

- Using

$$\sin x = \begin{cases} -\sin(-x) & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \sin(x - 2\pi) & \text{if } x \geq 2\pi \\ -\sin(x - \pi) & \text{if } x \geq \pi \\ \sin(\pi - x) & \text{if } x \geq \pi/2 \\ 3y - 4y^3 & \text{if } y = \sin(x/3) \end{cases}$$

and, Equation (1),

$$\sin x \approx x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{6} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{20} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{42}\right)\right)\right) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x < 0.01 \text{ (} x \text{ in radians)} \quad (1)$$

write a function (or functions) *using guards* to compute  $\sin x$ .

Call your function something other than `sin` (perhaps `mySin`?) to avoid accidentally confusing your functions results with the Prelude function

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#### Bonus

If you are interested in how computer hardware actually does trig, you may find below interesting. (However, calculation of  $\sin x$  to several hundred digits is best done by a different method (See the Wikipedia entry on the Arithmetic Geometric Mean for a starting point).)

- Compare your function against the builtin `sin` function on the range  $[0, \pi/2]$ . Where does your function differ most from the builtin function?
- Equation (1) is an approximation of the Taylor series

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \cdots$$

factored as

$$\sin x = x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 3} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4 \cdot 5} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{6 \cdot 7} \left(1 - \cdots\right)\right)\right)\right).$$

In Equation (1), the (worst) error is  $\sim x^7$ . By carrying the series out to the  $x^{21}/21!$  term, the error also becomes  $\sim x^{21}$ . This means that you can use it for  $x < 0.1$  (rather than  $x < 0.01$ ) and still get an answer accurate to 20 digits or so.

The equation

$$\sin x = 3y - 4y^3 \quad \text{where } y = \sin(x/3)$$

is mathematically exact, but rounding errors creep in every time that you use it.

- + Write a helper function to compute  $x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 3} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4 \cdot 5} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{6 \cdot 7} \left(1 - \cdots\right)\right)\right)\right)$ , and see if you get a more accurate `sin` function.