

Re: Is this expression viewable on sci.math?

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On 27/06/2005 12:34, Thorsten Klein wrote:

> Virgil wrote:

>> In article <3i9g9kFkf34hU1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,

>> "Konrad Viltersten" <tmp1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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>>> Just two examples that, in case they work, will make it
>>> much more easy to explain what my mind is confused by.

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>>> Is this readable for a standard user here? I know i can

>>> see it but that might be due to all that stuff i have

>>> installed on my computer.

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>> Most of it is garbage on my screen. In general, any characters outside

>> the range of ASCII characters 32 to 127 will not be guaranteed to

>> display as intended on all screens, but characters in that range should

>> display as expected on all screens.

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> ASCII range 32 to 127? Gosh!

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> Hey, folks, we live in the third millennium by now! **Every** computer can

> display Unicode nowadays.

every computer with graphical display has always been able to display
unicode...

> So guys, don't be so lazy. Update your systems to display Unicode!

Open your eyes, "guy": Windows can certainly display unicode, but not every
news reader can. Idem on MacOSX, Linux, etc...

Furthermore, I'm not certain a good news reader suffices: if the news
server decides not to store unicode characters, what will you do, then ?
Unicode is pretty, but the Internet has not completely switched yet.

Such a complain, `_here_`, makes no sense at all: it's not the job of "guys"

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on sci.math to rewrite software for news reader, OS, and to change the way the Internet runs. Welcome in the third millenium ;-)

For now, you have: TeX, HTML, PS, PDF and ASCII art which have all advantages and drawbacks. And frankly, writing math with only Unicode is ridiculous: you'll be able to write an integral, but not much more.

• **References:**

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