

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \cos(x)$$

Given the graph of the unit circle below, with the labelled points $P(\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta))$, $Q(\cos(\theta), 0)$, $R(1, \tan(\theta))$, $S(1, 0)$ we notice the following.

$$\overline{RS} > \widehat{PS} > \overline{PQ}$$

where \overline{RS} is the length of the line segment RS , \widehat{PS} is the length of the arc PS and \overline{PQ} is the length of the line segment PQ . Therefore

$$\tan(\theta) > \theta > \sin(\theta)$$

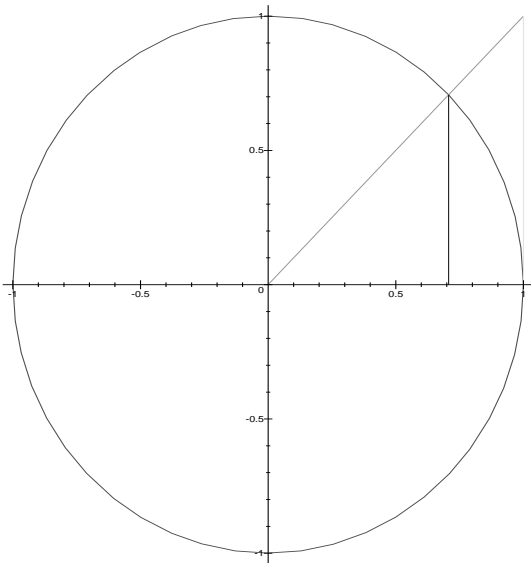
and since $\tan(\theta) = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}$ this becomes

$$\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)} > \theta > \sin(\theta)$$

Now if we take the reciprocal of each term we get

$$\frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sin(\theta)} < \frac{1}{\theta} < \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)}$$

By the sandwich theorem $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} = 1$.



Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}\sin(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)\cos(h) + \cos(x)\sin(h) - \sin(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)(\cos(h) - 1) + \sin(h)\cos(x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)(\cos(h) - 1)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)\cos(x)}{h} \\ &= \sin(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} + \cos(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \\ &= \sin(x) \cdot 0 + \cos(x) \cdot 1 \\ &= \cos(x)\end{aligned}$$

As to the expression $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} = 0$, we actually prove that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(h)}{h} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(h)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(h)}{h} \frac{1 + \cos(h)}{1 + \cos(h)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2(h)}{h(1 + \cos(h))} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2(h)}{h(1 + \cos(h))} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{1 + \cos(h)} \\ &= 1 \cdot 0\end{aligned}$$

since $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{1 + \cos(h)} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} = 1$ was shown earlier.