^*(x) = e^{\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}}$$

$$f'(x) = f(x) \cdot \ln(f^*(x))$$

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f^* differentiable at x or on $A \iff$ differentiable at x or on A .

Continuity

*Differentiability implies continuity

$$f^*(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f(x)}{f(c)} \right)^{\frac{1}{x-c}}$$

We want $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) - f(c) = 0$

For $f(c) \neq 0$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) - f(c) = 0 \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{f(c)} \right) = 0$$

$$\iff \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f(x)}{f(c)} - 1 \right) = 0$$

$$\iff \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f(x)}{f(c)} \right) = 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f(x)}{f(c)} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f(x)}{f(c)} \right)^{\frac{1}{x-c} \cdot (x-c)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left[\left(\frac{f(x)}{f(c)} \right)^{\frac{1}{x-c}} \right]^{x-c} \\ &= [f^*(c)]^0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Continuity

Continuity does not imply *differentiability

$$f(x) = |x| + 1 \quad \text{at} \quad x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{f(x+h)}{f(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{h}} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{|h| + 1}{1} \right)^{\frac{1}{h}} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + h)^{\frac{1}{h}} = e \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{f(x+h)}{f(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{h}} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\frac{|h| + 1}{1} \right)^{\frac{1}{h}} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} (1 + |h|)^{\frac{1}{-|h|}} = e^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Constant Functions

If $f(x) = c \neq 0$ on (a, b) , then

$$f^*(x) = e^{(\ln |c|)'} = e^0 = 1 \quad \text{on } (a, b)$$

Conversely, if $f^*(x) = 1$ on (a, b) , then

$$f^*(x) = e^{\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}} = 1 \quad \text{implies } f(x) = c \neq 0$$

Constant functions:

additive derivative=0 (additive identity)

multiplicative derivative=1 (multiplicative identity)

Derivative Rules

$$(cf)^*(x) = f^*(x)$$

$$(fg)^*(x) = f^*(x)g^*(x) \quad \text{Product Rule}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)^*(x) = \frac{f^*(x)}{g^*(x)} \quad \text{Quotient Rule}$$

$$(f^g)^*(x) = f^*(x)g^{(x)} \cdot f(x)g'(x)$$

$$(f \circ g)^*(x) = f^*(g(x))g'(x) \quad \text{Chain Rule}$$

$$(f + g)^*(x) = f^*(x) \frac{f(x)}{f(x)+g(x)} \cdot g^*(x) \frac{g(x)}{f(x)+g(x)} \quad \text{Sum Rule}$$

Examples

$f(x)$	$f^*(x)$
C	1
$C e^{kx}$	e^k
$C a^x$	a
$C x$	$e^{\frac{1}{x}}$
$m x + b$	$e^{\frac{m}{m x + b}}$
$C x^n$	$e^{\frac{n}{x}}$
$C \ln(x)$	$e^{\frac{1}{x \ln(x)}}$
$C \ln(g(x))$	$[g^*(x)]^{\frac{1}{\ln(g(x))}}$
$C \sin(x)$	$e^{\cot(x)}$
$C \cos(x)$	$e^{\tan(x)}$
$C e^{\sin(x)}$	$e^{\cos(x)}$

Mean Value Theorem

If $f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and *differentiable on (a, b) , then there exists $a < c < b$ s.t.

$$f^*(c) = \left(\frac{f(b)}{f(a)} \right)^{\frac{1}{b-a}}$$

This follows from the Mean Value Theorem applied to $(\ln \circ |f|)(x)$

Monotonicity

$f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ *differentiable.

If $f'(x) > 1$ on (a, b) , then f is strictly increasing.

If $f'(x) < 1$ on (a, b) , then f is strictly decreasing.

If $f'(x) \geq 1$ on (a, b) , then f is increasing.

If $f'(x) \leq 1$ on (a, b) , then f is decreasing.

Relative Extrema

$f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ twice *differentiable.

If f has a local extremum at $c \in (a, b)$, then $f^*(c) = 1$.

If $f^*(c) = 1$ and $f^{**}(c) > 1$, then f has a local minimum at c .

If $f^*(c) = 1$ and $f^{**}(c) < 1$, then f has a local maximum at c .

Approximation

$f'(c)$ = slope of tangent line at $x = c$

$f^*(c)$ = base of tangent exponential curve at $x = c$

Linear Approx:

$$L(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c)$$

Exponential Approx:

$$E(x) = f(c) \cdot f^*(c)^{x-c}$$

Note:

$$L(c) = f(c) \quad L'(c) = f'(c) \quad L^*(c) = f^*(c)$$

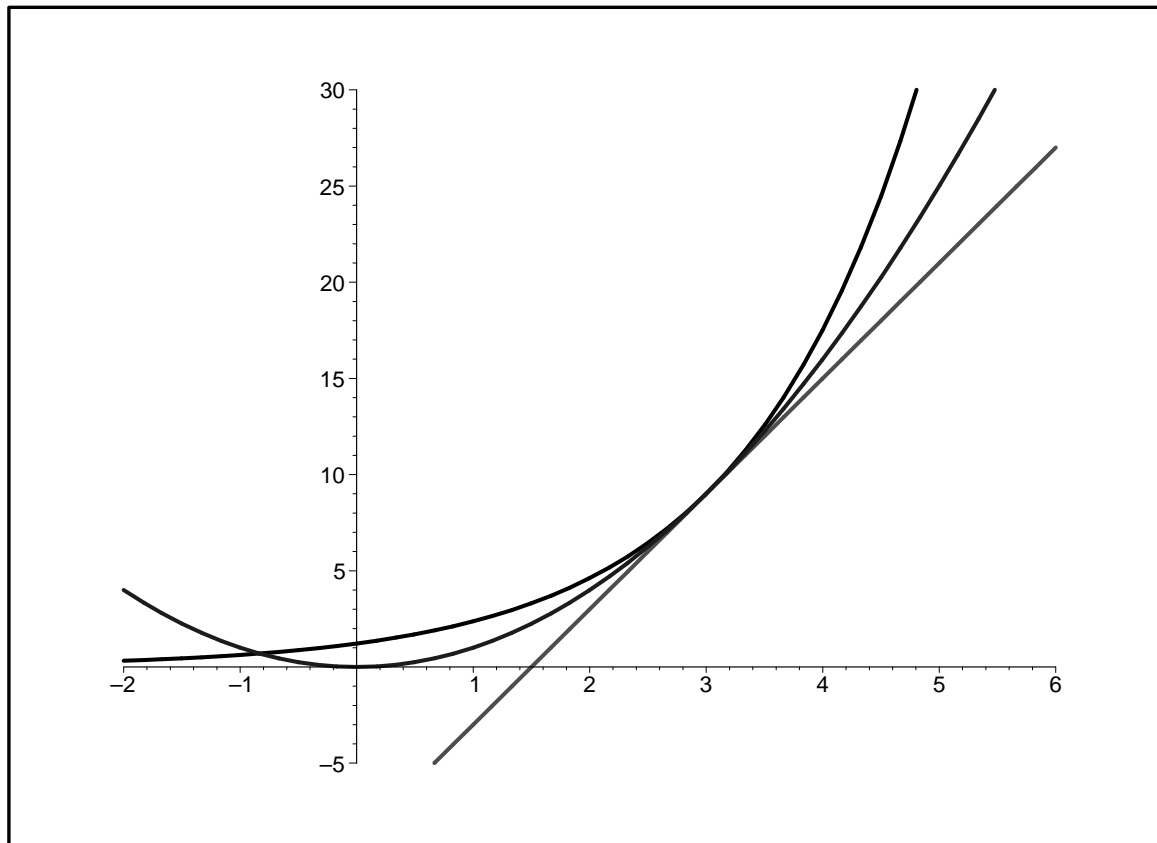
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Approximation

Example 1: $f(x) = x^2$ at $c = 3$

$$L(x) = 9 + 6(x - 3)$$

$$E(x) = 9 \cdot \left(e^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{x-3}$$

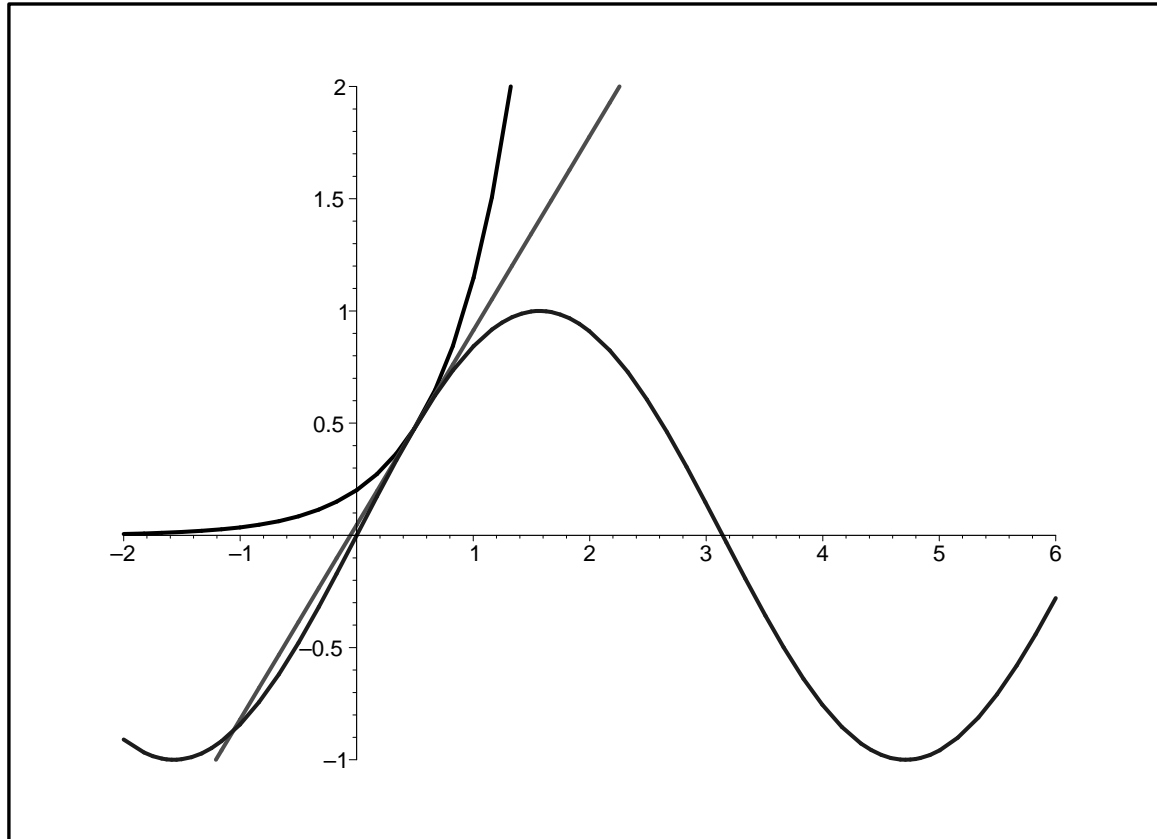


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$$L(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \right)^{x - \frac{\pi}{6}}$$



Multiplicative Integrals

Let \mathcal{P} be a partition of $[a, b]$.

Riemann Sums:
$$S(f, \mathcal{P}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

* Products:
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Antiderivatives

$$\int 1 dx = C$$

$$\int [e^{kx}] dx = C e^{\frac{kx}{2}}$$

$$\int [e^{\frac{k}{x}}] dx = C x^k$$

$$\int k dx = C k^x \text{ for } k > 0$$

$$\int [e^{kx^n}] dx = C e^{\frac{kx^{n+1}}{n+1}}$$

$$\int [e^{\cos(x)}] dx = C e^{\sin(x)}$$

Simplifying Formula

If f is positive and Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$, then f is *integrable and

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = e^{\int_a^b (\ln \circ |f|)(x) dx}$$

This follows from

$$P(f, \mathcal{P}) = e^{\sum_{i=1}^n (\ln \circ |f|)(c_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})} = e^{S(\ln \circ |f|, \mathcal{P})}$$

Conversely, if f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \ln \left(\int_a^b \left(e^{f(x)} \right) dx \right)$$

Integration Rules

$$\int_a^b (f(x)^p) dx = \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right)^p$$

$$\int_a^b (f(x)g(x)) dx = \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right) \left(\int_a^b g(x) dx \right)$$

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) dx = \frac{\int_a^b f(x) dx}{\int_a^b g(x) dx}$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

Fundamental Theorem

If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is $*$ differentiable and f^* is $*$ integrable

$$\int_a^b f^*(x) dx = \frac{f(b)}{f(a)}$$

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be $*$ integrable and $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$

If f is continuous at $x \in [a, b]$, then F is $*$ differentiable at x and $F^*(x) = f(x)$.

Taylor Products

Taylor Series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x - a)^k + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x - a)^{n+1}$$

Taylor Product:

$$f(x) = \prod_{k=0}^n \left[f^{*(k)}(a) \right]^{\frac{(x-a)^k}{k!}} \cdot \left[f^{*(n+1)}(c) \right]^{\frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}$$

Remainder terms go to 0 and 1 respectively as $n \rightarrow \infty$

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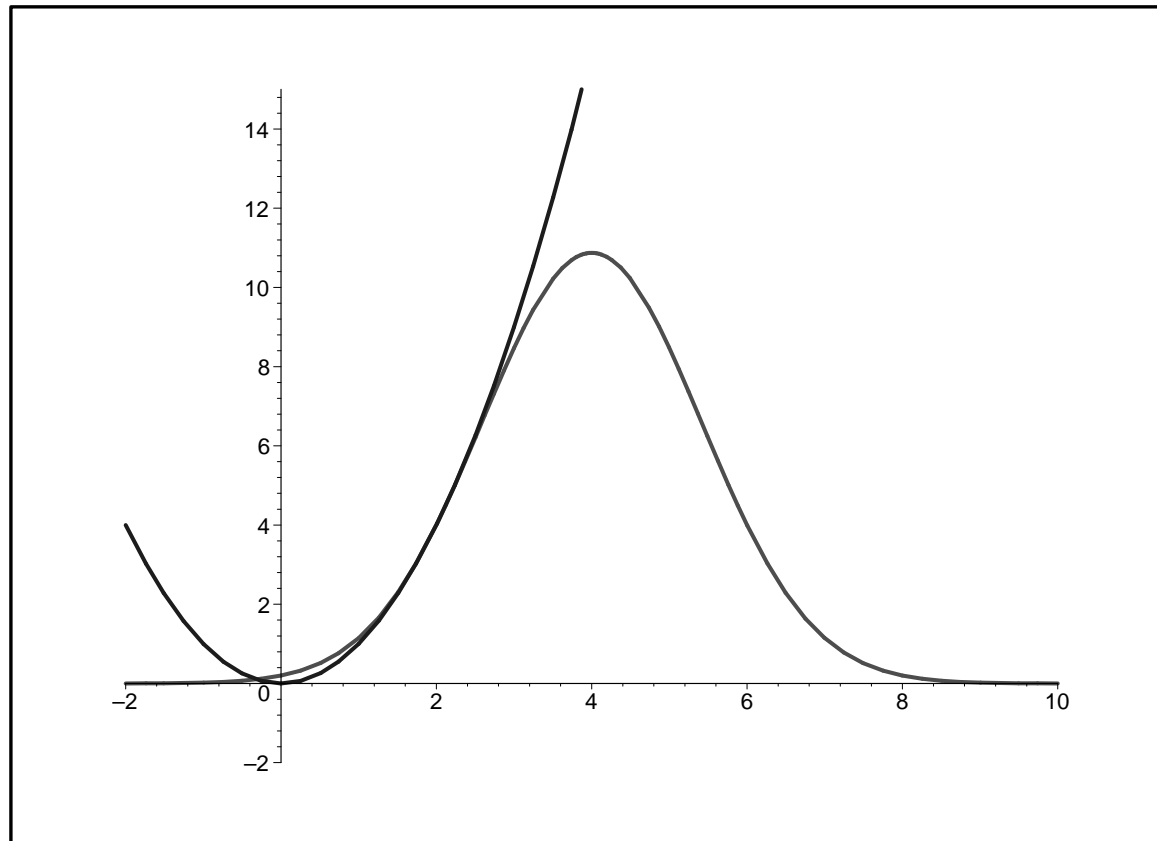
2nd Order Approximation

$$\begin{aligned} E_2(x) &= \prod_{k=0}^2 \left[f^{*(k)}(a) \right]^{\frac{(x-a)^k}{k!}} \\ &= f(a) \cdot [f^*(a)]^{x-a} \cdot [f^{**}(a)]^{\frac{(x-a)^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

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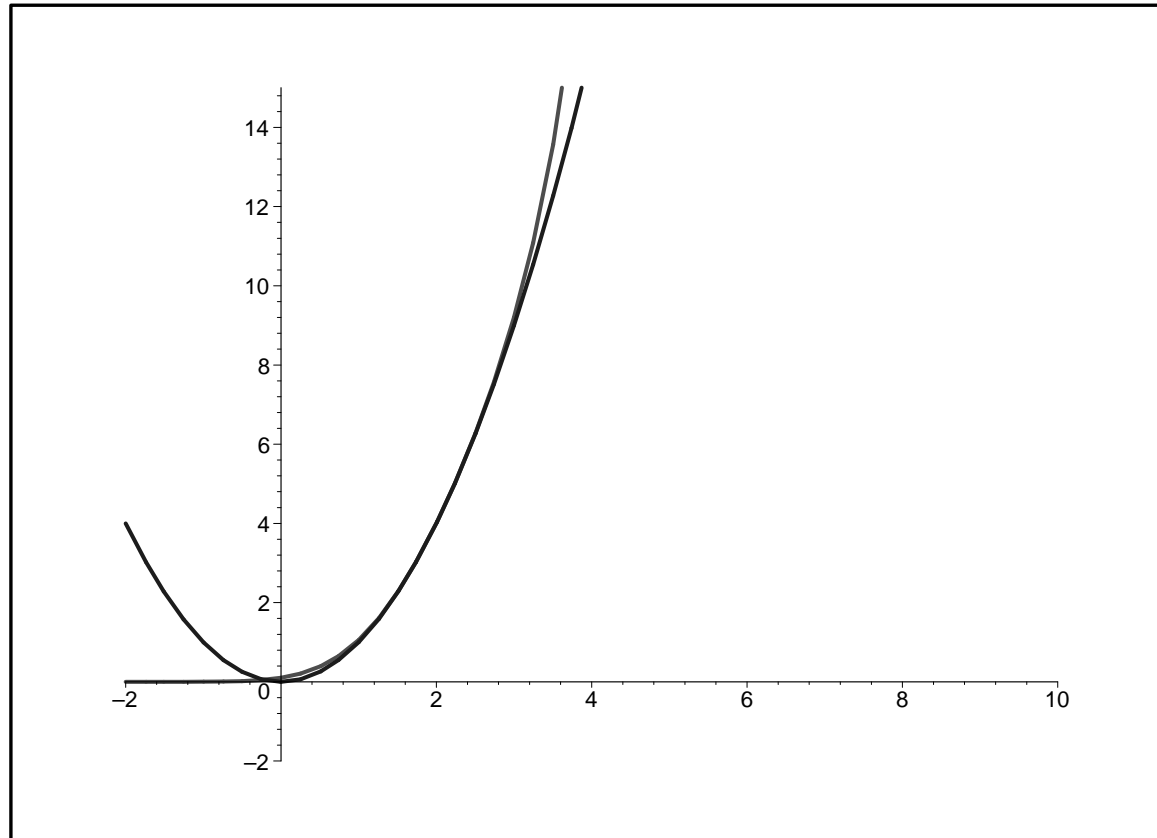
$$E_2(x) = 4 \cdot e^{x-2} \cdot e^{\frac{-1}{2} \cdot \frac{(x-2)^2}{2}}$$



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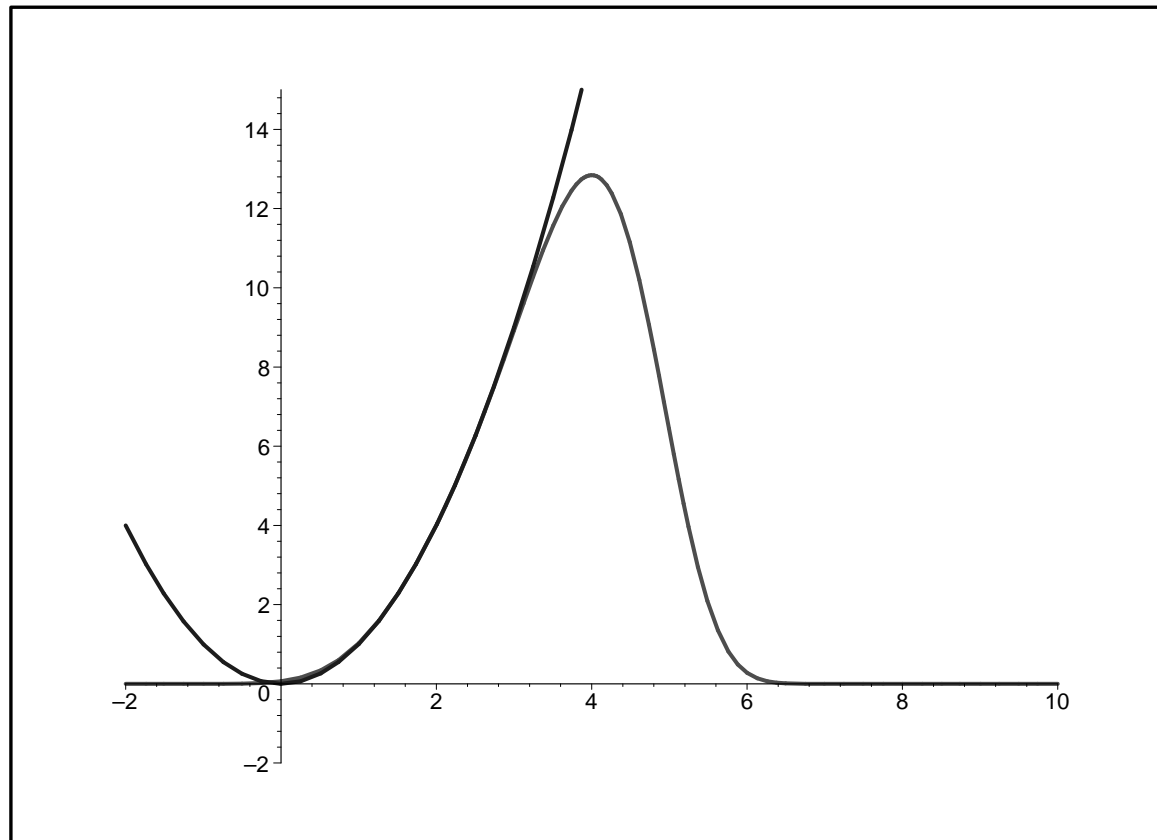
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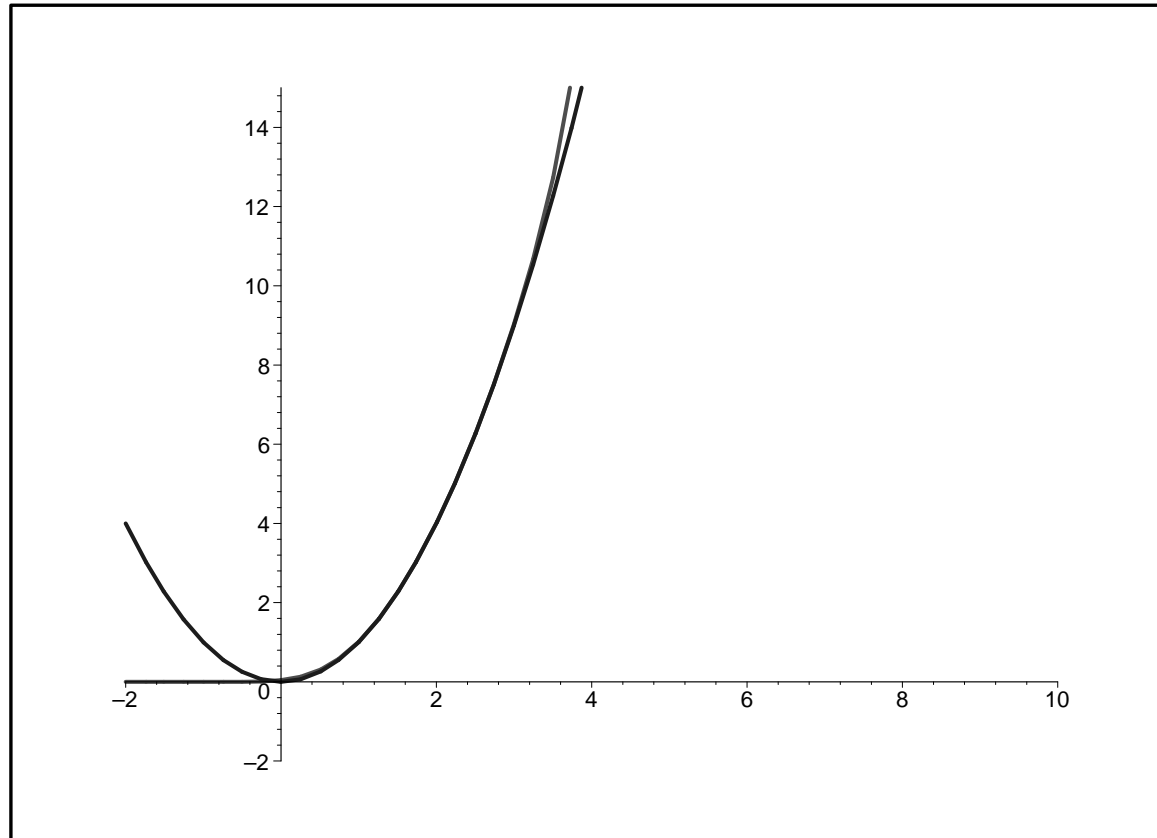
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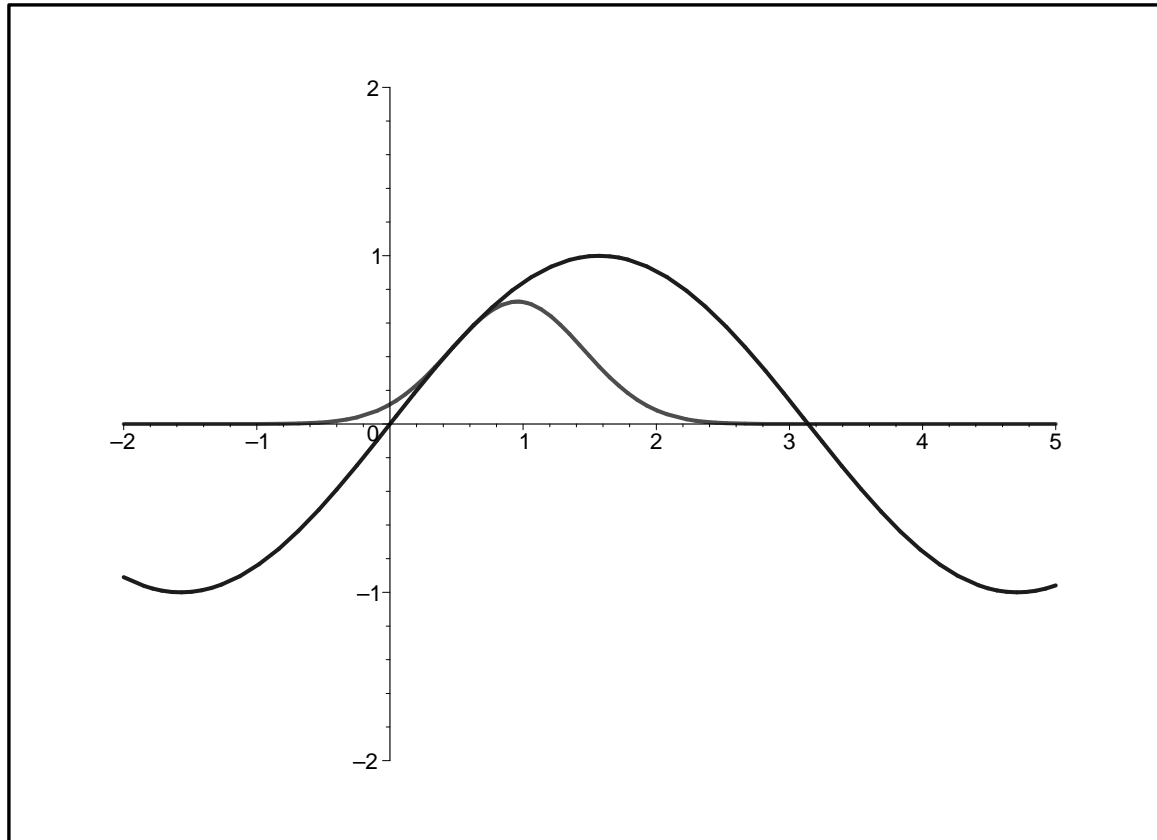
$$E_5(x) = E_4(x) \cdot \left[e^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]^{\frac{(x-2)^5}{120}}$$



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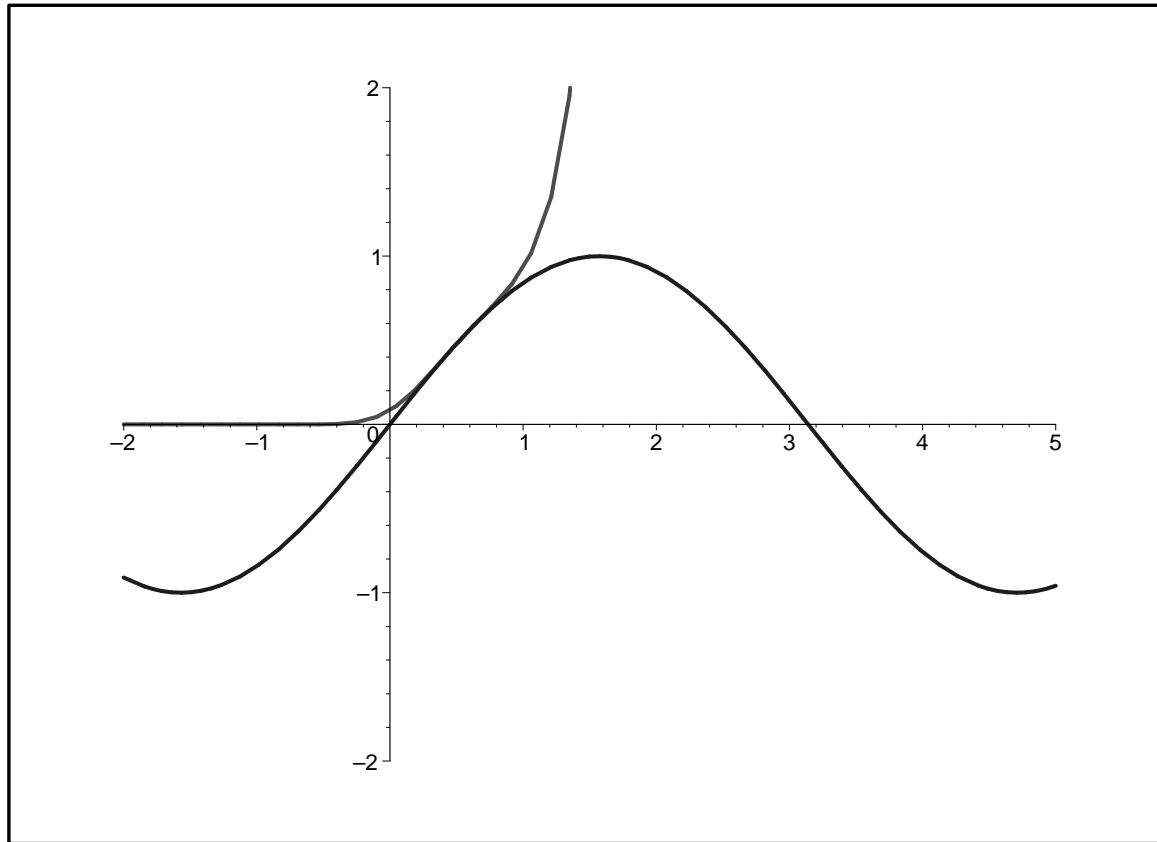
$$E_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{\sqrt{3}(x-\frac{\pi}{6})} \cdot e^{\frac{-4(x-\frac{\pi}{6})^2}{2}}$$



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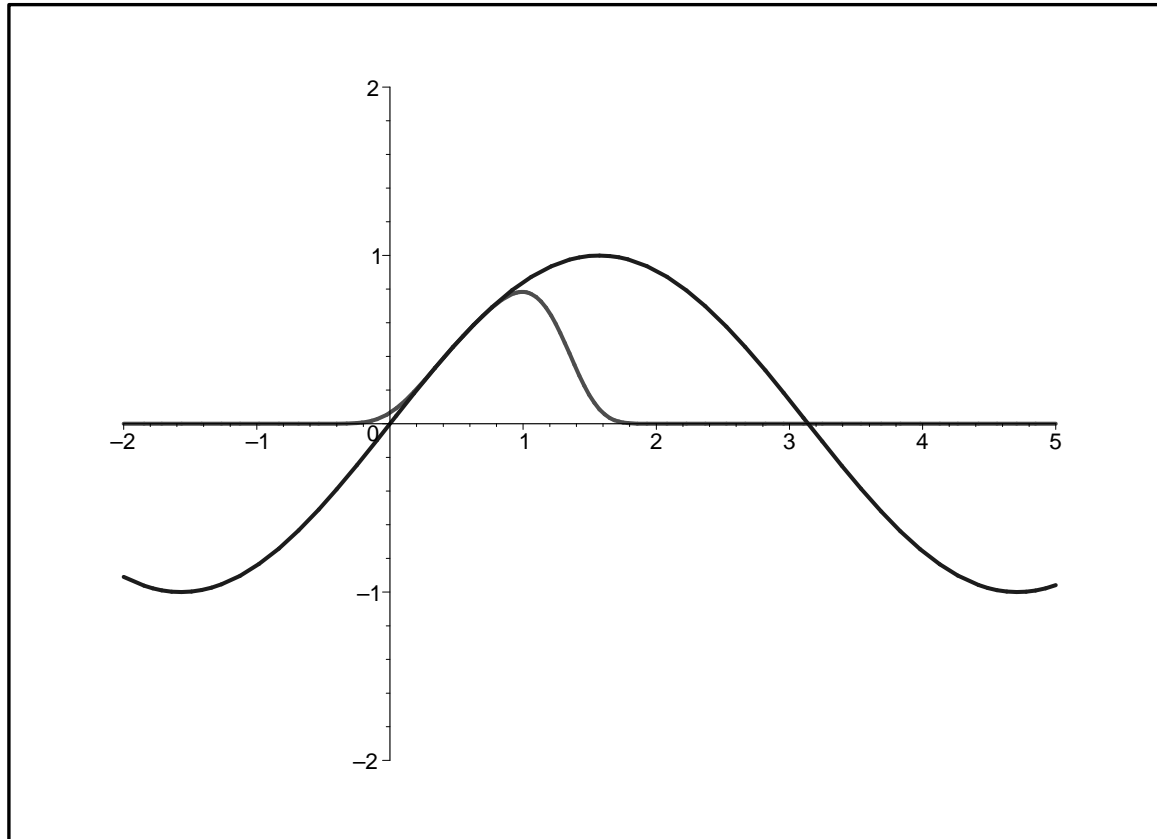
$$E_3(x) = E_2(x) \cdot \left[e^{8\sqrt{3}} \right] \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^3}{6}$$



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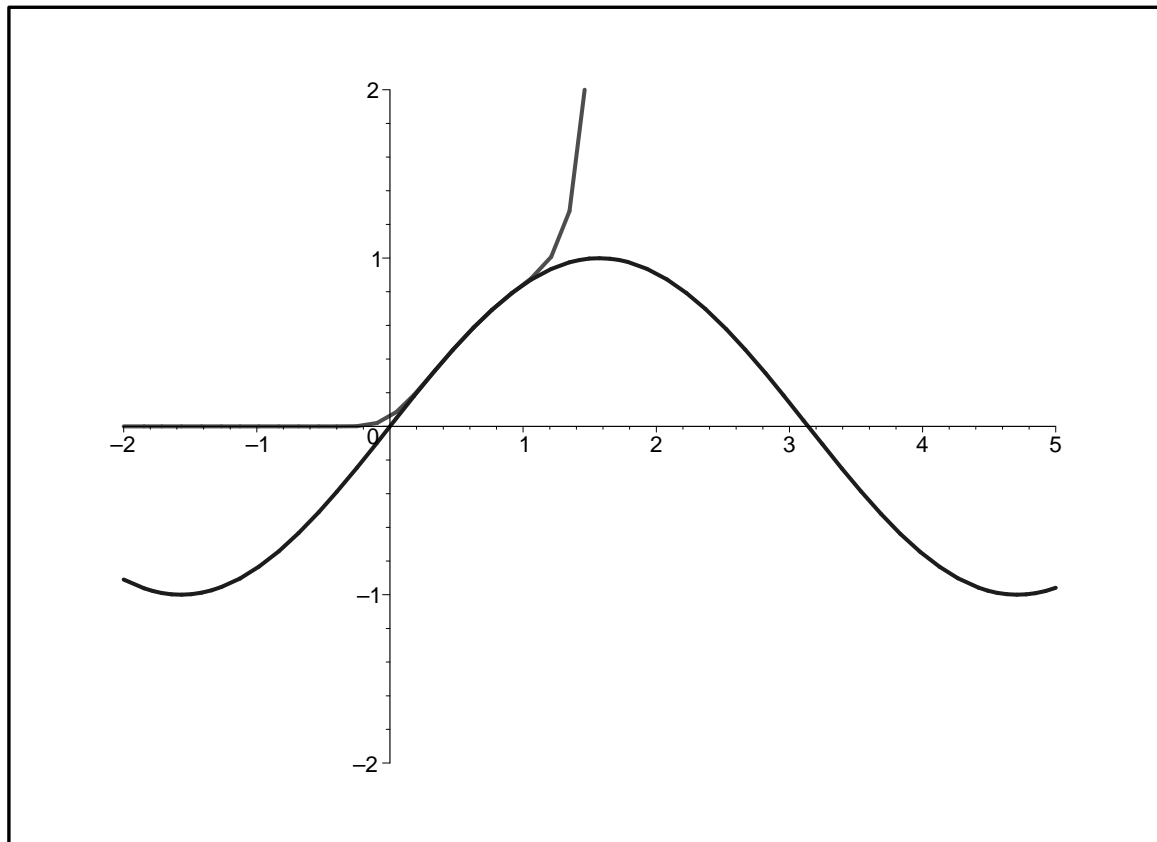
$$E_4(x) = E_3(x) \cdot \left[e^{-80} \right]^{\frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{6})^4}{24}}$$



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$$E_5(x) = E_4(x) \cdot \left[e^{352\sqrt{3}} \right]^{\frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{6})^5}{120}}$$



Other Calculi

If φ is a bijective function, define \dagger derivative and \dagger integral by

$$f^\dagger(x) = \varphi \left((\varphi^{-1} \circ f)'(x) \right)$$

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Applications

- Support for Newtonian Calculus
- Semigroups of linear operators
- Multiplicative metric spaces
- Multiplicative differential equations
- Multiplicative Calculus of variations
- Student projects

Multiplicative Metric Spaces

Define multiplicative absolute value for $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$|x|^* = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Define the multiplicative distance for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$d^*(x, y) = \left| \frac{x}{y} \right|^*$$

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Properties:

1. $d^*(x, y) \geq 1 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$
2. $d^*(x, y) = 1 \iff x = y$
3. $d^*(x, y) = d^*(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$
4. $d^*(x, z) \leq d^*(x, y)d^*(y, z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^+$

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Multiplicative convergence in \mathbb{R}^+

$$(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \xrightarrow{*} x \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \quad s.t. \\ d^*(x_n, x) < 1 + \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N$$

$$\iff \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \quad s.t. \\ \left| \frac{x_n}{x} \right|^* < 1 + \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N$$

Multiplicative Metric Spaces

A matrix A is positive if $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} > 0$ for every n -vector \mathbf{x}

\mathbb{M}_n^+ = set of positive $(n \times n)$ -matrices

$A \in \mathbb{M}_n^+$ then its eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n > 0$

Define multiplicative norm of A

$$\|A\|^* = \prod_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^*$$

Define multiplicative distance for $A, B \in \mathbb{M}_n^+$

$$d^*(A, B) = \|AB^{-1}\|^*$$

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