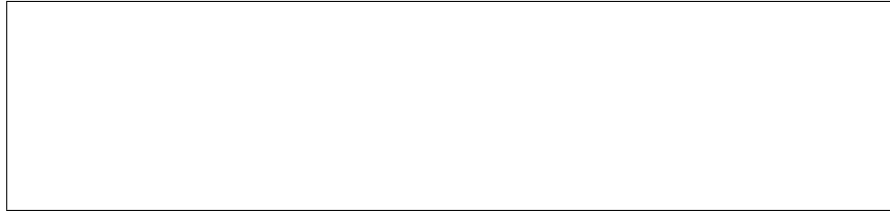


Taylor Polynomials

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Key Points:

- The formula for $T_n(x)$, the n th degree Taylor polynomial for $f(x)$ centered at $x = a$ is:



- Other notes:

Examples:

1. (a) Find $T_6(x)$ the 6th degree Taylor Polynomial for $f(x) = \cos(x)$ centered at $a = 0$.

- (b) Use your $T_6(x)$ to estimate $\cos(5^\circ)$.

2. What is $T_n(x)$, the n th degree Taylor polynomial for $f(x) = \ln(x)$ centered at $a = 1$?

3. How could you estimate $\ln(1.6)$? What could you do to improve your estimate?