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Karl-Dieter Crisman* (karl.crisman@gordon.edu). *Interactive Chaos Mathlets for Calculus*
I. Preliminary report.

In a first calculus course, it can be difficult to convey that mathematics is more than a slew of formulas (and perhaps a few proofs). This is particularly true for a course with a broad range of constituencies. Concepts of chaos provide a good way to show that experimentation and surprise are part and parcel of math! However, without a well-defined context, this can be overwhelming or tedious for students.

In this talk, we demonstrate easy-to-use interactive mathlets exploring well-known instances of chaos relating to the concepts of limits, derivatives, and integrals. These are appropriate for guiding labs with reports, or simply as an in-class demonstration. We will demonstrate them using the software Sage; modifying them for recent releases of Mathematica and Maple, or creating one's own, should be straightforward. (Received September 21, 2009)