

CALCULUS

Additivity of limit

Fact: x^2 and $\cos x$ are both continuous at $x = \pi/4$,

i.e., $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} x^2 = (\pi/4)^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{16}$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \cos x = \cos(\pi/4) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Def'n:

$f(x)$ is **continuous at $x = a$**
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Def'n 2.18, p. 42:

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meaning?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} x^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{1} \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} x^2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \cos x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \frac{\pi^2}{1} \cos x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

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Example: $\varepsilon = 0.1$

Alice: $\alpha = 0.061271$ works

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Ben: $\beta = 0.094659$ works

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By additivity of error,

$$\left| (x^2 + \cos x) - \left(\frac{\pi^2}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right| < 0.004 + 0.004$$

Exercise: Using algebra and the triangle inequality,
prove this from these.

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QED

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