

The point of today's lab is to find an approximation for  $\pi$ .

Let  $f(x) = \arctan(x)$  and let  $x_0 = 0$ .

1. Find  $P_3(x)$ ,  $P_5(x)$  and  $P_7(x)$ .

Feel free to use Maple to calculate the derivatives of  $f$ .

2. Use these to approximate  $\arctan(1)$ .

Use Theorem 2 to determine how close your approximations are.

3. What is the exact value of  $\arctan(1)$ ?

Use your answers to #2 to find approximations for  $\pi$ .

4. Find a general form for  $P_n(x)$ .

5. Use  $P_{50}(1)$  to approximate  $\pi$ .