



Beamer All The Way

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My First Beamer

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usepackage{amssymb}
\title[Beamer]{Beamer for Novices}
\author{Victor Ivrii}
\institute{Department of Mathematics, University of Toronto}
\date{September 8, 2012}
\begin{document}
\begin{frame}
\titlepage
\end{frame}
\begin{frame}
Some text with math .....
\end{frame}
\end{document}
```

We will get ...

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works in the similar manner but gives even more control.

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where I use `textblock` which is a command of the package `textpos`:

```
\usepackage[absolute,overlay]{textpos}
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to put logo in a fixed place on the first frame (which would not change no matter how long is the other content of the titlepage).

/usr/local/texlive/texmf-local/tex/latex/beamer/themes/images/Utoronto_coa.pdf
is a path to the high-quality graphic file



Adding more juice

You can do even more:

```
\beamersetaveragebackground{  
\\definercolor{light}{rgb}{.95,.95,1}  
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Here I did it for this frame only.

\setbeamertemplate{}[]()

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Background graphics

is set by

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In some themes corresponding boxes have special colors.

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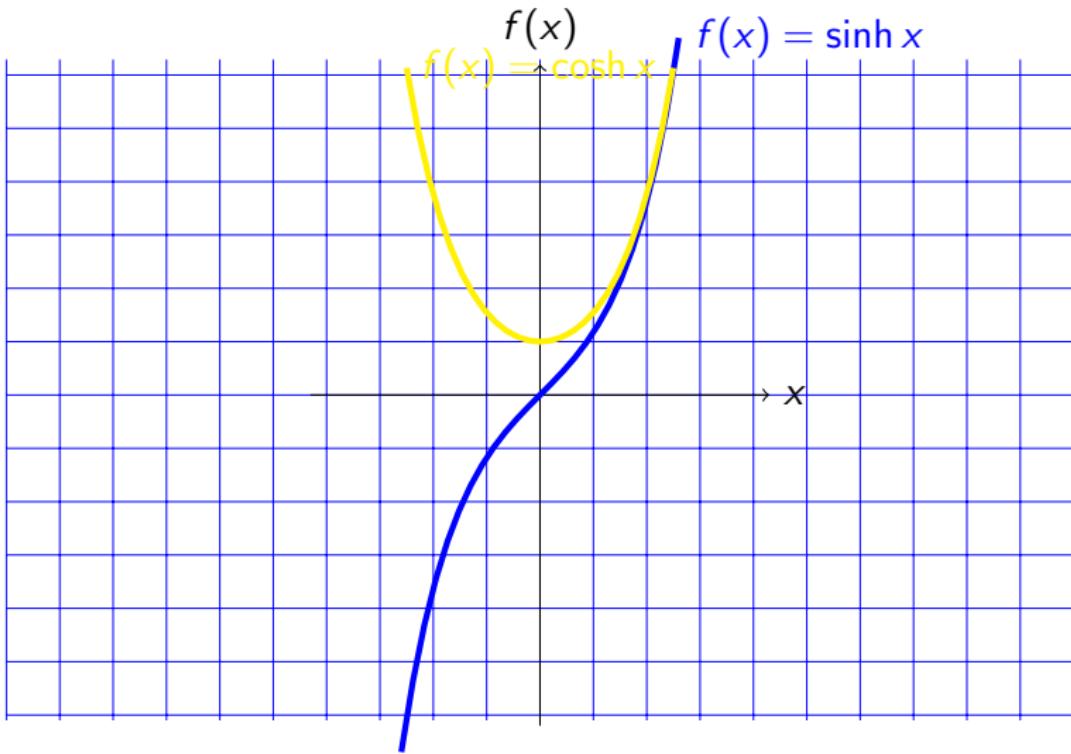


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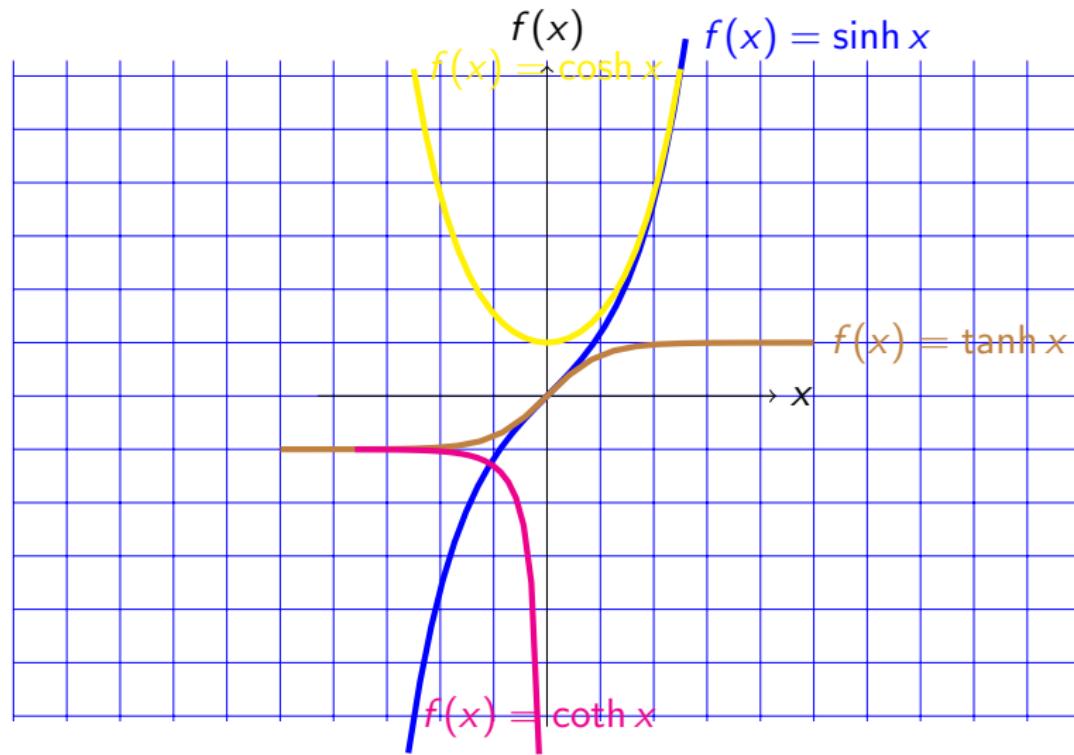


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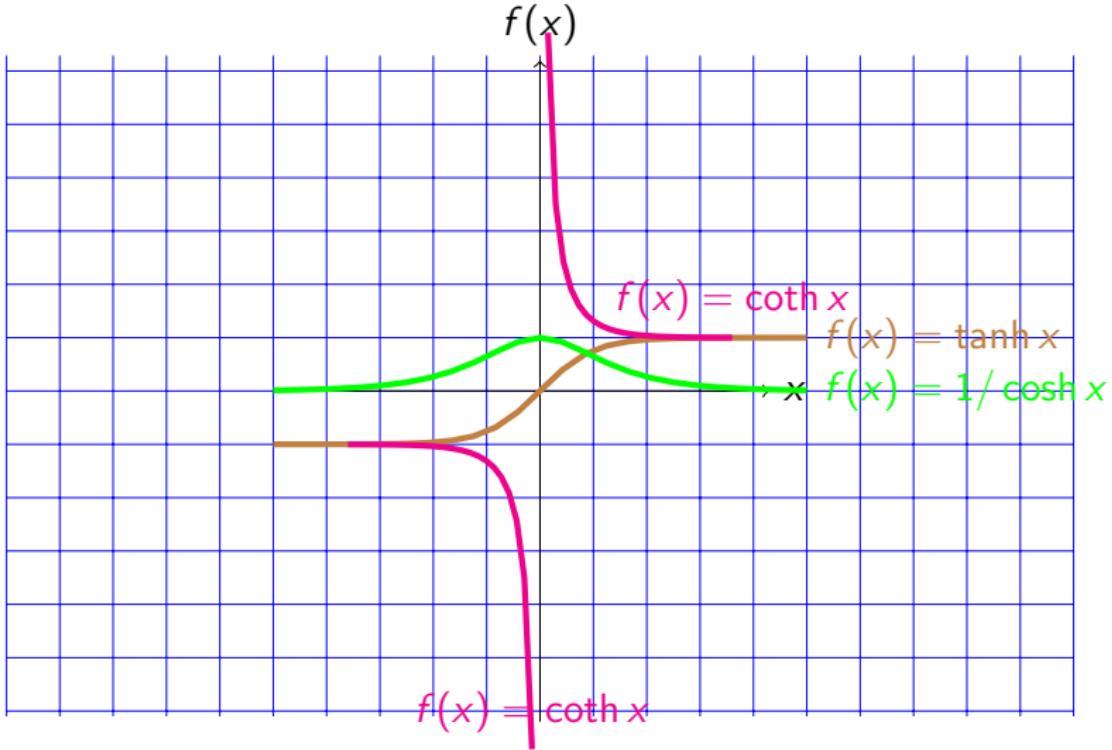


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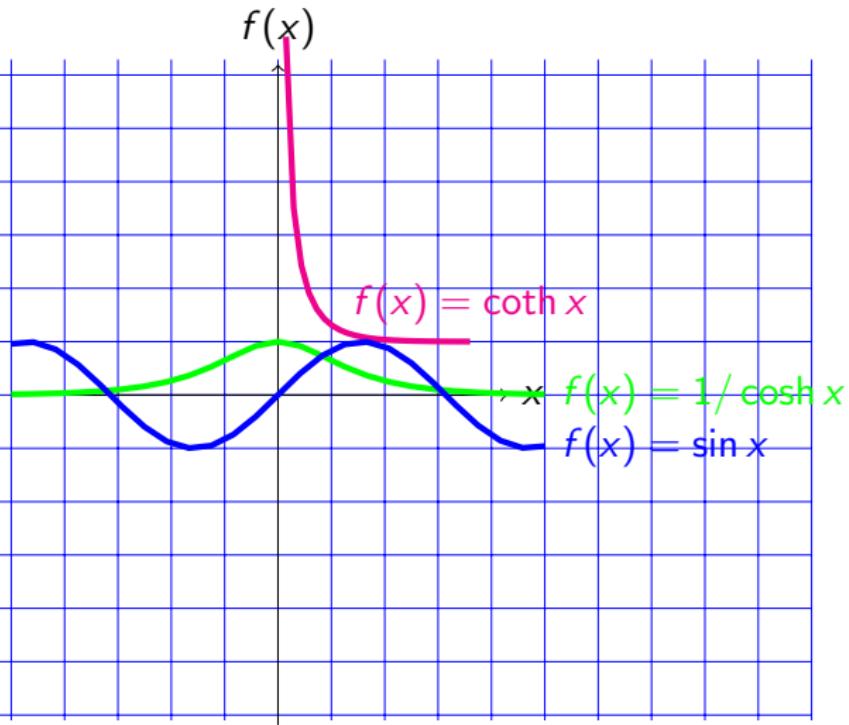
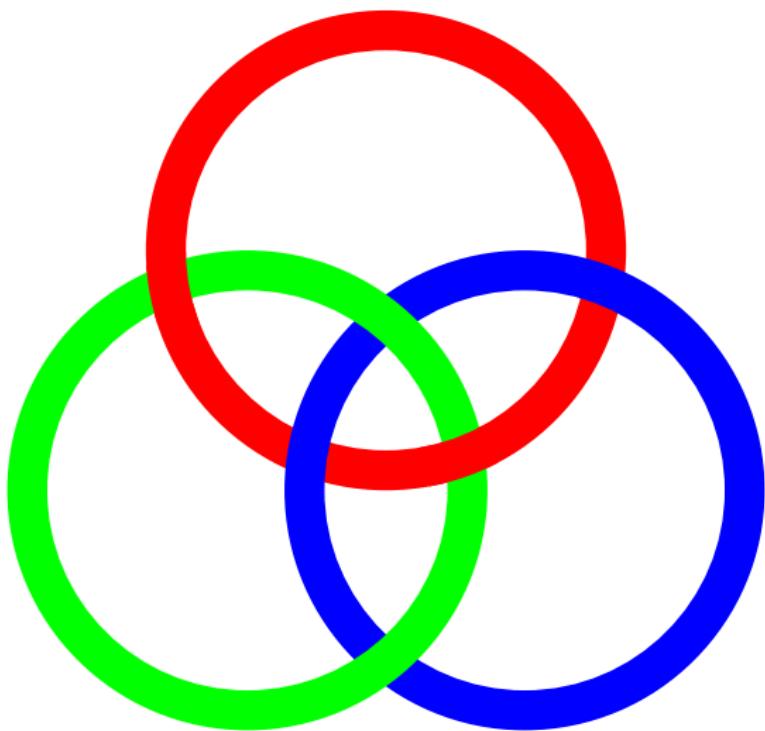
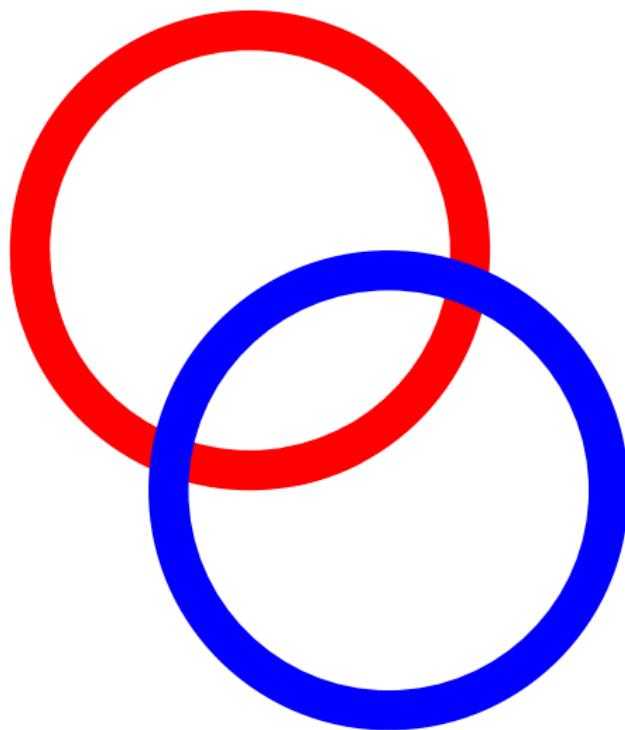


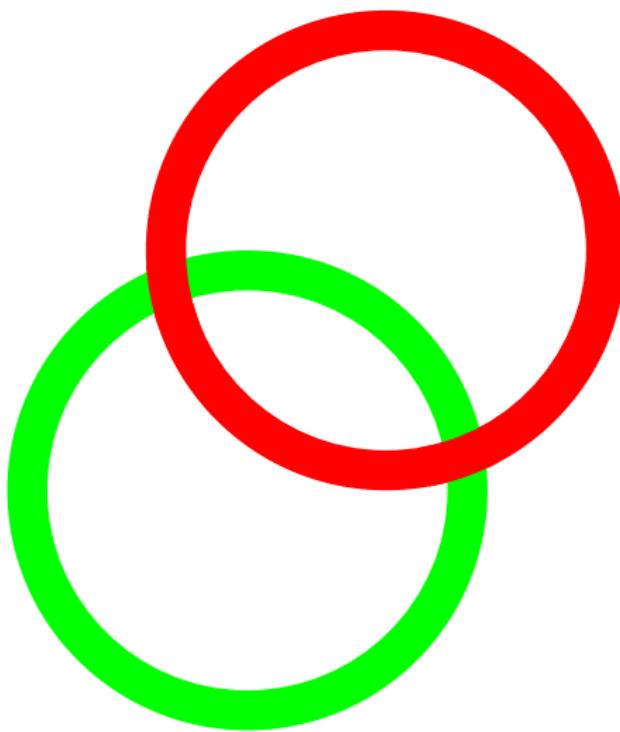
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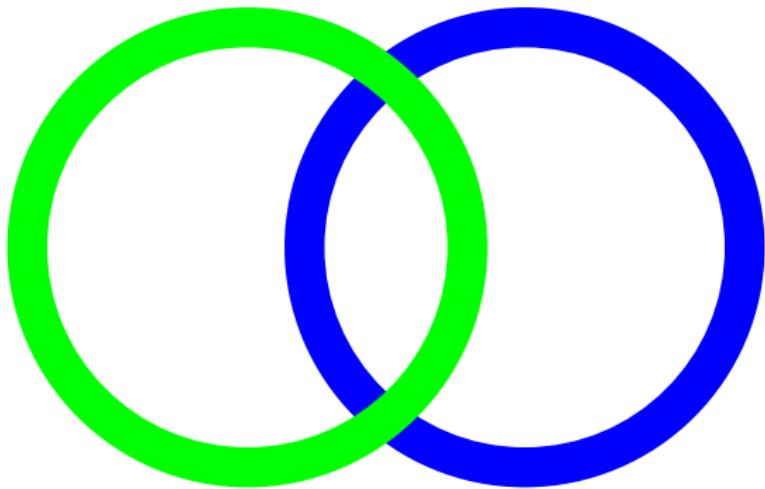
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    addresource=weyllaw.mp4,  
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    activate=pageopen,  
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    % context menu  
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    3Dc2c=4 2 3  
]{epix.prc}
```

epix.prc has been generated by **asymptote**.

Including sound (in movie15) with autoplay and controls options:

```
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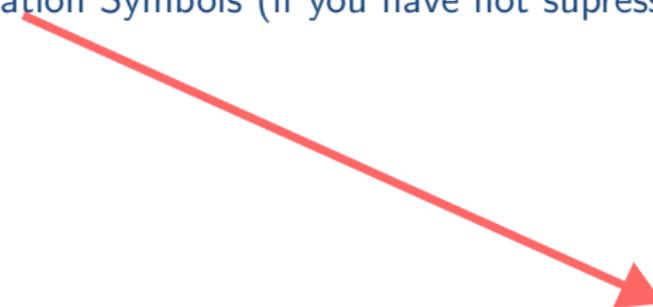
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