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# Stewart Section 3.4

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respectively.

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The key to applying the definition of a derivative to trigonometric functions is the following important limits, which are derived in the text:

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

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} = 0$$