

Initial FB Comments

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From an email I got recently: ... your "Shameless Mathematica" course sounds really cool. To quote a friend: "He's basically saying that he can give us superpowers!"

So here are the reasons you should NOT take this class:

- There are places where exoskeleta simply don't work. Try swimming with one...
- It's a huge pain to learn exoskeleta. You think "I'll just wear it and start punching". Oh no, the balance is completely different; at first you'll simply fall over.
- Exoskeleta are bulky, rough and unpleasant. There are sharp ends, even, no, especially on the inside. Air conditioning? Don't make me laugh.
- Try showing up to the conference dinner wearing your exoskeleton. Nobody will want to sit next to you. Deep inside, everybody will think that you no longer belong.
- If ever you get too used to wearing your exoskeleton, you'll find that you are pink and vulnerable when you are not wearing it. If you want to remain tough, face the elements wearing only your sword.

From an email I just sent to Ester, Huan, Iva, and Travis, following a blunder in a meeting yesterday:

A corrected \$50 problem is at the bottom left of

<http://drorbn.net/AcademicPensieve/2015-09/OneCo.pdf> and a computer verification of the facts is at <http://drorbn.net/AcademicPensieve/2015-09/nb/RhoHermitian.pdf>.

Shame on me! I forgot how much more fun it is to verify little algebraic things on the computer, how much easier it is, how much more reliable it is, how much more reproducible it is, and how much more readable it is. I'm supposed to know better.