

# Strange Stuff Part 1

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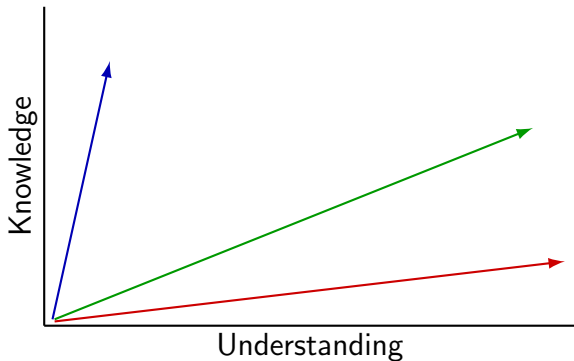
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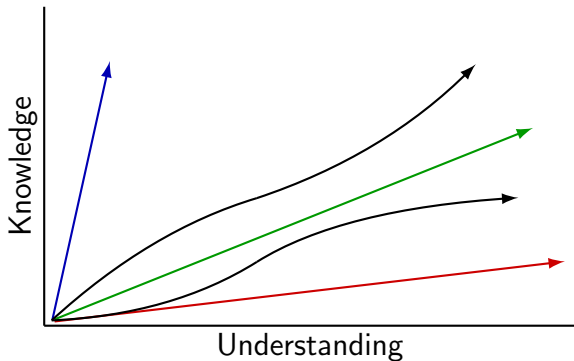
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# Sum of an Infinite Number of Numbers

$$\varphi = \frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{100} + \frac{9}{1000} + \frac{9}{10000} + \frac{9}{100000} + \dots$$

$$\varphi = 0.9999999999999999 \dots$$

$$\varphi = 1.0000000000000000 \dots$$

- - - - - Zeno's Paradox - - - - -

$$\begin{aligned} (0.9 \text{ m} + 0.09 \text{ m} + 0.09 \text{ m} + \dots) / (0.9 \text{ s} + 0.09 \text{ s} + 0.09 \text{ s} + \dots) \\ = 1.0 \text{ m} / 1.0 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

# Series Representations of Irrational Numbers

$$\pi = \frac{4}{1} - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{5} - \frac{4}{7} + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{4}{11} + \dots = 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}$$

$$e = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{120} + \frac{1}{720} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$$







# Euler–Riemann zeta function

$$\zeta(z) = 1^{-z} + 2^{-z} + 3^{-z} + 4^{-z} + \dots$$

$$\zeta(-1) = -\frac{1}{12}$$

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Observe that Equation(5) is  $9 + \text{Equation}(6)$

$$x = 9 + 10x \implies x = -1 \quad (7)$$

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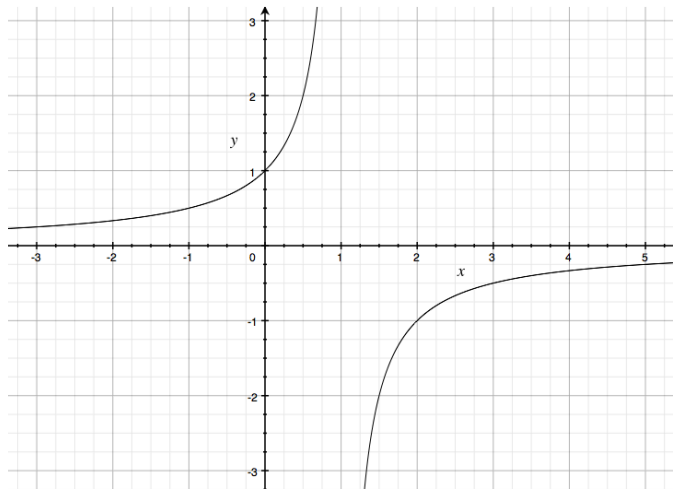


Figure 1 :  $y = \frac{1}{1-x}$  versus  $x$

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# The Absurdity of Detecting Gravitational Waves

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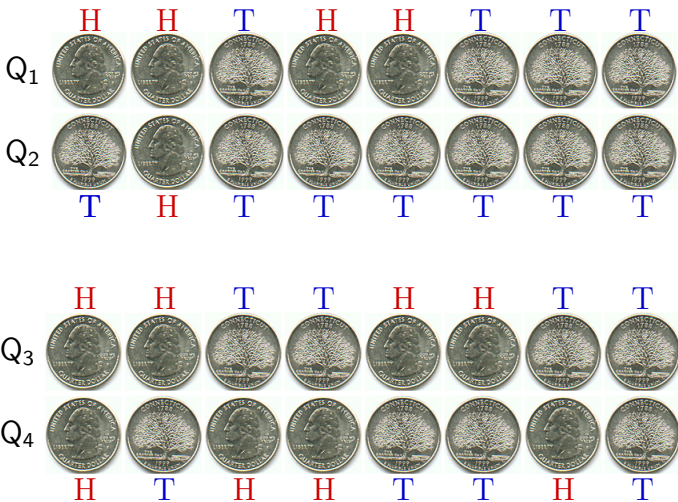
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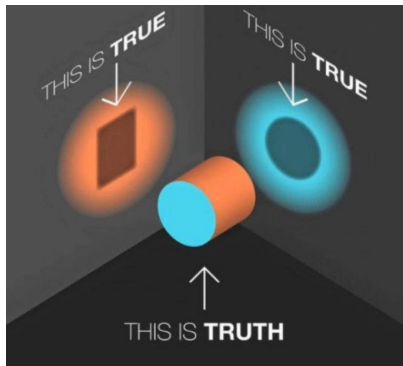
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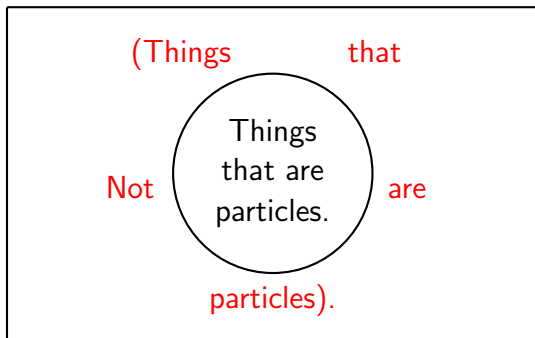


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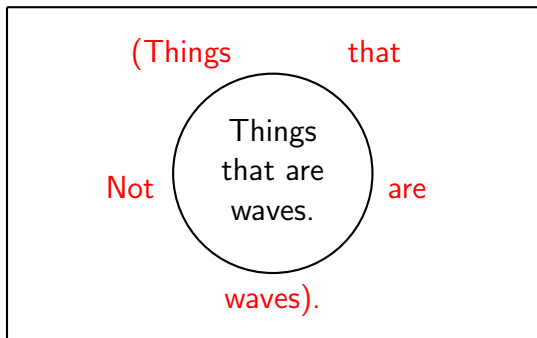


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