

September 9, 2016 Physics 131 Prof. E. F. Redish

■ **Theme Music: The Ventures**
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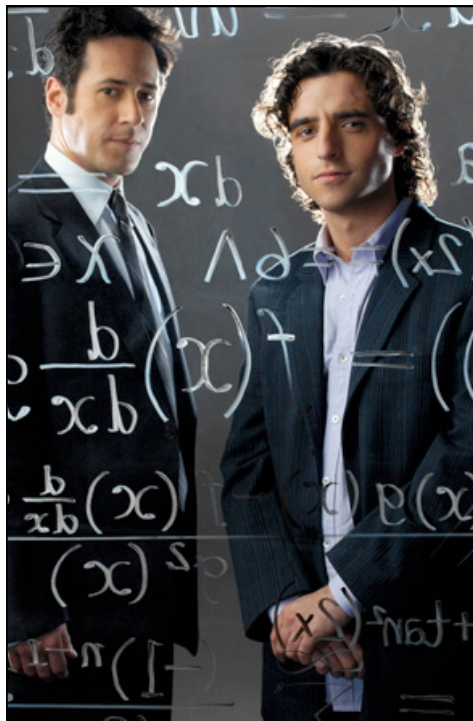
■ **Cartoon: Jef Mallett**
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The Equation of the Day

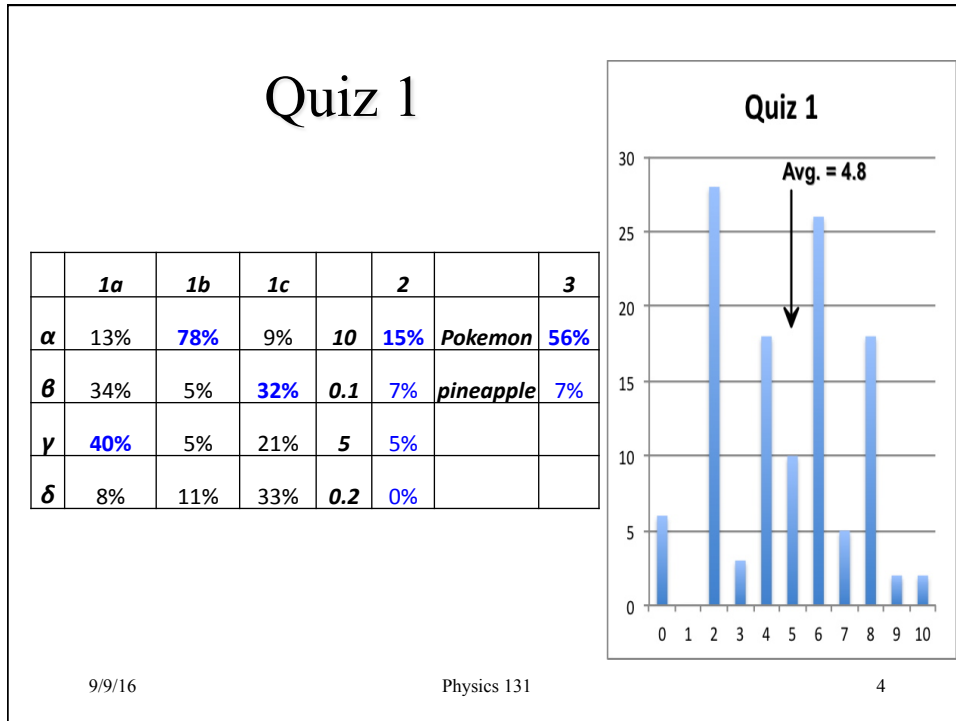
The derivative and the integral

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\Delta x = \int v(t) dt$$




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Multiple Representations

- We choose different ways of representing things depending on what we want to do.

- Adding multiple sensory modes adds to our sense of an object's reality.



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Knowing-how-to-know icon: Multiple Representations

- We have many different ways that we represent information:
 - Words
 - Equations
 - Diagrams
 - Pictures
- Each gives its own way of building up something “real” in our minds.



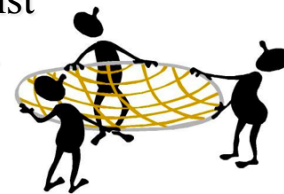
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Knowing-how-to-know icon: Coherence – Your safety net

- Throughout the class we will be looking to see physical situations in a variety of different ways.
- The consistency among the different views protects us against errors of reconstructed memory.



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What's the difference between
the x vs. y graph
and the x and y vs. t graphs

- “Graphs for the eye vs. graphs for the mind.”
- The 3 different graphs each give us different information about the same physical system.

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Foothold ideas: Velocity



- Average velocity is defined by

$$\langle \vec{v} \rangle = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\text{vector displacement}}{\text{time it took to do it}}$$

Note: an average velocity goes with a time interval.

- Instantaneous velocity is what we get when we consider a very small time interval (compared to times we care about)

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

Note: an instantaneous velocity goes with a specific time.

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