

### **Taylor's Theorem:**

Let  $f(x)$  be a function which is repeatedly differentiable on an interval  $I$  containing  $x_0$ . Suppose  $P_n(x)$  is the  $n$ -th order Taylor polynomial based at  $x_0$ . Further suppose  $K_{n+1}$  is a bound for  $|f^{(n+1)}(x)|$  on  $I$ . That is,

$$|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq K_{n+1} \text{ for all } x \in I$$

**Then** for all  $x \in I$ ,

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| \leq \frac{K_{n+1}}{(n+1)!} |x - x_0|^{n+1}$$

Let  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  and let  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

1. Find  $P_5(x)$
2. Verify your answer by graphing  $P_5(x)$  and  $f(x)$  on the same set of axes with  $-\pi/2 \leq x \leq 3\pi/2$
3. Use  $P_5(2)$  to approximate  $\cos(2)$
4. How accurate is your answer?
5. Find a value of  $n$  so that  $P_n(2)$  approximates  $\cos(2)$  accurate within  $10^{-10}$ .