

(* Taylor Polynomials | Laboratory Project | Mr. Shubleka *)

(* 1 *)

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f[x_] := Cos[x];
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P[x_] := A + B * x + C * x^2;
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Solve[f[0] == P[0], A]
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{{A -> 1}}
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Solve[P'[0] == f'[0], B]
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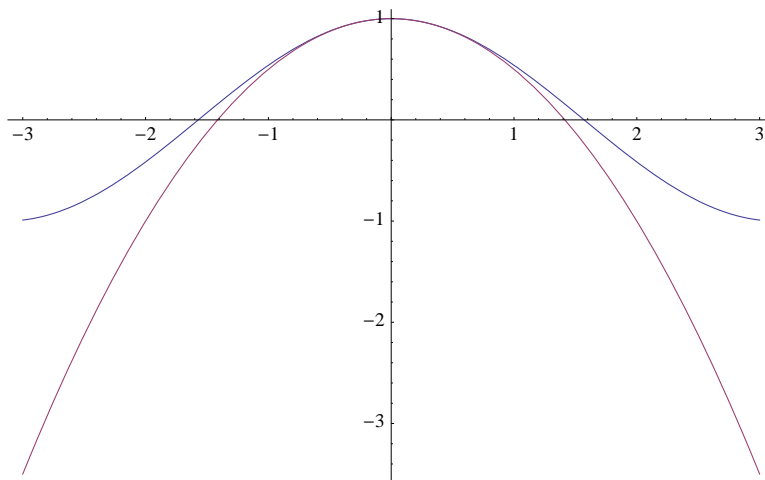
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{{B -> 0}}
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Solve[P''[0] == f''[0], C]
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{{{C -> -1/2}}}
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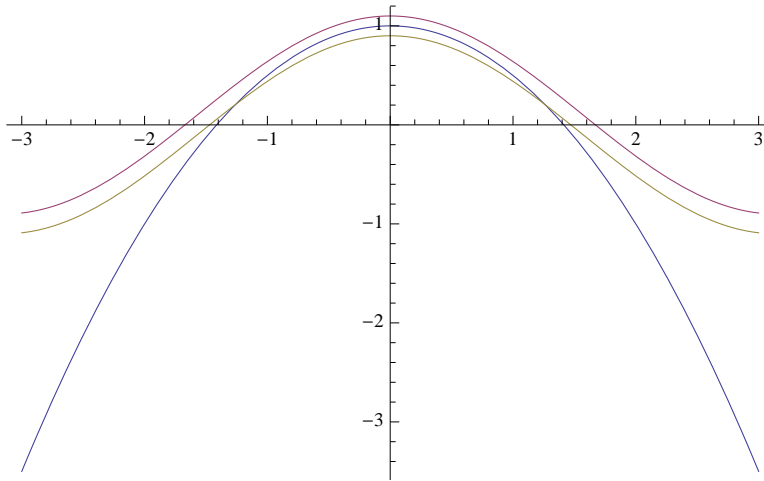
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P[x_] := 1 - 0.5 x^2;
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Plot[{f[x], P[x]}, {x, -3, 3}]
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(* 2 *)

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Plot[{P[x], f[x] + 0.1, f[x] - 0.1}, {x, -3, 3}]
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$x \sim \pm 1.26124$

(* 3 *)

$P(a) = f(a)$

$f'(x) = B + 2C(x - a)$, so then $f'(a) = B$

$f''(x) = 2C$, so then $f''(a) = 2C$, which makes $C = f''(a)/2$

(* 4 *)

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f[x_] := Sqrt[x + 3];
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A = f[1]
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B = f'[1]
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$\frac{1}{4}$

4

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CD = f''[1] / 2
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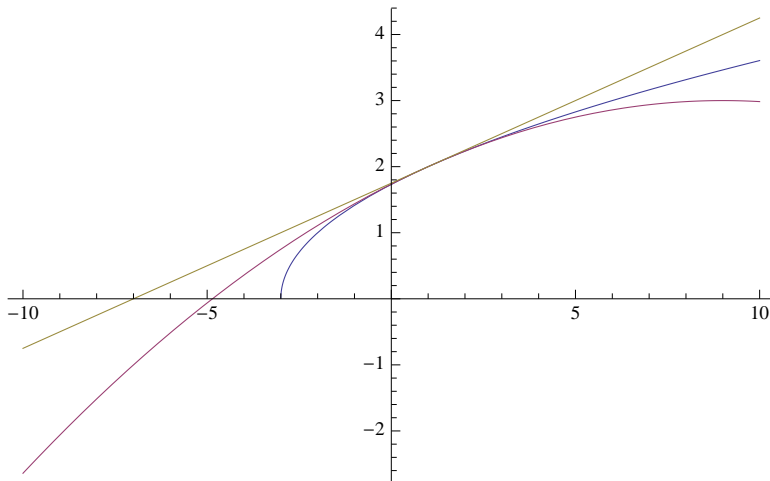
$\frac{1}{64}$

64

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L[x_] := A + B (x - 1);
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P[x_] := A + B (x - 1) + CD (x - 1) ^ 2;
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Plot[{f[x], P[x], L[x]}, {x, -10, 10}]
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Conclusion : The quadratic function is a better approximation near $x = 1$.

(* 5 *)

Plug in $x = a$.

Differentiate, plug in $x = a$.

Differentiate again, plug in $x = a$... repeat to find a pattern for the n-th coefficient.

(* 6 *)

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f[x_] := Cos[x];
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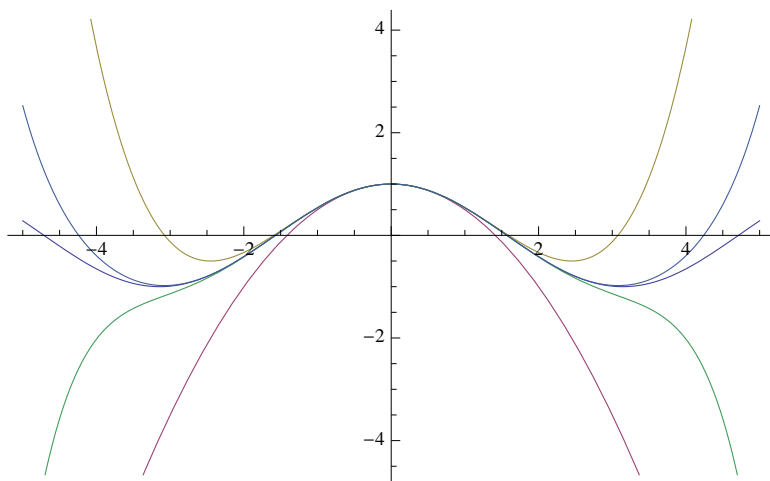
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T2[x_] := f[0] + f'[0] (x - 0) + f''[0] / 2! (x - 0)^2;
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T4[x_] := T2[x] + f'''[0] / 3! (x - 0)^3 + f''''[0] / 4! (x - 0)^4;
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T6[x_] := T4[x] + f''''''[0] / 6! (x - 0)^6;
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T8[x_] := T6[x] + f''''''''[0] / 8! (x - 0)^8;
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Plot[{f[x], T2[x], T4[x], T6[x], T8[x]}, {x, -5, 5}]
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The higher the degree, the better the approximation. The polynomial of degree 8 "hugs" the graph of $\cos(x)$ for a wider range of x - values centered at the origin.