

Putnam E.02

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1 Problems

Putnam 1988/A1. Let R be the region consisting of the points (x, y) of the Cartesian plane satisfying both $|x| - |y| \leq 1$ and $|y| \leq 1$. Sketch the region R and find its area.

Putnam 1988/A2. A not uncommon calculus mistake is to believe that the product rule for derivatives says that $(fg)' = f'g'$. If $f(x) = e^{x^2}$, determine, with proof, whether there exists an open interval (a, b) and a nonzero function g defined on (a, b) such that this wrong product rule is true for x in (a, b) .

Putnam 1988/A3. Determine, with proof, the set of real numbers x for which

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \csc \frac{1}{n} - 1 \right)^x$$

converges.