2/17 - That pesky 3.5 #88 still could use some discussion.

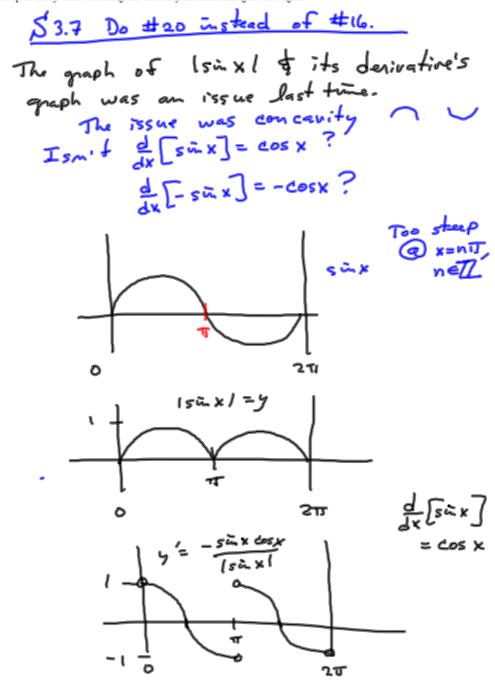


The part c should be done the way I originally wanted to do part b. Here's how to attack part c:

$$\sin |x| = \begin{cases} \sin x & \text{if } x \ge 0 \\ \sin(-x) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \sin x & \text{if } x \ge 0 \\ -\sin x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}, \text{ since sine is odd.}$$

For $|\sin x|$ in part b, this approach was not very fruitful, because $\sin x$ changes from positive to negative every π radians. But when it's an |x| INside the sine function, you just have two intervals to worry about. My instincts on part b were correct for part c, but not for part b. The textbook's approach to part b cleverly followed the trick for part a.

Hat-tip to Terry Shao for asking this one early and then asking about it again.



The bakery's income is a function of the number of loaves of bread it sells.

The number of loaves of bread it sells is a function of the amount of flour used.

The amount of flour used is a function of the amount of wheat grain purchased.

$$I(B(F(w)))$$

$$\frac{dI}{dw} = \frac{dI}{dB} \cdot \frac{dB}{dF} \cdot \frac{dF}{dw}$$

