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What is a MOOC

- Massive open online course
- Initial impulse toward democratization
- People who would not otherwise have access to info

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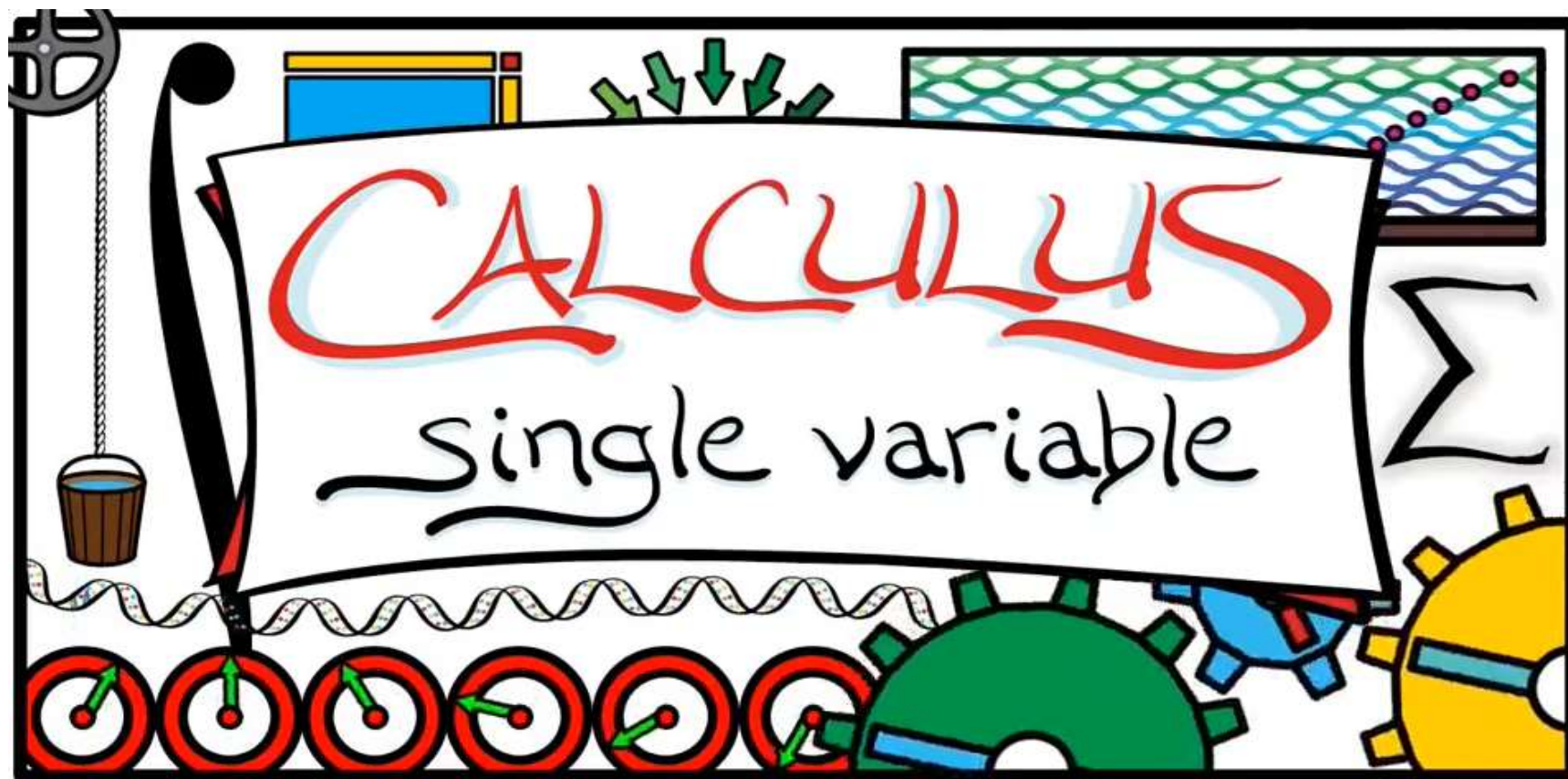


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Where can we learn from the experiment?



Opportunity

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universities to discuss forming
a Catholic MOOC consortium
things in mission



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(November 4 - December 13, 2013)

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33-day de Montfort Consecration Schedule

(Rolling Dates - See link above)

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Modules available within the course.



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Our priority

Learn from MOOCS
to improve digital learning



interactivity

QUIZ

For any string

$s = \text{'<any string>'}$

which of these is always equivalent to s :

☐ $s[:]$

☐ $s + s[0:-1+1]$

☐ $s[0:]$

☐ $s[:-1]$

☐ $s[:3]$



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Forums / Course Discussions / Public vs Private problems and US politics

Public vs Private problems and US politics

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1) How is the boundary between public and private issues defined? By whom?

2) Would it be fair to argue that one of the chief dividing lines between right and left wing US politics is this boundary? For example, one side argues that the mortgage crisis is a public problem (financial system) while the other argues that it is private (responsible borrowers).

3) Sociologically, why has this particular divide become so important in US politics?

Anonymous (Student)
on Mon 11 Jun 2012 6:13:44 AM PDT

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Re: #2 is such an interesting question! I often write about US politics (I'm a journalist). I think that the boundary actually moves depending on the issue. So, when it comes to poverty, say, liberals think that it is a public problem while conservatives think it's a private problem; while on abortion, conservatives think it's a public problem and liberals a private one. This deserves more thought, though!

17 comments

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/20/education/colleges-turn-to-crowd-sourcing-courses.html?_r=0, accessed Sept 22, 2013

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**Keystone of MOOC development:
no proprietary textbooks**



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Adaptive learning

- an adaptive learning method developed at Carnegie Mellon University. “If a student got something wrong, he or she could push a ‘hint’ button and receive a well-thought-out suggestion as to how to do better.” Still can’t get it right? Don’t worry, just push “hint” again, and keep on pushing until you arrive at the correct answer.

http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/08/26/the-two-cultures-of-educational-reform/?_r=1

Our plans

- Sacred Heart has no plans to partner with a provider
- MOOC experiment has shown pedagogies that could be helpful to current teaching strategies.

Our goal:

**become better
digital teachers**



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