

# Taylor Series Errors

While working in a group make sure you:

- Expect to make mistakes but be sure to reflect/learn from them!
- Are civil and are aware of your impact on others.
- Assume and engage with the strongest argument while assuming best intent.

Taylor's Inequality: If  $f$  is a differentiable function through order  $n + 1$ , then the error,  $R_n(x)$ , between  $f$  and the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor approximation centered at  $c$  is:

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (x-c)^{n+1} \max |f^{(n+1)}(z)|$$

where  $z$  is a value between  $x$  and  $c$ .

1. Consider  $y = \sin(x)$  and  $T_4(x)$  where  $T_4(x)$  is centered at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

(a) Find an upper bound for the error between  $y = \sin(x)$  and  $T_4(x)$  where  $x$  is between  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  and  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ .

(b) Find an upper bound for the error between  $y = \sin(x)$  and  $T_4(x)$  when  $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

(c) Did you need to find  $T_4(x)$  to answer the above question?

2. How many terms/what degree do we need for  $T_n(x)$  centered at 0 to approximate  $\cos(.1)$  with error less than .001?