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- ▶ For any reasonable function $f(x)$, there are coefficients a_k such that

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(when x is sufficiently small). This is the *Taylor series* for $f(x)$.

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For a full explanation, see Level 3 complex analysis.

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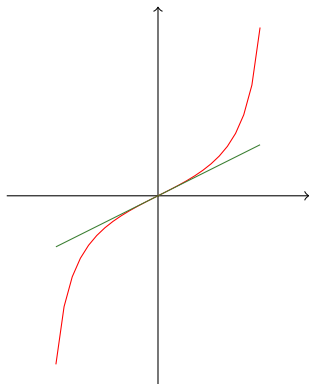
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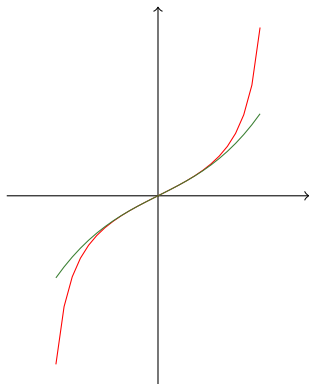


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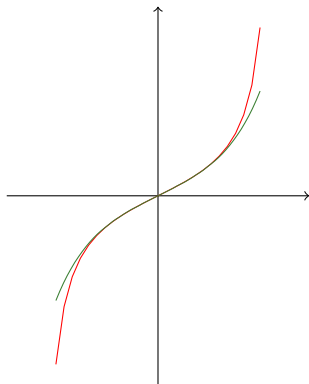


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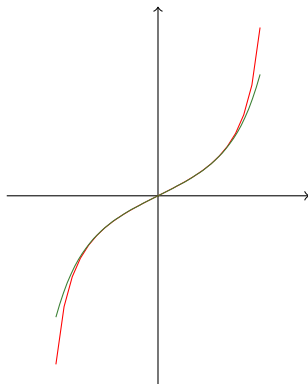


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