# UC Merced Applied Math Problem of the Month 

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\text { Let } a=\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}} \text {.. }} \text { and } y=x^{x^{x^{x^{x}}} . \dot{ }}
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What is the value of $a$ ?
What is the derivative of $y$ ?
Draw the graph of $y$. For which values of $x$ is $y$ well-defined?

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