

FUTURAMA

A Deep Dive into (the best show ever) Futurama

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Good new everyone! This week's Math Colloquium will explore the iconic show, *Futurama*, by Matt Groening and David X. Cohen, who also wrote and created *The Simpsons*, *The Tracey Ullman Show*, and *Disenchantment*, just to name a few examples. We will get into all those subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) jokes and dialogues about science, mathematics, space travel, and society in the future that *Futurama* so famously explores. Fun facts about the show and its over-educated writing staff will also be detailed. Last, we will have some fun with numbers and attempt to calculate some of the more ridiculous situations the writing staff creates for the oh so lovable *Planet Express Crew*.

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