

4. [9 points] Let  $P(v) = \begin{cases} v^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) - v \sin(2) & \text{if } v \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } v = 0. \end{cases}$

a. [5 points]

Use the limit definition of the derivative to write down an explicit expression for  $P'(0)$ . Your answer should not include the letter  $P$ .

Do not attempt to evaluate or simplify the limit.

$$P'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( (0+h)^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{0+h}\right) - (0+h) \sin(2) \right) - 0}{h}$$

b. [4 points] Use your answer to (a) to estimate  $P'(0)$  to the nearest hundredth. Be sure to include enough clear graphical or numerical evidence to justify your answer.

*Solution:* We plug in small values of  $h$  approaching 0. Since the difference quotient is an even function of  $h$ , we need only check positive values of  $h$  (as evenness implies that negative  $h$  give precisely the same results).

$h = 0.1$ :

$$\frac{0.1^2 \sin(1/0.1) - 0.1 \sin(2) - 0}{0.1} \approx -0.964$$

$h = 0.01$ :

$$\frac{0.01^2 \sin(1/0.01) - 0.01 \sin(2) - 0}{0.01} \approx -0.914$$

$h = 0.001$ :

$$\frac{0.001^2 \sin(1/0.001) - 0.001 \sin(2) - 0}{0.001} \approx -0.908$$

$h = 0.0001$ :

$$\frac{0.0001^2 \sin(1/0.0001) - 0.0001 \sin(2) - 0}{0.0001} \approx -0.909$$

We see at this point that the numbers seem to have stabilized to the nearest hundredth at  $-0.91$ .

**Answer:**  $P'(0) \approx$  \_\_\_\_\_  $-0.91$