



**A FRIDAY EVENING
ON
LAGRANGE
AND
WEAK FORMULATIONS**

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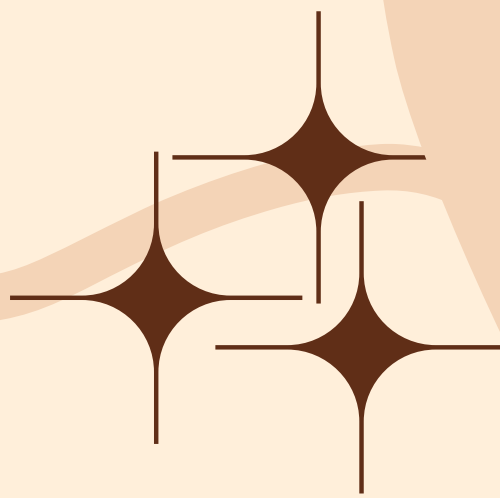
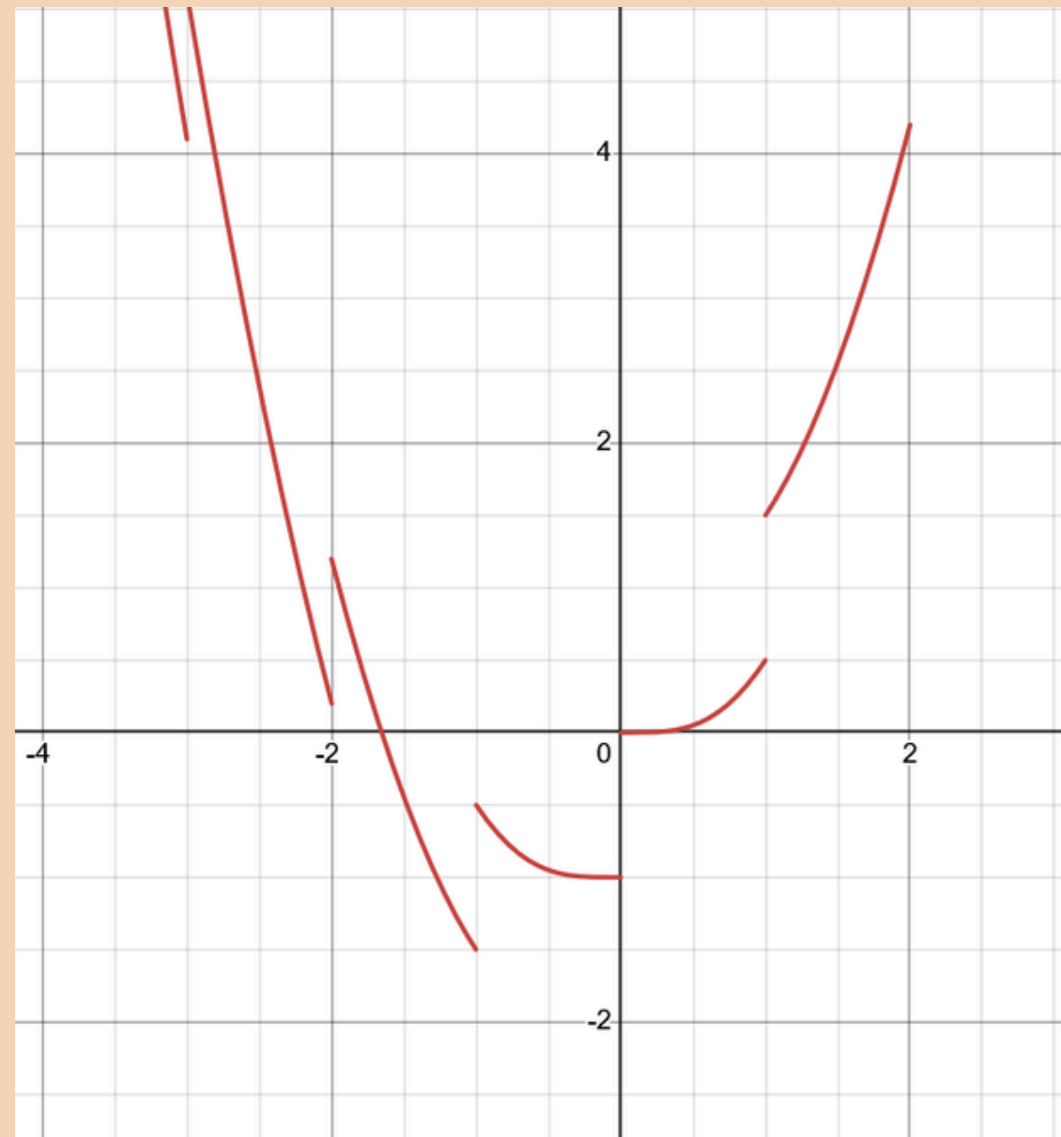
SOLVE THIS GNG

$$\frac{du}{dx} = x^2 - 1 + \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$$

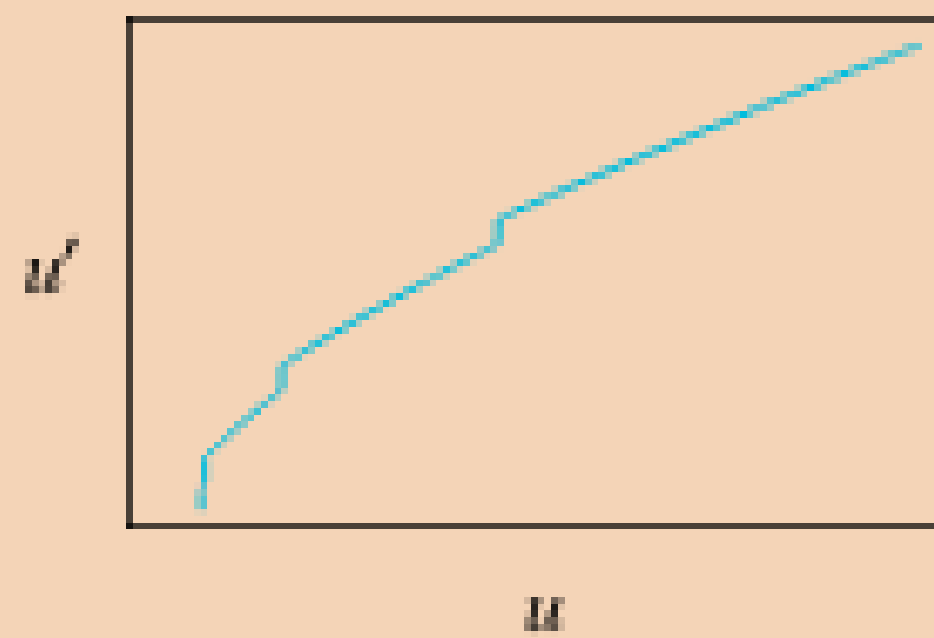
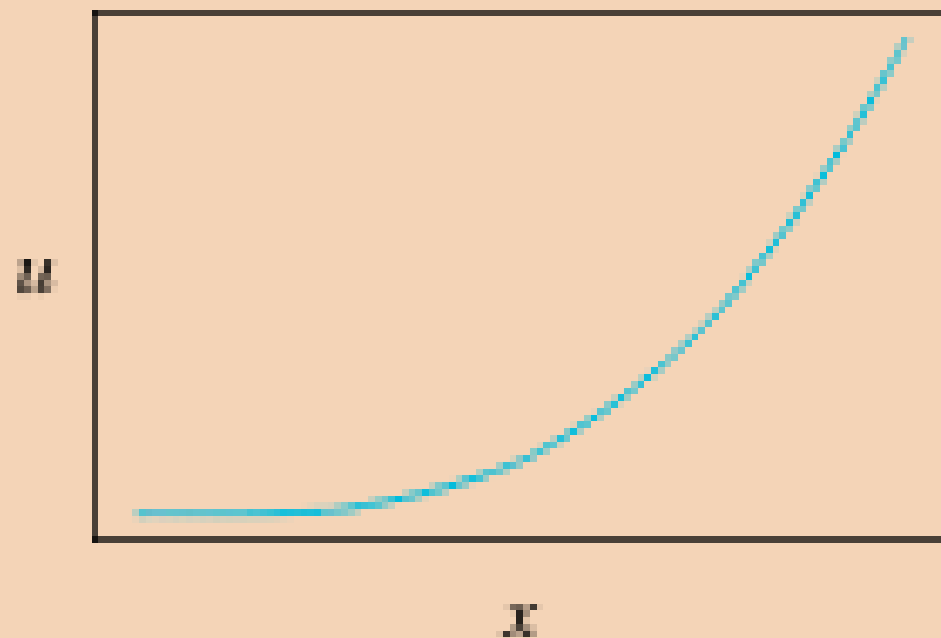
NOW SOLVE THIS

$$\frac{du}{dx} = x^2 - 1 + \frac{1}{|x^2 + 1|} + [x]$$

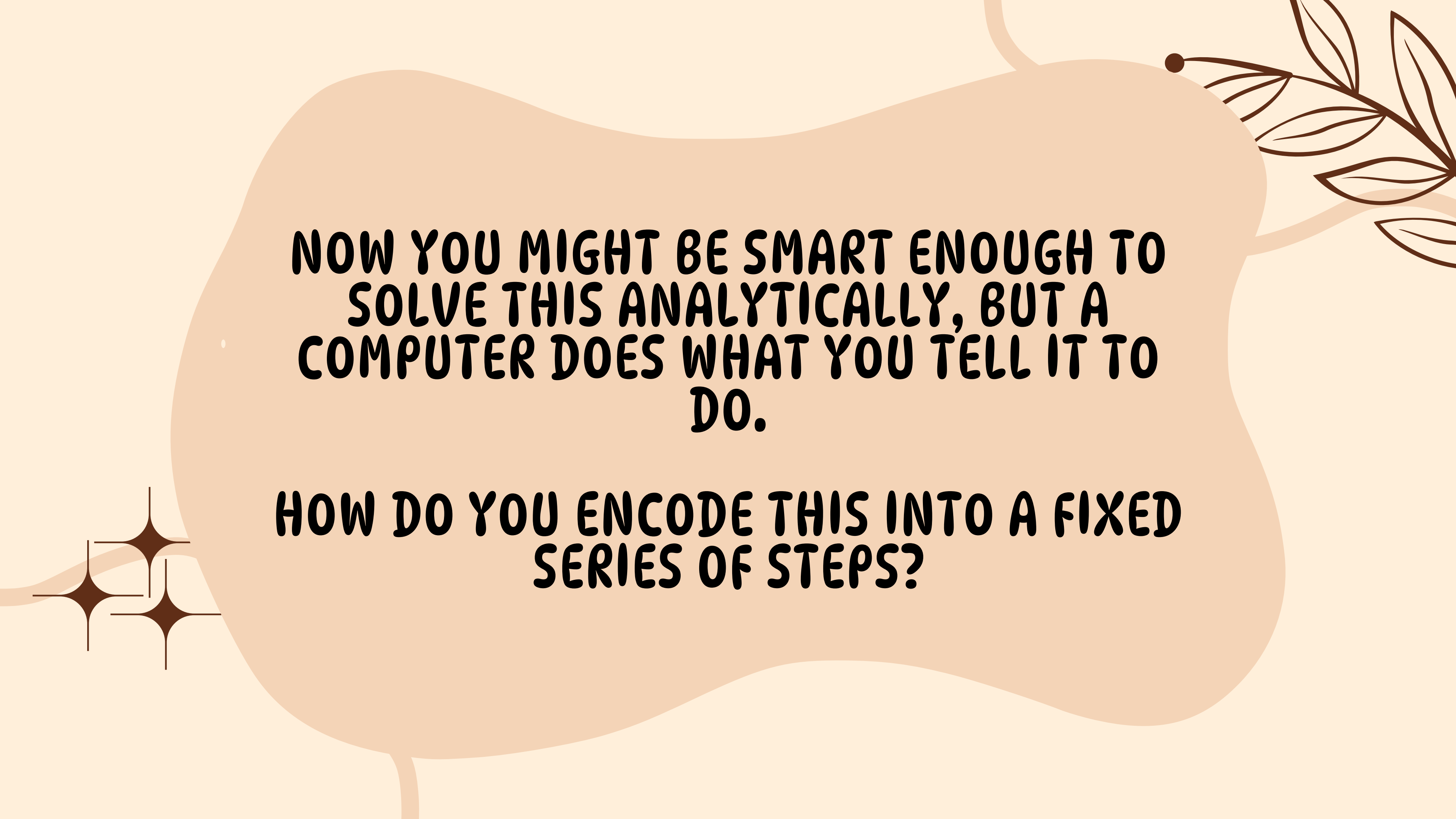
WHY THERE IS A PROBLEM?



CAN A COMPUTER SOLVE IT?



$$u(0) = 1$$



**NOW YOU MIGHT BE SMART ENOUGH TO
SOLVE THIS ANALYTICALLY, BUT A
COMPUTER DOES WHAT YOU TELL IT TO
DO.**

**HOW DO YOU ENCODE THIS INTO A FIXED
SERIES OF STEPS?**

SOME MORE BG

- **PRIMITIVE APPROXIMATION METHODS RELY ON TAYLOR SERIES APPROXIMATION OF FIRST ORDER. IN THIS CASE, THE ERROR IS BOUNDED TO $O(h^2)$.**
- **BUT, IN OUR CASE, THE TAYLOR SERIES DOESN'T HOLD TRUE AT PT OF DISCONTINUITY. ERROR EXPLODES.**

WEAK FORMULATION

- **CLASSICAL APPROACH - LOOK AT THE SPACE POINT-WISE. WE CARE ABOUT THE VALUE OF THE DERIVATIVE AT A POINT.**
- **WEAK FORMULATION APPROACH - LOOK AT THE AVERAGE/OVERALL BEHAVIOUR.**

WEAK FORMULATION

$$u'' = f$$

$$\int_{\Omega} u'' \phi d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} f \phi d\Omega = [u' \phi]_{\{\Omega\}} - \int_{\Omega} u' \phi' d\Omega$$

$$\int_{\Omega} u' \phi' d\Omega = - \int_{\Omega} f \phi d\Omega$$

WEAK FORMULATION

- NOW, PHI IS LIKE A PROBE FUNCTION. IT HELPS YOU ANALYZE THE FUNCTION AT A SPECIFIC POINT.
- THE COMPUTER DOES THIS FOR EVERY PT ON GRID AND THEN ASSEMBLES THE RESULT.

SOME SMALL DEFINITION BS

- L^p SPACE - THE FUNCTIONS THAT SATISFY THIS EXIST HERE.

$$\|f\|_p = \left(\int |f(x)|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

- THINK OF EXAMPLES OF FUNCS IN L^1 SPACE.
- WHAT ABOUT L^2 ?
- WHAT ABOUT L^∞ ?

SOBOLEV SPACES

$$W^{k,p}$$

- THE SPACE IN WHICH OUR SOLUTIONS EXIST; I.E. THE WEAK FORMULATED INTEGRAL ONES.
- THE P REPRESENTS THE L^p -TH NORM.
- THE K REPRESENTS UPTO WHICH DERIVATIVE EXISTS IN THE SAME SPACE.

NOW FORGET BOTH THOSE NAMES

- WHICH PROBES DO WE USE FOR TESTING? DIRAC DELTA?

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) f(x) = f(0), \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - a) f(x) = f(a)$$

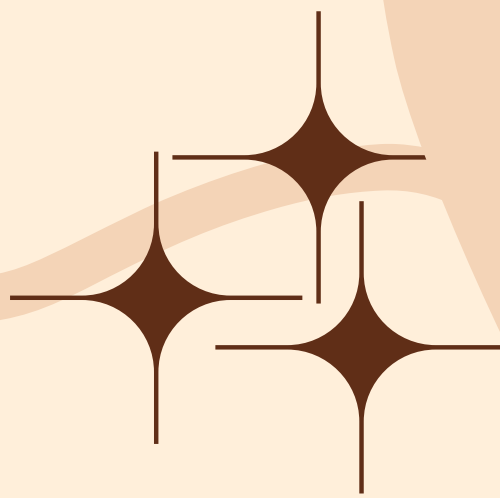
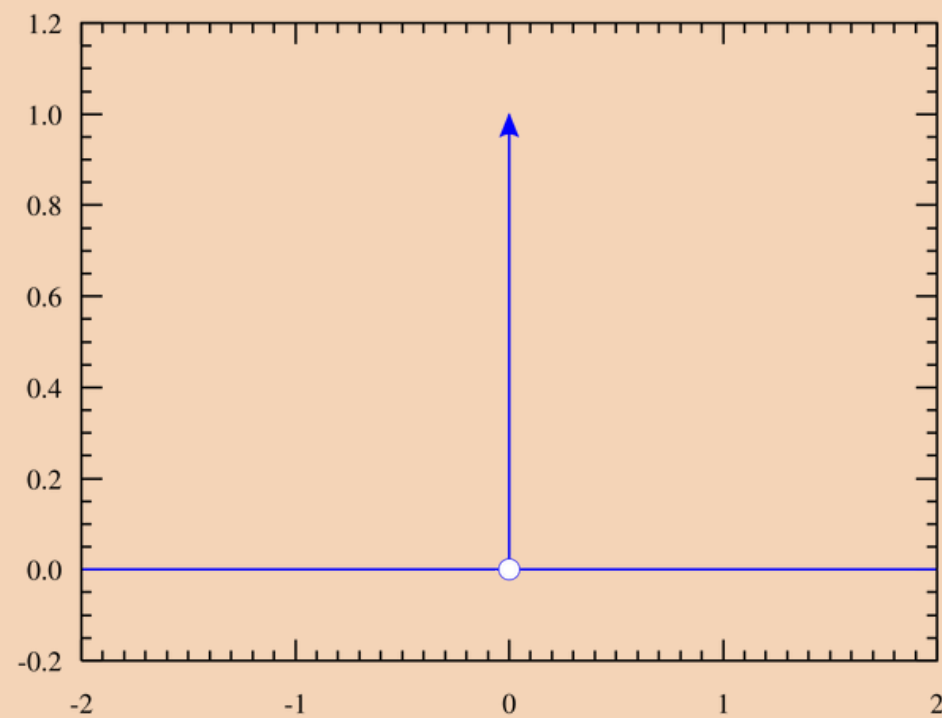
- NOW, WHAT IS DIRAC DELTA'S INTEGRAL OR CUMULATIVE FUNCTION? → THIS IS WHY IT'S RELEVANT TO OUR ENTIRE DISCUSSION.



**A BIG NO
COZ
INFINITY ISNT REAL.**

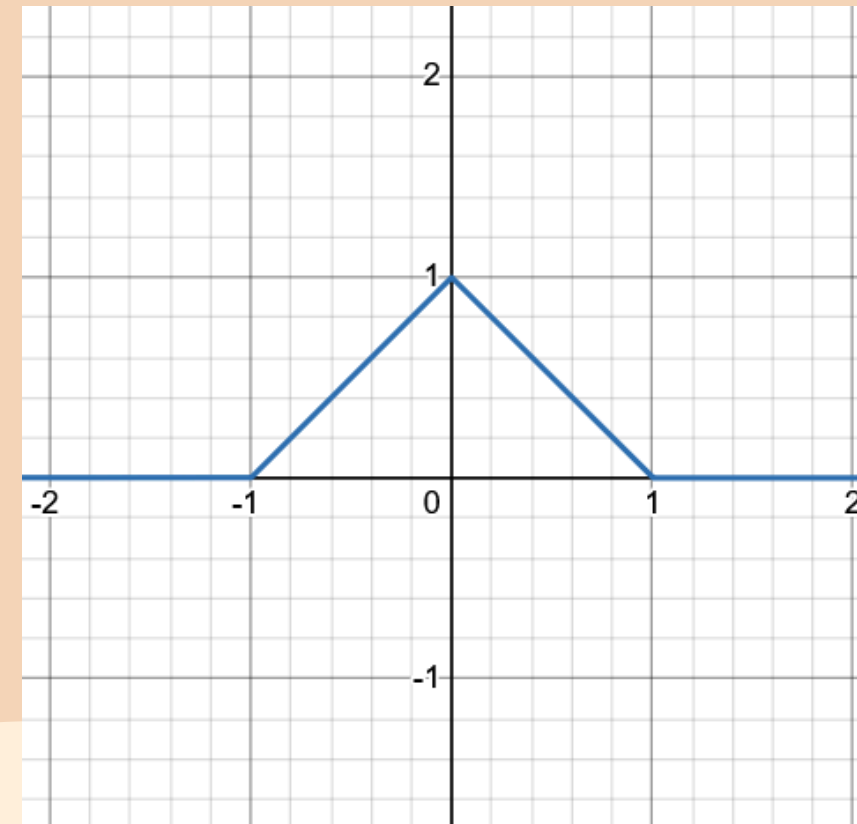
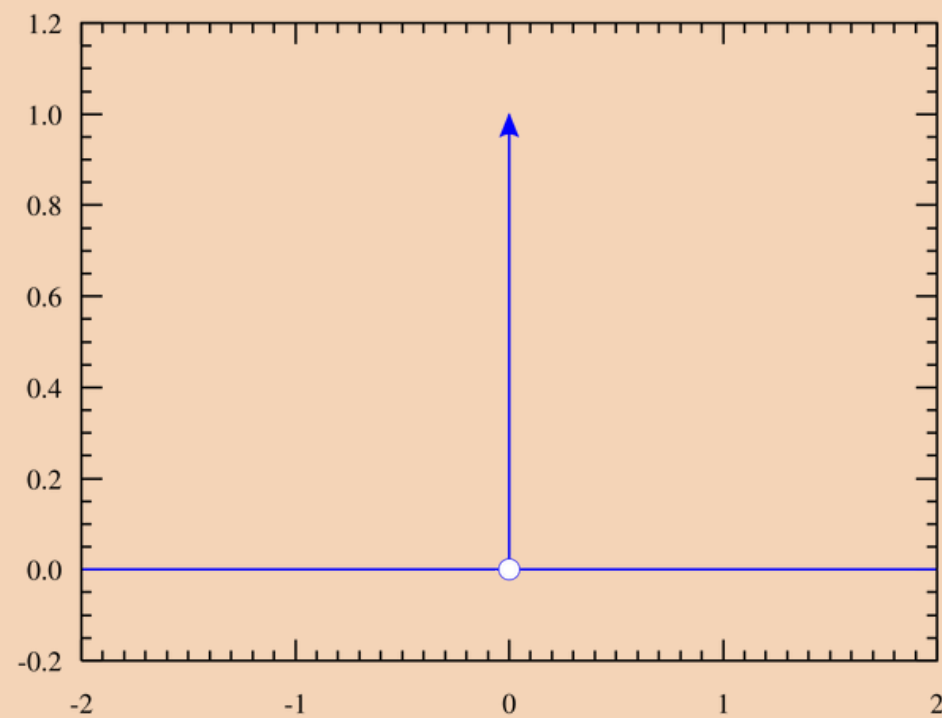
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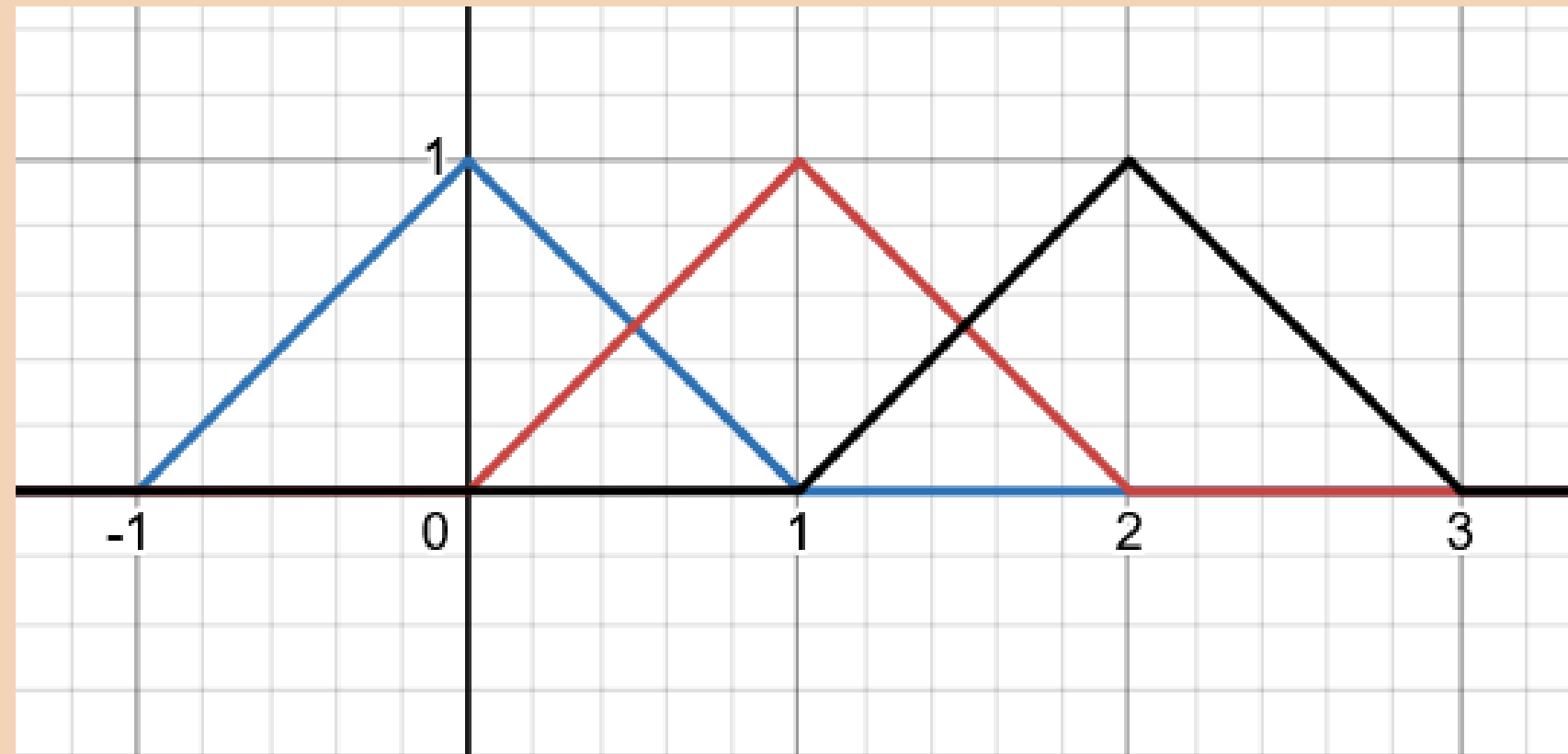


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HOW TO USE MULTIPLE PROBES?



- CALLED "HAT" FUNCTIONS.

WHY DID YOU YAP ABOUT L^p AND $W^{k,p}$?

- FOR THE INTEGRAL $\int U'V'DX$ TO MAKE SOME SENSE
- V MUST BE L^2 , SO THE "ENERGY" DOESN'T GO TO INFINITY.
- V MUST HAVE A DERIVATIVE V' THAT IS ALSO L^2 .
- BY REQUIRING V BE IN A SOBOLEV SPACE (H^1), WE KNOW OUR PROBES ARE "SMOOTH" TO MEASURE THE SYSTEM WITHOUT BREAKING.

ANALOGY

- THIS IS LIKE VIRTUAL WORK THEOREM GNG.
- THINK ABOUT L^2 AS ENERGY.
- $\int f v$ AS WORK DONE.

- NOW CHANGE IN ENERGY = WORK DONE. HENCE, OUR WEAK FORMULATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE VARIATION DUE TO WEIRD DISCONTINUITIES.

SMALL PEAK INTO WHAT COMPUTER DOES

2 MAIN OPTIMISATIONS.

$$u = \sum u_i \phi_i \implies \int_{-1}^1 u' \phi_j' = \sum u_i \int_{-1}^1 \phi_i' \phi_j'$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) \phi_i' \phi_j' = A_{ij} \text{ (say)}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) v(x) \approx \sum_{k=1}^N w_k f(x_k) v(x_k)$$

→ PRE-CALCULATE.

CAN'T BELIEVE WE LOST JOBS TO THIS

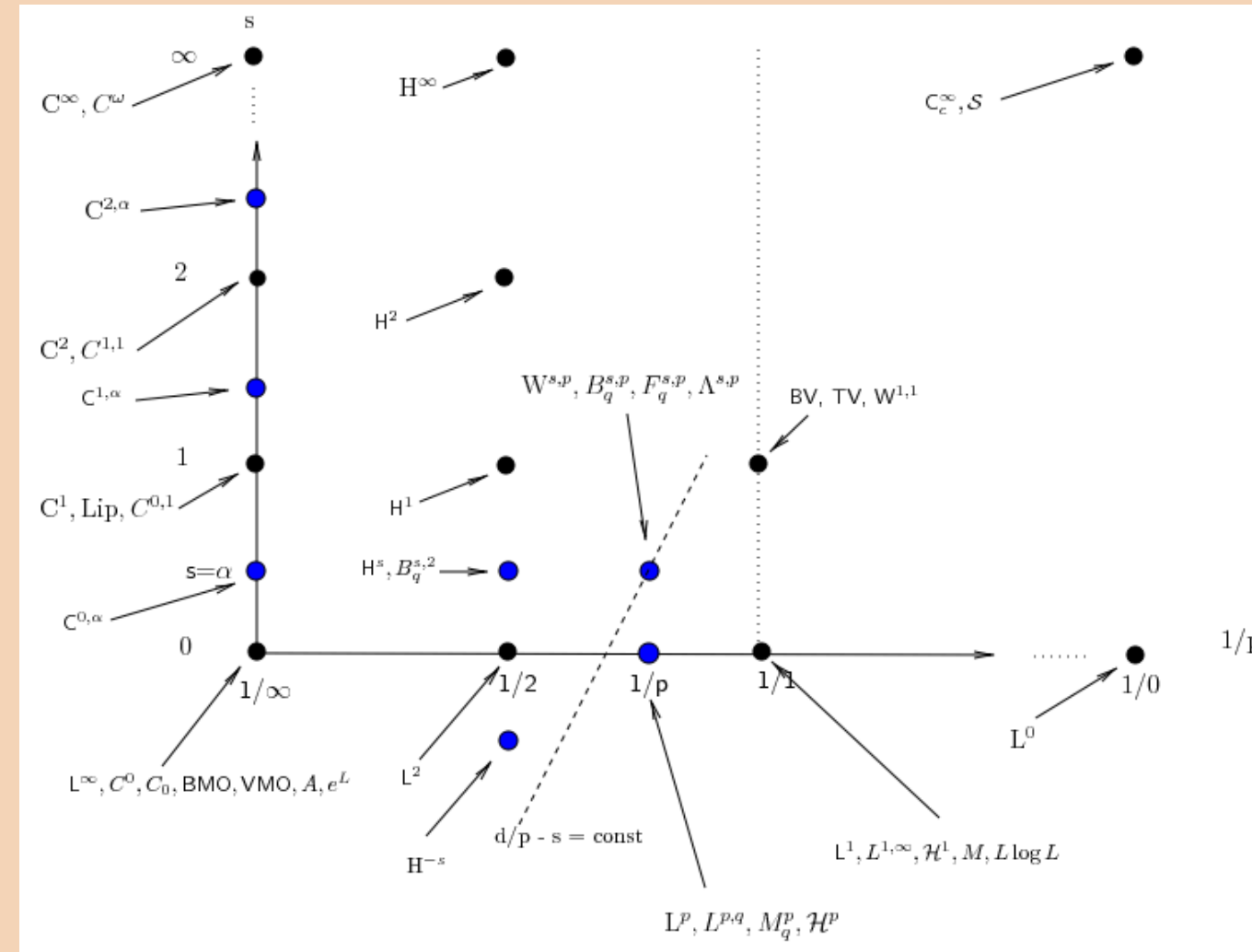
- THE SET OF PHI_1, PHI_2 WILL RETURN A STIFFNESS MATRIX, A. $Au = b \implies u = bA^{-1}$.

- THE VALUES U_1, U_2, ... FORM VECTOR U.

- THE INTEGRALS OF F WITH THE TEST FUNCTION FORM VECTOR B.

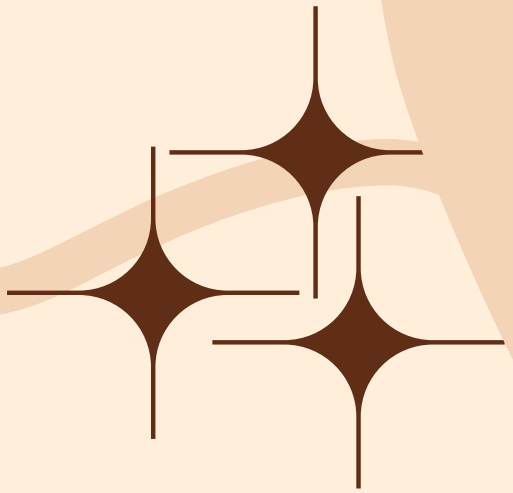


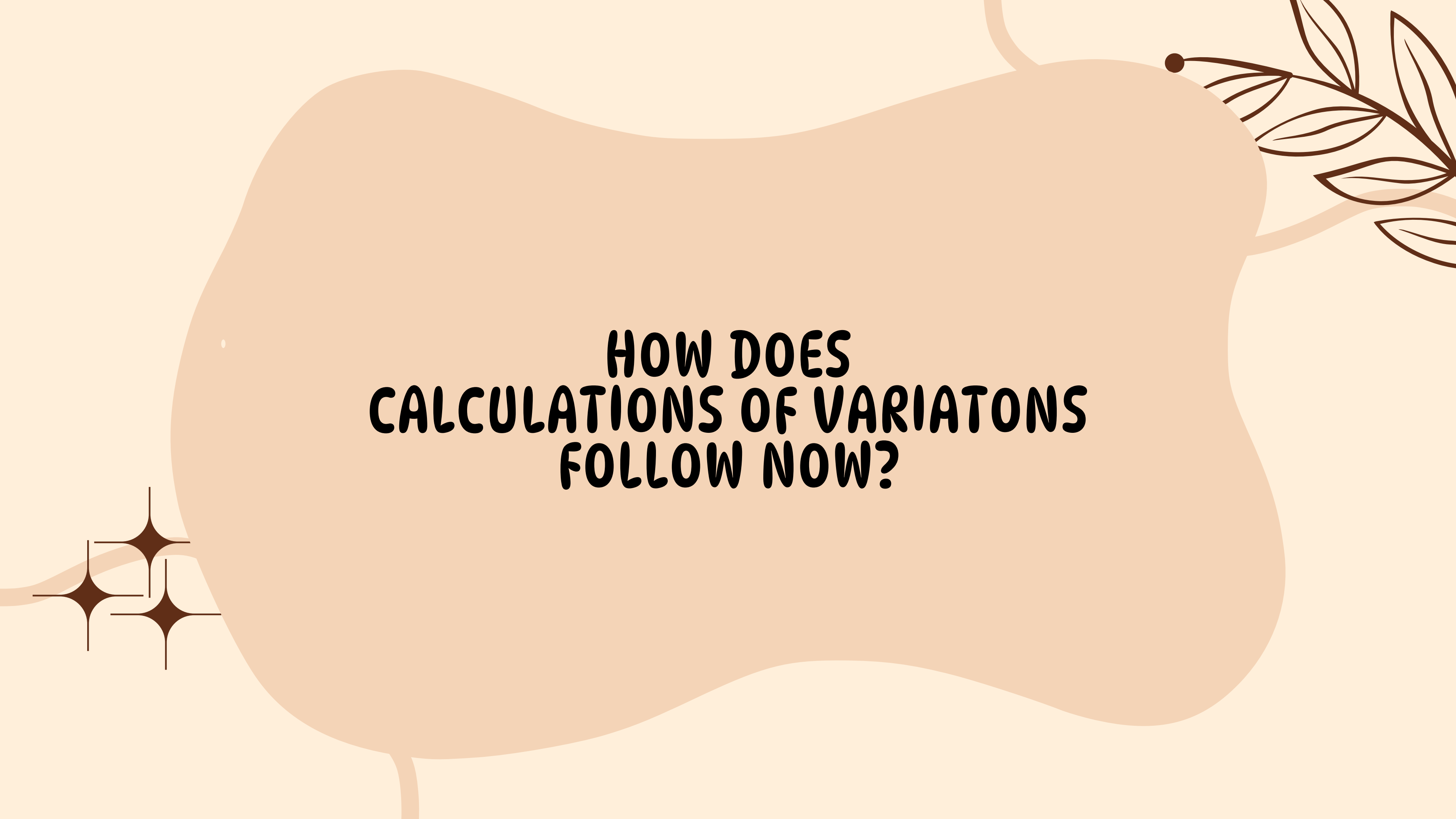
WOAH SOME STUFF TO LOOK AT



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**HOW DOES
CALCULATIONS OF VARIATIONS
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WHAT IS ACTION?

$$J[y] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} L(x, y(x), y'(x)) dx$$

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

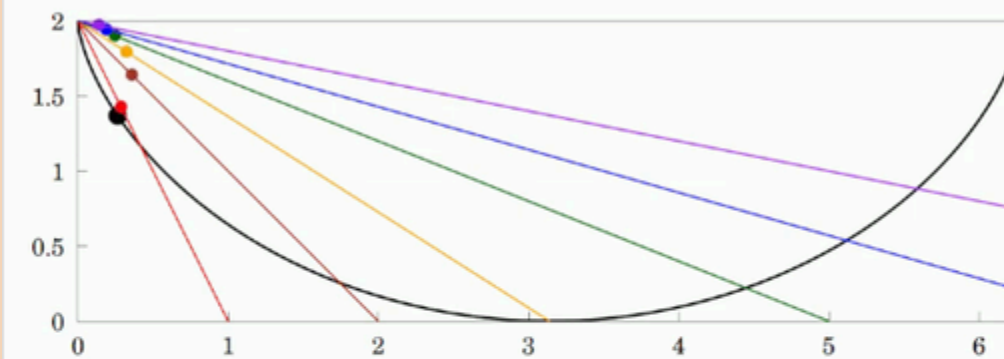
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial f} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial L}{\partial f'} = 0$$

BELTRAMI'S IDENTITY

$$L - u' \frac{\partial L}{\partial u'} = C,$$

BUT WHEN?

APPLICATIONS IN PHYSICS



Brachistochrone curve

In physics and mathematics, a brachistochrone curve, or curve of fastest descent, is the one lying on the plane between a point A and a lower point B, where B is not directly below A, on which a bead slides frictionlessly under the influence of a...

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**THANK
YOU**

