

Notes for Desmos Workshop

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We're on a mission to help every student learn math and love learning math.
-Desmos website

The purpose of computation is insight, not numbers.
-Richard Hamming (1915 - 1998)

The best way to learn is to do.
-Paul Halmos (1916 - 2006)

Make mathematics breath with Desmos.
-Alex (1961 - still going)



I. Using Desmos in the Classroom (My Stuff: <http://alexambriosio.com/desmos>)

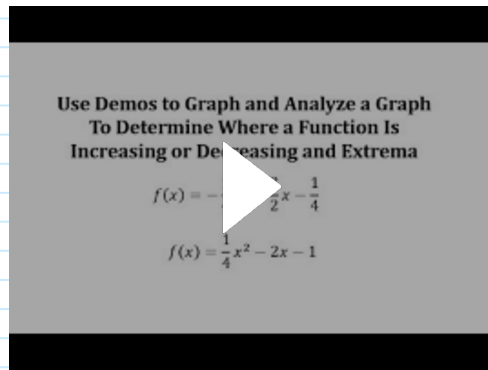
- Polar Graphs: MAC 1114, MAC 2312, MAC 2313
- The Unit Circle and the Sine Function (MAC 1114)
- The Secant Line Approaches the Tangent Line (MAC 2311)
- Newton's Method (MAC 2311)
- Simple Harmonic Motion: MAC 1114, MAC 2311, MAC 2312, MAC 2313, MAP 2302
- Euler Method (MAP 2302): Hidden Figures (2016) and Women's History Month
- Taylor Polynomials: MAC 2312
- Mean Value Theorem: MAC 2311
- Polar Conic Sections: MAC 2312
- Tangent and Polar Coordinates: MAC 2312
- Circle of Curvature: MAC 2313
- The Limit: MAC 2311
- Using Polar Coordinates to rotate a parabola: MAC 1114, MAC 2312

II. Desmos Calculators: See Math Tools drop-down window at top of home page and or app stores

- For use when testing. See: <https://www.desmos.com/test-mode>
- Graphing Calculator: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator>
- Scientific Calculator: <https://www.desmos.com/scientific>
- Four Function Calculator: <https://www.desmos.com/fourfunction>
- Matrix Calculator: <https://www.desmos.com/matrix>
- Geometry Calculator: <https://www.desmos.com/geometry>

III. Source of Other Contents

- **Teacher Desmos**
 - Featured Collections (DL Calculus):
<https://teacher.desmos.com/collection/5e73b36a5141777627553357>
 - Most Popular: <https://teacher.desmos.com/popular>
- **Videos in Mathispower4u:** <http://www.mathispower4u.com/ti-alternatives.php>
 - Analyze a graph Using Desmos (Quadratic): [Analyze a Graph Using Desmos to Determine Key Components of a Quadratic \(Incr / Decr / Extrema\)](#)



- Determine the local/relative of Cubic Function: [Ex 1: Determine the Local / Relative Extrema of a Cubic Function Using Desmos](#)



IV. Accessibility Features

- **MathQuill:** Allows students to speak equations in an intuitive way.
- **JAWS, NVDA, Microsoft Narrator:** For spoken output.
- **Braille Mode:** For use with Braille computers.
- **Audio trace mode:** Allows exploration of a graph by sound.

V. Desmos Classroom: <https://teacher.desmos.com/manage-classes>

- LMS integrating with Desmos. Allows teach to manage a classroom of students using Desmos.
- Create highly interactive activities: <https://learn.desmos.com/create>
- Nice example: [MarbleSlides: Lines](#)