- 1. Let  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  and let  $P_k(x)$  be the kth order Taylor polynomial for f(x) at  $x_0 = 0$ .
  - (a) Find  $P_1(x)$ ,  $P_2(x)$ ,  $P_3(x)$ ,  $P_4(x)$  and  $P_5(x)$ .
  - (b) Verify your answers by graphing the polynomials and f(x) on the same set of axes.
  - (c) Use  $P_5(x)$  to find an approximation for  $\sin(3)$ . Will this be larger or smaller than the actual value of  $\sin(3)$ ?
  - (d) Now find  $P_{20}(x)$ .

    Hint: You don't actually need to take all of the derivatives notice patterns!.
- 2. Let  $f(x) = \ln(x)$ . Find  $P_4(x)$ , the 4th order Taylor polynomial for f(x) based at  $x_0 = 1$ . Verify your answer by graphing f(x) and  $P_4(x)$  on the same set of axes. Then use  $P_4(x)$  to find an approximation for  $\ln(1.5)$ . Compare this to the approximation of  $\ln(2)$  given by Maple.

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- 1. Let  $f(x) = 14\sin(3x) + 2x^2 4x^3$ .
  - (a) Use the IVT to show that f(x) has a root between x = -2 and x = 2.
  - (b) Use the IVT to show that f(x) has a stationary point between x = -1 and x = 0.
- 2. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ .
  - (a) Use the IVT to show that f(x) has a root between x = 1 and x = 3.
  - (b) Find the exact value of the root by solving f(x) = 0. What goes wrong?
  - (c) Reconcile your answers to parts (a) and (b).