

A proof of the

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Sandwich Squeeze Theorem

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a very colorful proof!

and dramatic too: friends foes  
who will win?

# Sandwich Squeeze Theorem

$f, g, h$

Assume:

(A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$

(I)  $f$  ---  
(II)  $f$  ---  
 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta_f(\epsilon) > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x-a| < \delta_f(\epsilon) \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$

(B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$

(I)  $h$  ---  
(II)  $h$  ---  
 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta_h(\epsilon) > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x-a| < \delta_h(\epsilon) \Rightarrow |h(x) - L| < \epsilon$

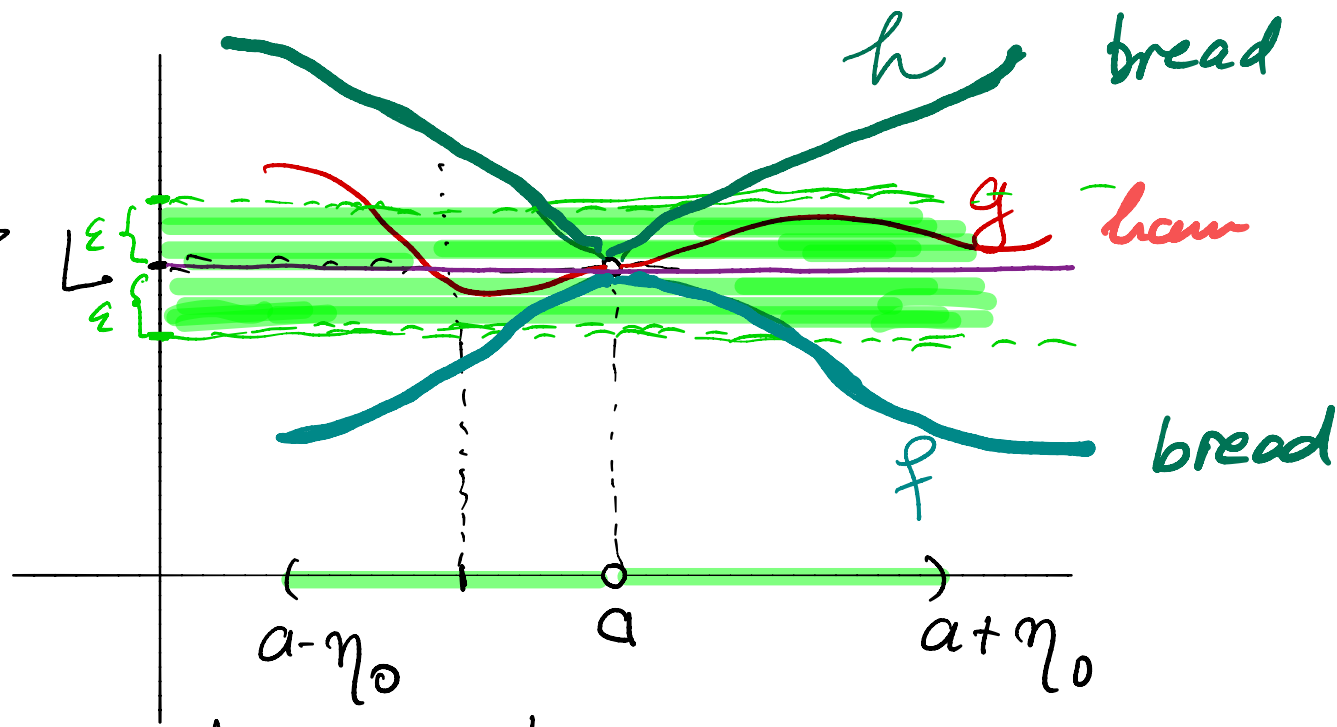
(C)  $\exists \eta_0 > 0$  such that  $f(x), g(x), h(x)$  defined  $\forall x \in (a-\eta_0, a) \cup (a, a+\eta_0)$   
and

$\forall x \in (a-\eta_0, a) \cup (a, a+\eta_0) \quad f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$

Conclusion:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$

(I)  $g$  ---  
(II)  $g$

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta_g(\epsilon) > 0$  s.t.  $0 < |x-a| < \delta_g(\epsilon) \Rightarrow |g(x) - L| < \epsilon$



Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary.  
 How far is  $g(x)$  from  $L$ ?  
 $\rightarrow |g(x) - L|$

We know that

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$$

Here we use  $-|z| \leq z \leq |z|$

$$\rightarrow |f(x) - L| \leq f(x) - L \leq g(x) - L \leq h(x) - L \leq |h(x) - L|$$

friendly quantity

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I CAN ACHIEVE

that both

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

and

$$|h(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon < g(x) - L < \epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon < \dots$$

$$< \epsilon$$

How to make sure that  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ ?

Just take  $0 < |x - a| < \delta_f(\epsilon)$

How to make sure that  $|h(x) - L| < \epsilon$ ?

Just take  $0 < |x - a| < \delta_h(\epsilon)$

How to have both?

Just take  $0 < |x - a| < \min\{\delta_f(\epsilon), \delta_h(\epsilon)\}$

This tells me that I can take

$$\delta_g(\epsilon) = \min\{\delta_f(\epsilon), \delta_h(\epsilon), \eta_0\}$$

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Now prove:  $0 \leq |x-a| < \min\{\delta_f(\epsilon), \delta_h(\epsilon), \eta_0\}$

$$\Rightarrow |g(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

Proof. Assume  $\square$ . Then

Assump.  $0 < |x-a| < \delta_f(\epsilon)$  and  $0 < |x-a| < \delta_h(\epsilon)$  and  $x \in (a-\eta_0, a) \cup (a, a+\eta_0)$

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

and

$$|h(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

and

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$$

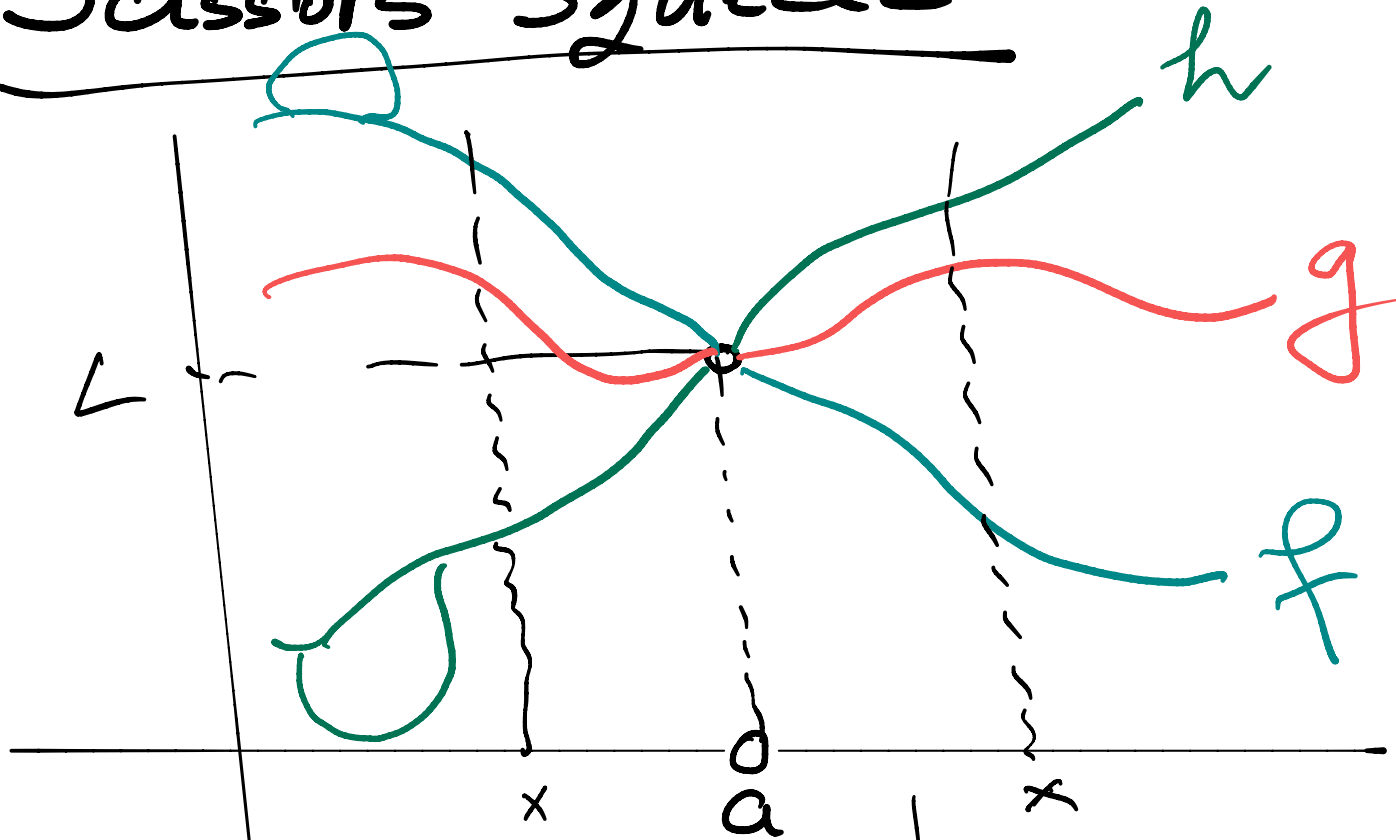
$$-\epsilon < -|f(x) - L| \leq f(x) - L \leq g(x) - L \leq h(x) - L \leq |h(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

Red is greenified

$$-\epsilon < g(x) - L < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow |g(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

# Scissors Squeeze



$$\forall x \in (a - \eta_0, a) \quad h(x) \leq g(x) \leq f(x) \quad \Bigg| \quad \forall x \in (a, a + \eta_0) \quad f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$$

# Power of the Squeeze Thm

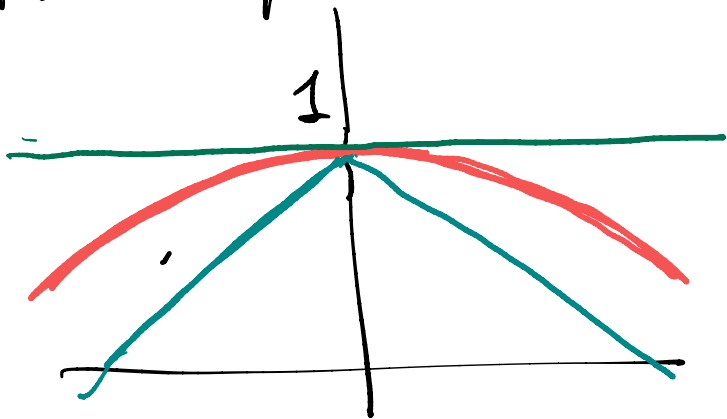
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = 1 \text{ need}$$

How to prove this? We use the definition of  $\cos x$  to invent a squeeze

Prove

$$1 - |x| \leq \cos x \leq 1$$

all  $x \in (0, \pi/3)$





By the  
def.  
 $\cos u \leq 1$

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