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Let us show that all derivatives of sinc are bounded by 1.

First of all, let us see that $\text{sinc}(t) \leq 1$ is bounded by the Jordan's inequality. To the derivatives, let us write sinc as a Fourier integral,

$$\text{sinc}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 e^{ixt} dx.$$

Let $k = 1, 2, \dots$. Then

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} \text{sinc}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (ix)^k e^{ixt} dx.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \text{sinc}(t) \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (ix)^k e^{ixt} dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 |(ix)^k e^{ixt}| dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 |x|^k dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \int_0^1 |x|^k dx \\ &\leq \int_0^1 x^k dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k+1} \\ &< 1. \end{aligned}$$