Let  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  and let  $P_k(x)$  be the kth order Taylor polynomial for f(x) at  $x_0 = 0$ .

- 1. Find  $P_1(x)$ ,  $P_2(x)$ ,  $P_3(x)$ ,  $P_4(x)$  and  $P_5(x)$ .
- 2. Verify your answer by graphing the polynomials and f(x) on the same set of axes.
- 3. Use  $P_5(x)$  to find an approximation for  $\sin(3)$ . Will this be larger or smaller than the actual value of  $\sin(3)$ ?
- 4. Now find  $P_{20}(x)$ . Hint: You don't actually need to take all of the derivatives.

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