

(1) For this question let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+3x}}$

(i) Determine  $T_1(x)$ , the linear approximation to  $f$  at  $a = 0$ .

$$f(x) = (1+3x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ; f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} (1+3x)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 3 ; f'(0) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore T_1(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

$$T_1(x) = 1 - \frac{3}{2}x$$

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(ii) Use your approximation to estimate  $f(1/6)$ . State your answer as a single simplified fraction.

$$f\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \approx T_1\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = 1 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}}$$

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(iii) Determine an error bound on your approximation in part (ii). Again, state your answer as a single simplified fraction.

$$f''(z) = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)(1+3z)^{-\frac{5}{2}} (3) = \frac{27}{4(1+3z)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

$$\therefore R_1(x) = \frac{f''(z)}{2} (x-a)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{27}{4(1+3z)^{\frac{5}{2}}} (x-0)^2, \quad z \text{ between } a \text{ \& } x,$$

$\therefore 0 < z < \frac{1}{6}$ .

$$\therefore \left| R_1\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \right| \leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ \frac{27}{4(1+3 \cdot 0)^{\frac{5}{2}}} \right] \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{3^3}{2^3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^2} = \boxed{\frac{3}{32}}$$

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(2) Let  $f(x) = \cos(2x)$ . Find  $T_3(x)$ , the Taylor polynomial of degree 3 about  $a = \pi/4$ . Simplify any fractions in your final answer.

$$f(x) = \cos(2x) \quad ; \quad f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = -2\sin(2x) \quad ; \quad f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -2\sin\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -2.$$

$$f''(x) = -4\cos(2x) \quad ; \quad f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -4\cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$$

$$f'''(x) = 8\sin(2x) \quad ; \quad f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 8\sin\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 8$$

$$T_3(x) = 0 - 2\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{0}{2!}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{8}{3!}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3$$

$$T_3(x) = -2\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{4}{3}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3$$