

**To evaluate**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$ .

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**Squeezing principle (Sandwich principle) for limits**

Suppose  $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$  for all  $x$  such that  $a \leq x \leq b$

and also suppose that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = M$ , where  $a \leq c \leq b$ .

Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists and equal to  $M$ .

Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$ .

$-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$ , where  $x$  is in radians.

$-\frac{1}{x} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq \frac{1}{x}$ , where  $x > 0$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0$$

Then by squeezing principle,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$  exists and equal to 0.

Similarly,  $-\frac{1}{x} \geq \frac{\sin x}{x} \geq \frac{1}{x}$ , where  $x < 0$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0$$

Then by squeezing principle,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$  exists and equal to 0.