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I never did quite finish this 1.4 #2 problem. Let's do some computer algebra and see what we have here:

Define the function.

$$f := x \to \sin\left(\frac{10 \cdot \text{Pi}}{x}\right)$$

$$x \to \sin\left(\frac{10 \pi}{x}\right)$$
(1)

Define the slope of the secant line ("ss" for "secant slope," below:)

$$ss := x \to \frac{(f(x) - f(1))}{x - 1}$$

$$x \to \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1}$$
(2)

So the secant slope function looks like this :

ss(x)

$$\frac{\sin\left(\frac{10\pi}{x}\right)}{x-1} \tag{3}$$

Computer algebra system can do the limit, directly, which is nice. At this point, all *we* have is a numerical sledgehammer to find the limit:

bmit(ss(x), x=1)

$$-10 \pi$$
 (4)

No way the numerical approach gives you a nice, symbolic -10π . But if you're persistent, enough, you'd come pretty darn close to the following digital answer:

And this last, digital answer is the answer to the final part of #2 that got cut off the bottom of the solutions page.

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