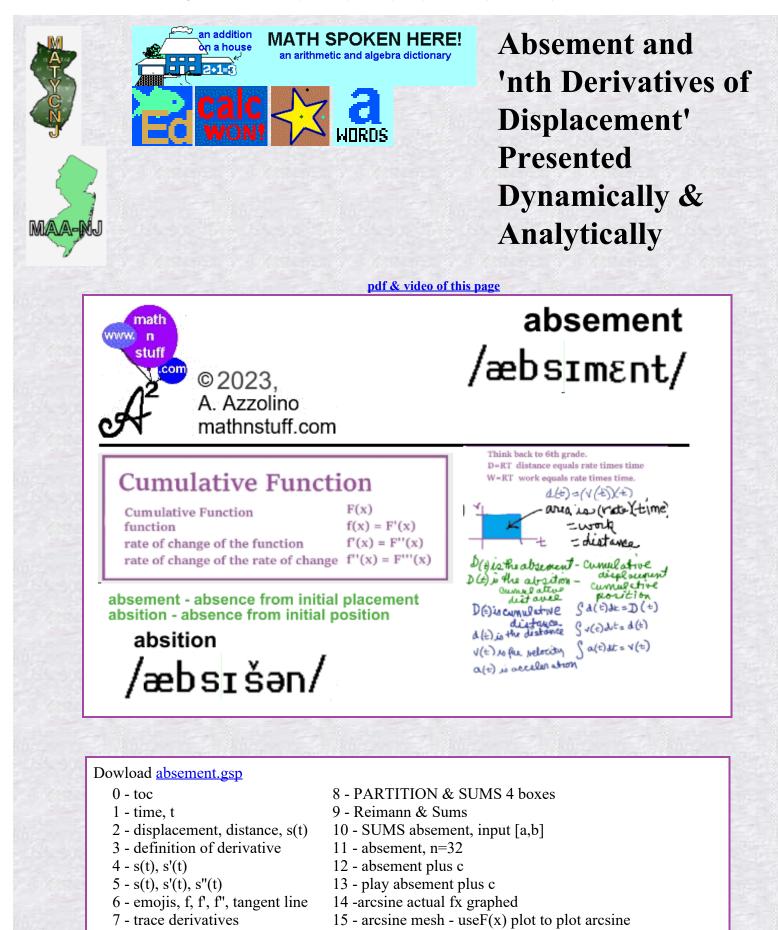
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# The Languages of the Math Classroom

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#### MOTHER TONGUE & OTHER TONGUE(S) — Most Sophisticated and also the Most Basic —

# MOSTLY MATH TONGUES

## **VERBAL / Auditory**

formal spoken mathematics informal spoken mathematics spoken symbol symbol speak calculatoreze/computereze web speak

#### WRITTEN / Symbolic written word

written symbol semisymbolic calculator symbol

## **PICTORIAL / Visual**

DIGITAL MANIPULATIVE moving picture static picture numeral graph nonverbal body language

#### **CONCRETE / Kinesthetic**

object model manipulative/token

### Communication Environments: Private Conversation, Lab, Classroom, Lecture Hall, Remote Live, Video, Paper book, E-book, pdf File

#### Suggestions

- Choose a modality first.
  VERBAL / Auditory
  WRITTEN / Symbolic
  PICTORIAL / Visual
  CONCRETE / Kinesthetic
- Usually, introduce in the most concrete.
- Summarize in the most abstract.
- The Mother Tongue is both the most concrete & the most abstract.
- Sometimes use multiple modalities at the same time.
- Strive for comfort in all modalities, not just your favorite.

- Repeatition improves retention, especially in different modalities.
- Need a review before new material? Don't review with a computation of symbols if you can review with a picture of the computation.
- Before mentioning velocity or acceleration, dynamically/kinesthetically present a derivative with the definition, slope of the secant, slope of the tangent.
- Mention the word absement when you introduce displacement, velocity, and acceleration.
- At that time, just call it the total displacement.
- The concept of "cumulative function" is much more important than "absement."

# **Cumulative Function**

Cumulative FunctionF(x)functionf(x) = F'(x)rate of change of the functionf'(x) = F''(x)rate of change of the rate of changef''(x) = F'''(x)

