

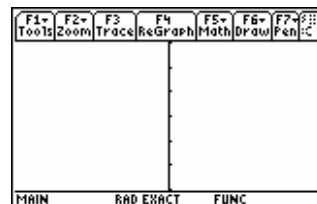
**Assignment 5: Limits, Part 1 (1.2)**  
**Please provide a handwritten response.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**1a.** Many ordinary limits can be found with the TI-89 and the Voyage 200 using the **limit** command. For example, to evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{3x + 9}{x^2 - 9}$  you can execute the command  $\text{limit}((3x + 9)/(x^2 - 9), x, -3)$ . Execute this limit and record the result below.

**1b.** Your text suggests that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$ . Execute  $\text{limit}(\sin(x)/x, x, 0)$  and record your result below. Does it agree with your text?

**2a.** You are asked for numerical and graphical evidence regarding  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{\sin x}$ . Graph  $y = \frac{\tan x}{\sin x}$  on the axes below. What value for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{\sin x}$  does this graph suggest?



$$-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}, .9 \leq y \leq 1.5$$

**2b.** Next, evaluate  $f(-0.1)$ ,  $f(-0.01)$ , etc. to complete the table below. What value for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{\sin x}$  does the table suggest?

$x$	$f(x)$
<b>-0.1</b>	
<b>-0.01</b>	
<b>-0.001</b>	
<b>0.001</b>	
<b>0.01</b>	
<b>0.1</b>	

**2c.** Finally, evaluate  $\text{limit}(\tan(x)/\sin(x), x, 0)$  and record the result below. Did all three approaches lead you to the same conclusion?

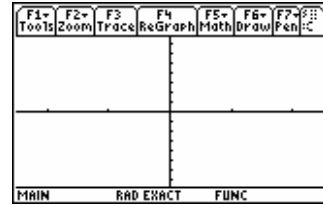
**3a.** The example  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x^2}$  shows that round-off error can cause very misleading computed results. Enter  $y = \frac{\cos x - 1}{x^2}$  and complete the table below. (Be sure to count the zeros). Then evaluate  $\text{limit}((\cos(x) - 1) / x^2, x, 0)$  and record the result below.

$x$	$f(x)$
<b>0.1</b>	
<b>0.0001</b>	
<b>0.0000001</b>	
<b>0.00000001</b>	
<b>0.000000001</b>	

**3b.** Do you think that all of your calculator's results are correct in part a? If not, then which one(s) do you think are wrong, and why?

**4a.** To find one-sided limits you give the direction in the **limit** command by inserting **-1** for the limit from the left. Graph the function  $g(x) = \frac{x}{|x|}$  on the axes provided below.

Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{|x|} = \text{limit}(x / \text{abs}(x), x, 0, -1)$  and record the result below.



$-2.5 \leq x \leq 2.5, -1.5 \leq y \leq 1.5$

**4b.** Now evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{|x|} = \text{limit}(x / \text{abs}(x), x, 0, 1)$  and record the result below.

**4c.** Now evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|} = \text{limit}(x / \text{abs}(x), x, 0)$ . Did you expect this result? Why?