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1. In the following picture (to be inserted) B is the point of coordinates $(1, 0)$, A is a point on the unit circle in the first quadrant, and denote by θ the angle $\angle AOB$. Denote also by C the point at the intersection of the line OA with the vertical line through B .

(a) Assuming $\theta = 20^\circ$ compute each of the following: the x and y coordinates of the point A ; the length of the segment BC ; the length of the arc AB ; the area of the triangle AOB ; the area of the sector AOB ; the area of the triangle OBC . It's OK if your answers contain trigonometric expressions. Do not try to evaluate them.

(b) With the same picture as above, for an arbitrary value of the angle θ , (θ in **radians** between 0 and $\pi/2$), find expressions in terms of θ for the area of the triangle AOB , the area of the sector AOB , the area of the triangle OBC .

(c) Considering the obvious inequality between the areas, what (double) inequality have you proved?

(d) After a couple of algebraic manipulations, that you should describe, your inequality in part (c) can be re-written as

$$\cos \theta \leq \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \leq 1$$

(e) Explain intuitively in one or two sentences why the (double) inequality in (d) implies that

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1 .$$

There is a rigorous reason for this last step, the so called "Squeeze Theorem" for limits, which will be briefly explained in lecture. With steps (a)-(e), you discovered the proof of the famous limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 .$$

This limit has many computational applications, some of which you will discover in the next exercise.

2. Compute each of the following limits:

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(5x)}{x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(ax)}{x} =$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(3x)}{x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(bx)}{x} =$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x}$$

$$(e) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^2(3x)}{x \sin(5x)}$$

$$(f) \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x \tan(3/x) \text{ Hint: Use substitution technique.}$$