

2.2.65 (a) It can be shown that

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{6} < \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x} < 1$$

holds for all values of  $x$  in some open interval containing  $c=0$  (except at  $c=0$ ).

What is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x}$ ?

Solution

Let  $g(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{6}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x}$ ,  
and  $h(x) = 1$ . Notice that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{6}\right) = 1 - \frac{(0)^2}{6} = 1$$

since  $g$  is a polynomial function  
(Theorem 2.2, "Limits of Polynomials"),

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1) = 1.$$

That is,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} h(x) = 1 = L$ .

By the Sandwich Theorem (Theorem 2.4)

we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin x}{2 - 2 \cos x} = L = \boxed{1}$ .

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