

(Q4)

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function so that

$$(1 - \cos^2 x) \leq f(x) \leq x^2$$

for all  $x \in (-2022, 2022)$ .

Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists.

*Proof.* We observe that  $1 - \cos^2 x = \sin^2 x$ . We can thus rewrite the definition of  $f(x)$  as:

$$\sin^2 x \leq f(x) \leq x^2$$

Taking  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x = 0$ , we can use limit laws to compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin^2 x$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x = 0 \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sin x)(\sin x) = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Using the fact that  $x^2$  is continuous, we can also compute its limit at  $x = 0$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0^2 = 0$$

By Squeeze Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in (-2022, 2022), \sin^2 x \leq f(x) \leq x^2 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin^2 x &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0 \\ \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Which also proves that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists, as required. ■