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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x + \sin(x-1)}{1 - e^{x-1}}$$

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Zoom decimal on the TI is a reasonable window. Be sure to record the correspondence between the functions g , h and f and the calculator Y_i names.

2. What is the value of $f(1)$?
What is a reasonable guess for the limit of $f(x)$ as x goes to 1?
3. What is the equation for the line tangent to $g(x)$ at $g(1)$?
Add the tangent line to the screen of your calculator. Call this $T_g(x)$.
(Why is $T_g(x)$ a good name?)
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5. Turn off $f(x)$ and zoom in on $(1, 0)$.
What is happening with $T_g(x)$ (the tangent at $g(1)$) and $g(x)$?
What about $T_h(x)$ and $h(x)$?
How close can you make $T_g(x)$ to $g(x)$ in the neighborhood of $x = 1$?

6. Consider using $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{T_g(x)}{T_h(x)}$ as a replacement for $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$.

Is it any easier to evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{T_g(x)}{T_h(x)}$?

Can you see a common factor in both $T_g(x)$ and $T_h(x)$?

How might this help you?

7. Use this method on $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$. Before you begin, try to generalize the steps you took above to transform an indeterminate limit into one that could be determined. *E.g.*, how did you construct $T_g(x)$ and $T_h(x)$?

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8. **L'Hôpital's Rule** is a method for evaluating limits of an indeterminate form of type $\frac{0}{0}$. Describe your concept of L'Hôpital's Rule.

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9. Here is an example of notation for L'Hôpital's Rule.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x)}{1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

Demonstrate how to use L'Hôpital's Rule to evaluate:

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos^2 x - 1}{2x^2}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^4 - 12x^2 + 7}{15x^4 + 17x^3 - 3x^2 + 17}$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cdot \ln(x)$

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