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Happiness is an imaginary condition, formerly attributed by the living to the dead, now usually attributed by adults to children, and by children to adults.

-Thomas Szasz

Mathematicians are Immature: A Proof

by Liz Fujita ~ Mathematician

I think there is a stigma out there that mathematicians are frazzly-haired, bespectacled people with a weird affinity for numbers and a pencil permanently tucked behind their ears like some sort of strange, oblong growth. They are widely regarded as quirky, but brilliant; they're taken as advanced, mature minds that endlessly contemplate the meanings of science and the universe. We probably deserve some of that typecasting. One thing I have noticed, though, is that mathematicians of old were not as mature as we give them credit for being.

Take, for example, the annulus. The annulus is a shape, a ring-shaped region if you will. It has a hole in the middle. The annulus can have various properties, one of
...see 8=D ? on back



Maulins has been Found!

By Olivia Zajac ~ Daily Bull

Maulins has been found! After a several week absence from the University, rumors of his students exacting revenge have been dashed to pieces. He emerged from the forest with multiple medals pinned to his vest, a puppy under one arm, and a piglet under another. This strange image of Maulins led to a lot of curiosity on behalf of his students. "He's offering us a lot of extra credit now, which is pretty awesome. I didn't realize that extra credit actually existed in college, I thought that was just a myth!" one junior commented. "I take back all those bad things I was calling him in my head during the exam!"

He shared his harrowing tale with the Bull to clear up any remaining doubt that his students would dare to threaten or

harass him. "I should probably just send the message out to Blackboard instead of the class email list. Simpler mistakes have been made." He laughed, and then launched into his tale:

"Well, I was taking a walk one day, dreaming about dipping birds and Rankin cycles, when I heard this sound. I looked

around, and saw this sad, gloomy, three-legged puppy, and knew I had to do something about it." He paused for a moment to put the puppy he had under his arm down and gave him a pat. "His name is Tripod. Anyhow. So I go to help Tripod, and then I kept finding these sad little puppies, and it just wrenched at my heart, so I saved them all."

...see Puppy Savior on back



Unfortunately for these rescue workers, this puppy is actually planning to use a crane kick right into their face. He learned it by watching the original Karate Kid 30 times.

Nice April Fool's joke Houghton. Well played. Also, We were kidding about reduced printing next year. Rejoice!



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MONDAY MAD-LIB: E.T. Phone Home?

By Liz Fujita with apologies to Katy Perry
 ~ Daily Bull ~

You're so _____ (ing verb)
 Could you be _____ (a bad person)
 Could you be _____ (a good person)

Your touch magnetizing
 Feels like I am _____ (ing verb 2)
 Leaves my _____ (body part) glowing

They say be afraid
 You're not like the others
 Futuristic _____ (noun)
 Different _____ (science word)
 They don't understand you

Your from a whole other world
 A different _____ (noun 2)
 You open my _____ (plural body part)
 And I'm ready to go
 Lead me into the light

_____ (verb) me, ki-ki-kiss me

Infect me with your _____ (noun2) and

Fill me with your _____ (noun 3)

_____ (verb 2) me, _____ (ve-ve-verb2)

me
 Wanna be a victim
 Ready for abduction

Boy, you're a/n _____ (animal)

Your touch so foreign
 It's supernatural

_____ (adjective) 🐾

... Puppy Savior from front

He wiped a tear from his eye at the thought, and Tripod woofed at him and wagged his adorable tail. "I came back to the University and asked for funding to go out and save all the sad, abandoned puppies in the Keweenaw. So that took a good, solid week to write and get approved. And when I was out saving all these puppies, they were all focused on this one spot in the ground, and just kept barking and digging and all. I checked a convenient map nearby and figured out that there was an underground pipe placed in that exact location. In my thermo-loving heart, I knew there was a pig stuck down there, and I had to save him."

He leaned back in his chair, and laughed, shaking his head. "Being the good engineer that I am, I always have a TI-89 on me, and I whipped out some calculations based on the time an echo took to bounce off the pig to figure out exactly where he was, and my pack of saved puppies dug the pipe out and that's where I found Bacon here." The piglet sitting in his lap was fast asleep, and had a big red bow tied around its neck.

Students were shocked to hear his epic journey in class. "I figured he had gone back to MIT or something, he's always talking about how fantastic that place is," suggested one undergrad.

"I thought maybe he was just really pissed that the snow was starting to disappear and went to go find more in Canada or Polar Bear Land, or wherever they make snow," speculated another.

That mysterious black smoke that enveloped the ChemSci that fateful

exam day? Turns out it was just the microwave in the basement lab. "No one's cleaned that nasty thing since it's been put down there, and some student was trying to cook a full chicken in there. We're almost certain he had dipped into the Chemtini's too early in the day."

So Maulins has gloriously returned, unscathed and fully alive, from his selfless quest of saving innocent, abandoned puppies. And Bacon. Can't forget about Bacon. 🐾

... 8=D ? from front

them being whether it is an open region or a closed one. I find it hard to believe that the coiners of this term purposely overlooked the crude humor in having to posit, "Is my annulus open or closed?"

I've also noticed that the inventors of our beloved trig functions took full advantage of the fact that mathematicians are lazy efficient, using the names of trig identities to pass down immaturity and giggles throughout the years. I mean, secant(x) = secx can't be purely coincidence. Even back in the day they must have been trying to figure out the mathematics of the bedroom. Similarly, anyone in too much of a hurry to write cos(x) has inevitably fallen prey to the age-old cox reference.

Immaturity doesn't just derive from toilet humor. A certain portion can also come from knowing that even professional math minds don't want to do their homework. In fact, I think that I could declare all past math majors to be 'just kids' at heart who only want to play games and sleep in on the weekends. Perhaps that's

why cryptographers left us a little prophecy. The whole point of crypto is that you have to feed numbers through a long and complicated algorithm, which dresses them up in a disguise, gives them a haircut, and enters them into some kind of mathematics witness protection program. Some cryptosystems make use of pre-determined value tables, which are called S-Boxes. See?! They predicted the future, practically! "Hey, guys, want to go check out my SBOX 101101000?"

I don't think anything needs to be said about the indefinite integral of $u^x dx$.

Last, but certainly not least, is a little gem I learned recently that nearly broke my ability to pose as a mature mathematician. You see, one can integrate around a region. And inside that region, there might be a point – a special spot, if you will, called a singularity. You have to be very careful about the singularity. Sometimes, you even have to work around it, specifically, so that your equations don't blow up. Mr. Cauchy probably didn't know it, but he was setting the world up for some awful puns about his integral theorem for those regions and special spots. Lovingly referred to as the Cauchy Line Integral Theorem by some, it's one of those pieces of math that I will never forget. "What are you doing tonight?" Oh, nothing. Just gotta manipulate my C-L-I-theorem... wait a minute...

Good luck, fledgling mathematicians. And, just remember, if you ever want to insult a math geek, just suggest that their you-know-what is smaller than any epsilon > 0. 🐾