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Assume $\sqrt{2}$ is rational, i.e. $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ where $\frac{a}{b}$ is a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{2} &= \frac{a}{b} \\ \Rightarrow 2 &= \frac{a^2}{b^2} \\ \Rightarrow 2b^2 &= a^2\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow a^2$ must be even

$\Rightarrow a$ is even

$$\Rightarrow a = 2p$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = (2p)^2 = 4p^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b^2 = 4p^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 2p^2$$

$\Rightarrow a$ and b are both even

\Rightarrow contradiction.

\Rightarrow our original assumption must be wrong...

$\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

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$$y = \sin(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h) - \sin(x)}{h}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\left(1 - \frac{h^2}{2}\right) + h\cos(x) - \sin(x)}{h}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{h^2}{2}\sin(x) + h\cos(x)}{h}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(-\frac{h}{2}\sin(x) + \cos(x)\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(x)$$