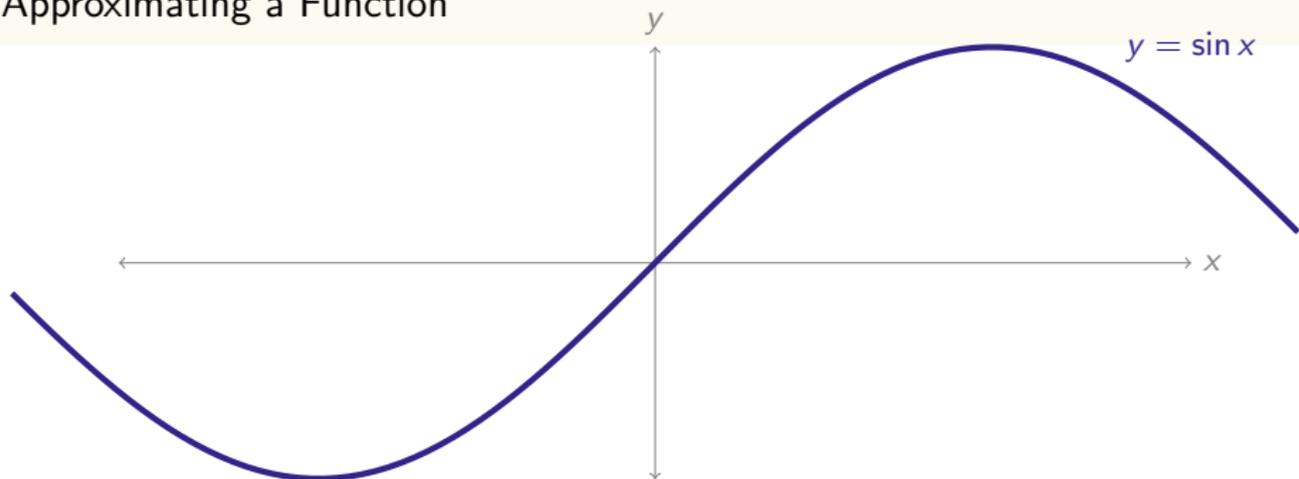
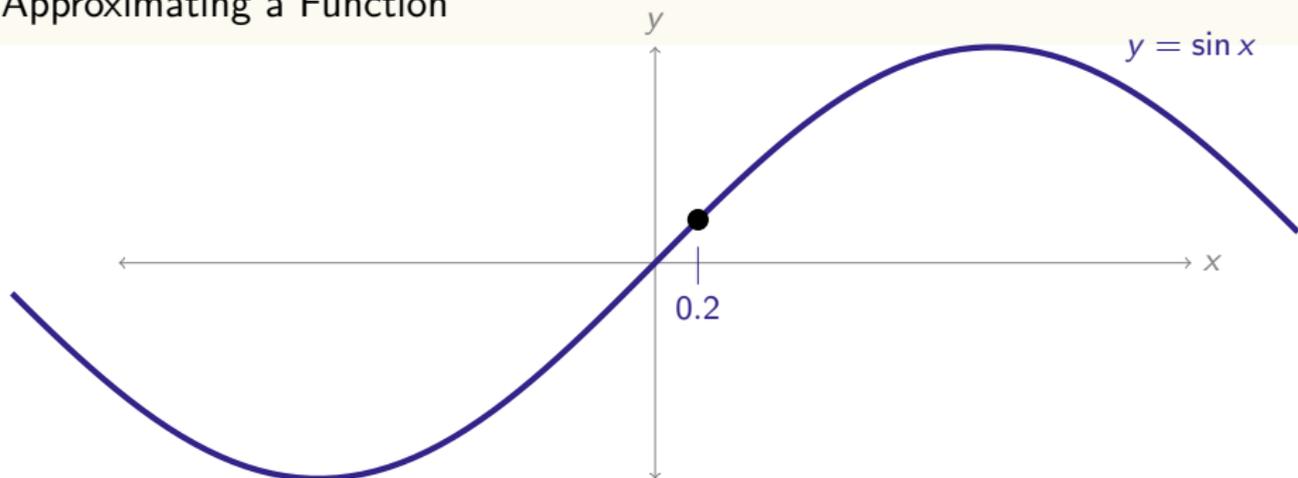


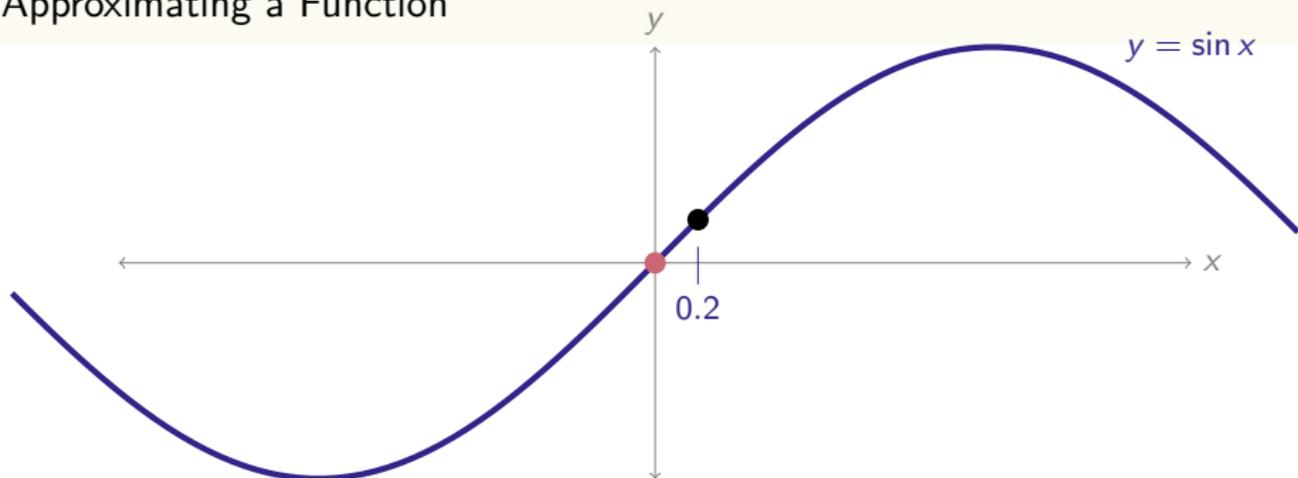
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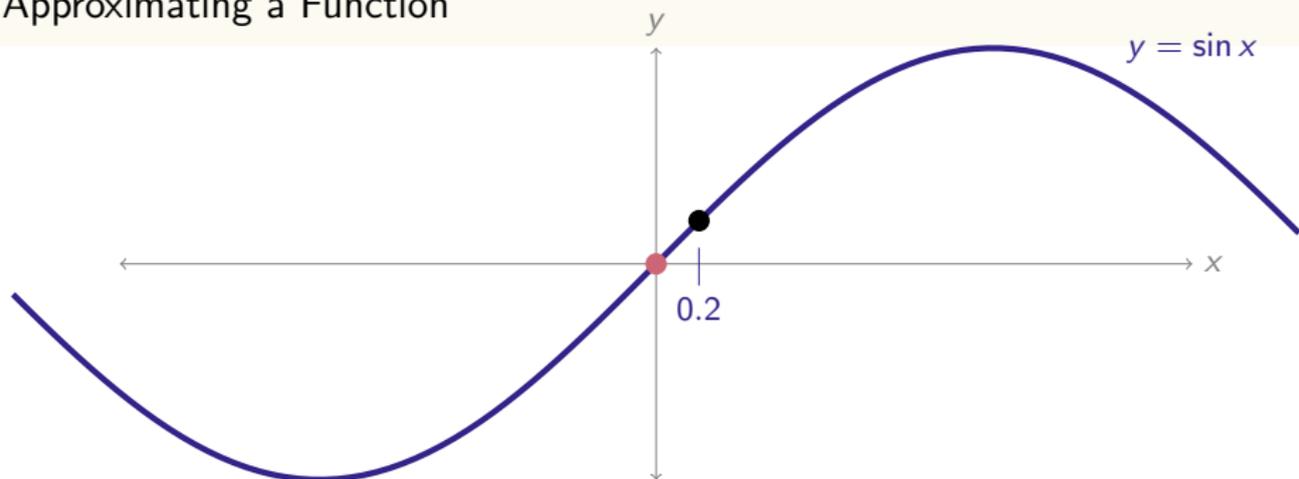
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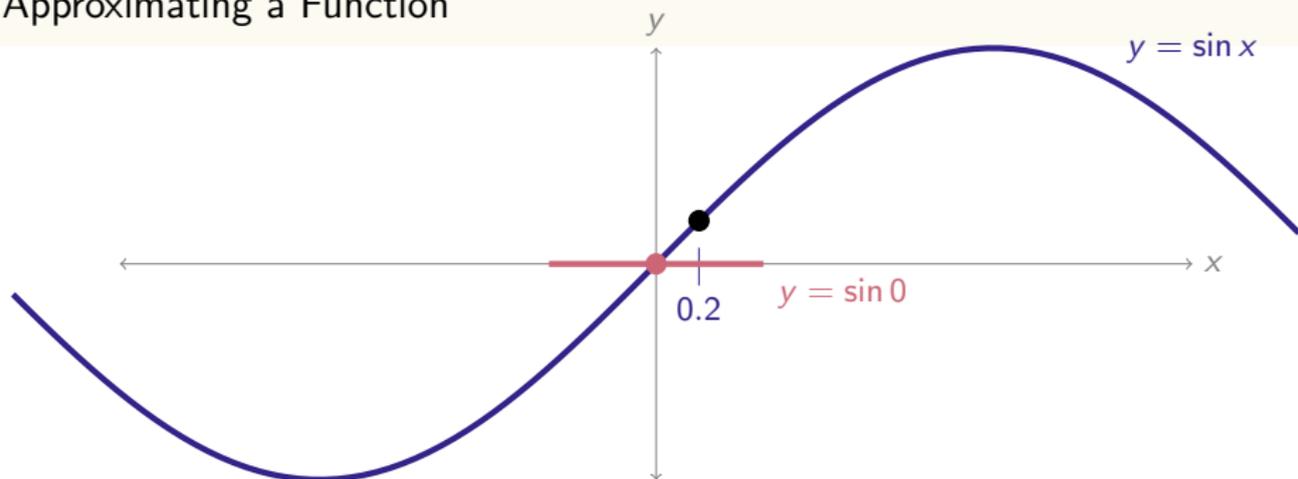
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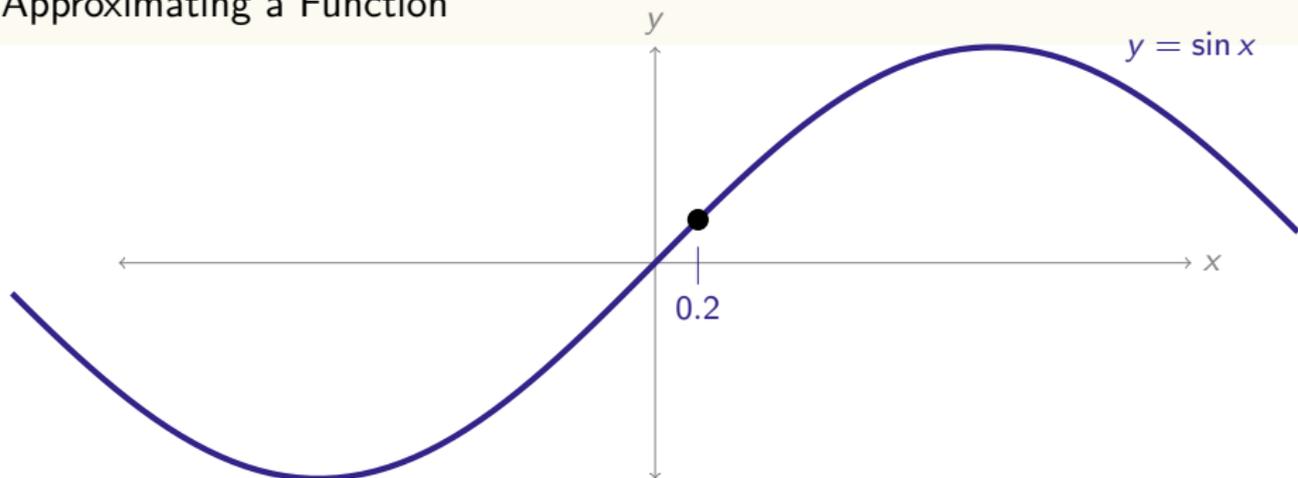
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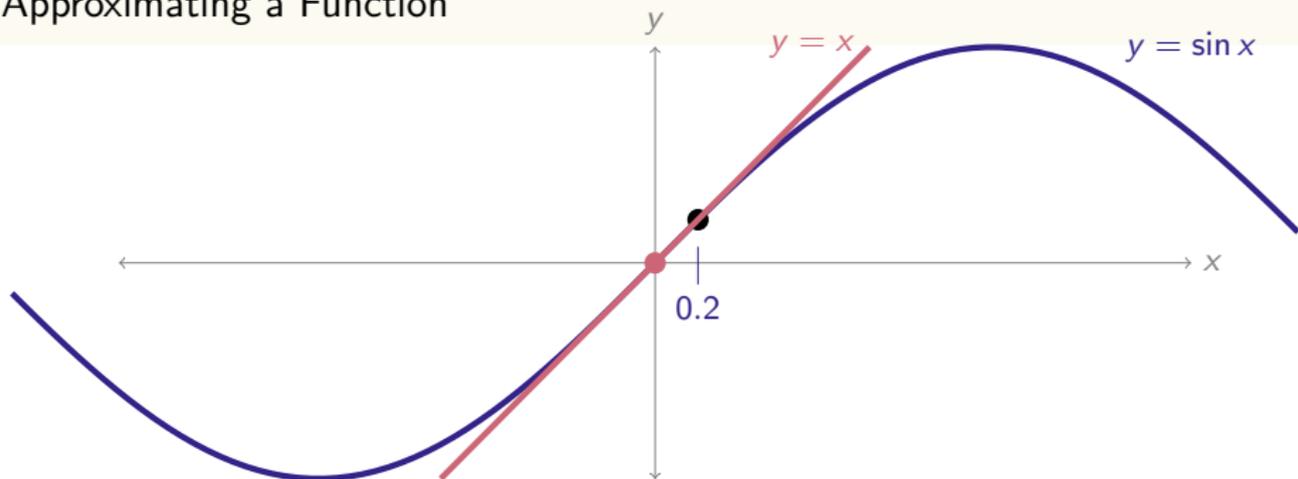
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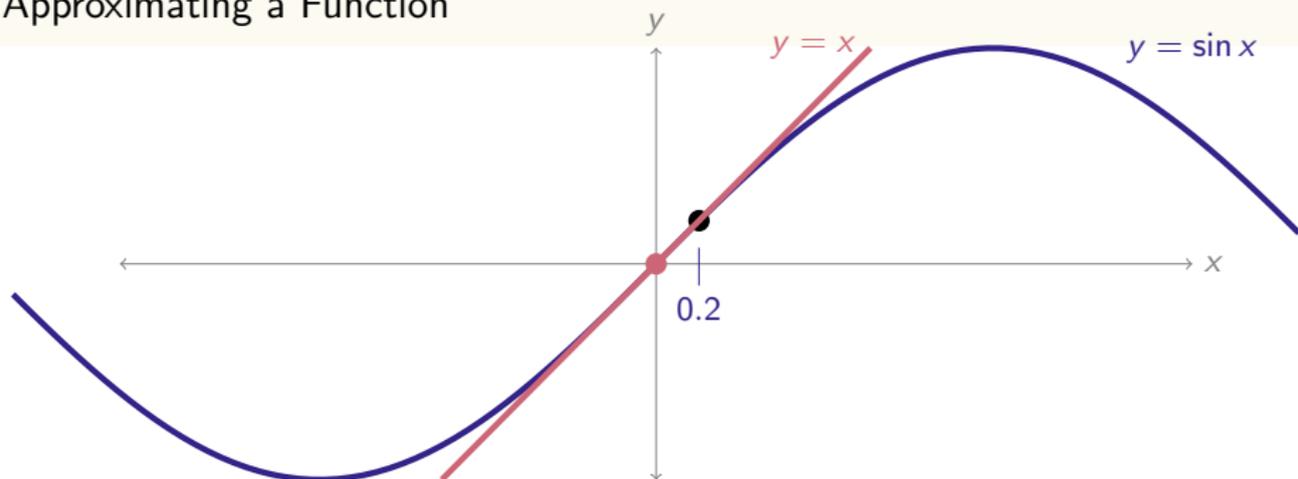
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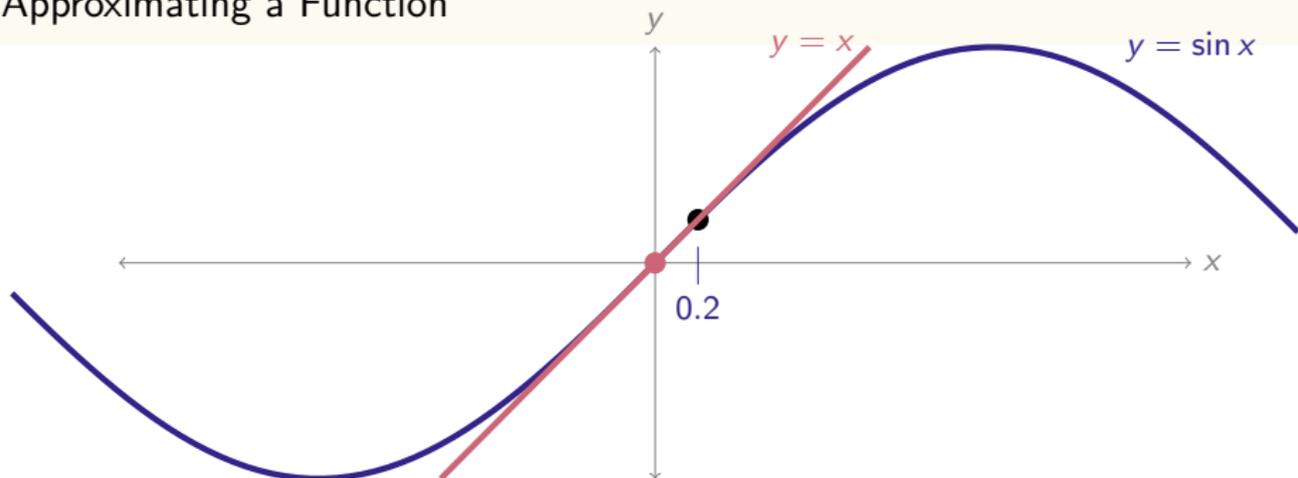


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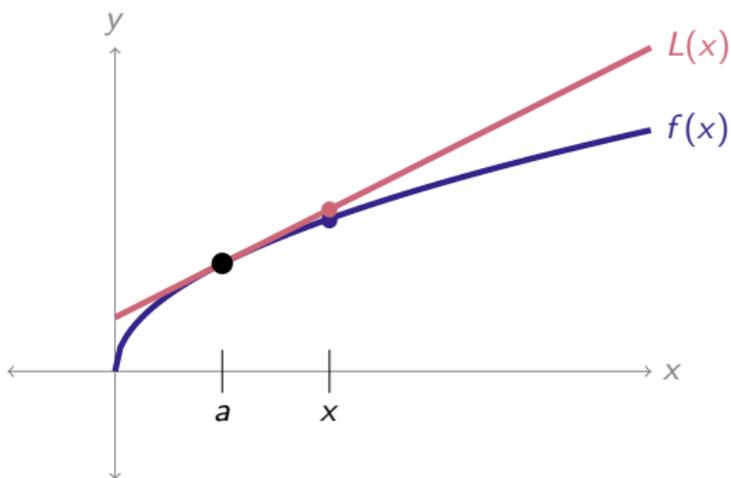
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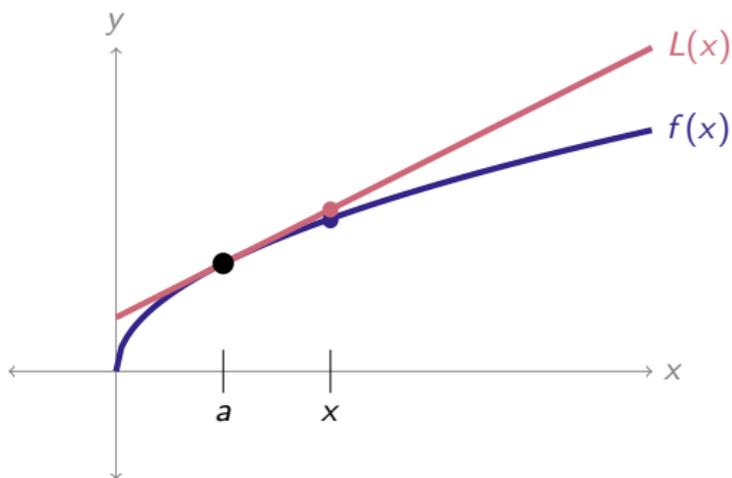
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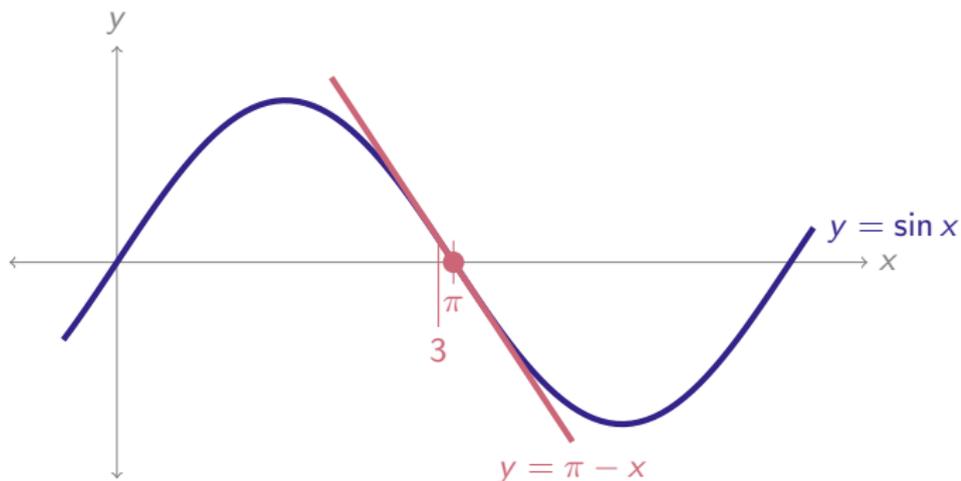
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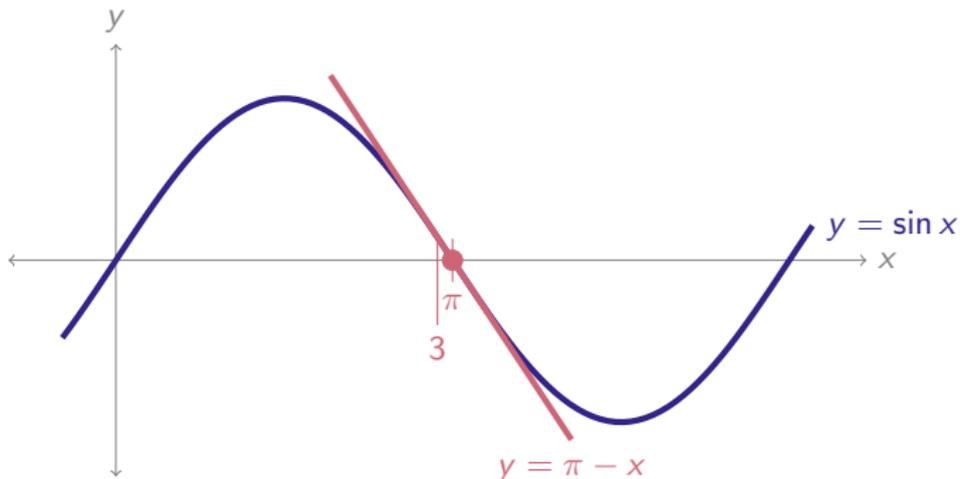


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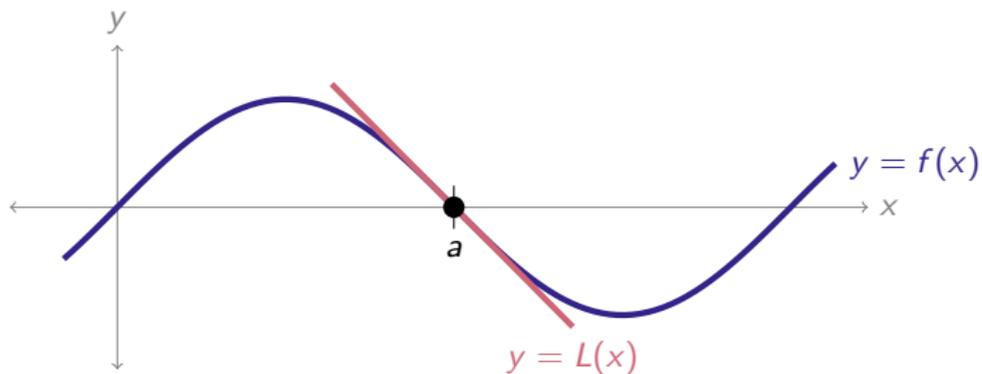
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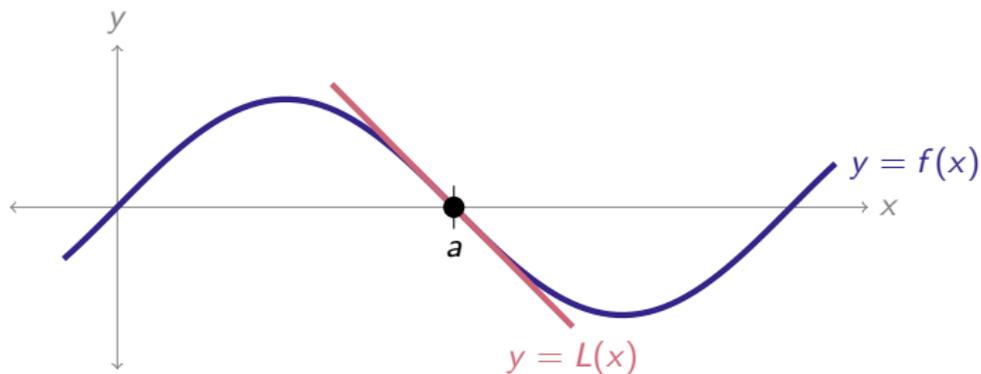
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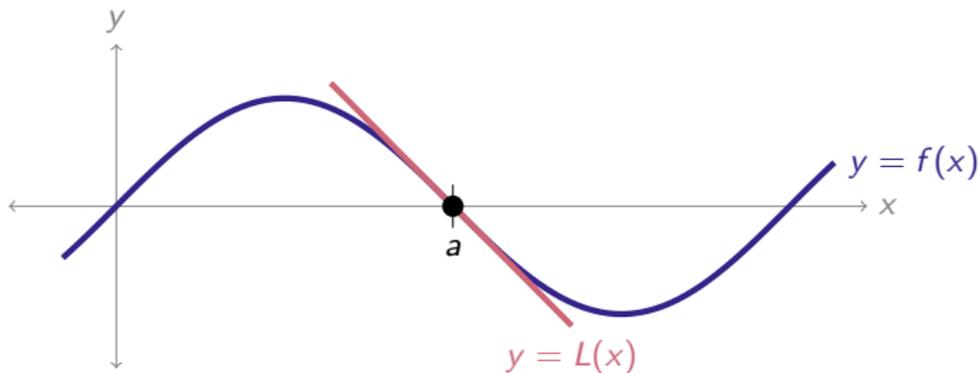


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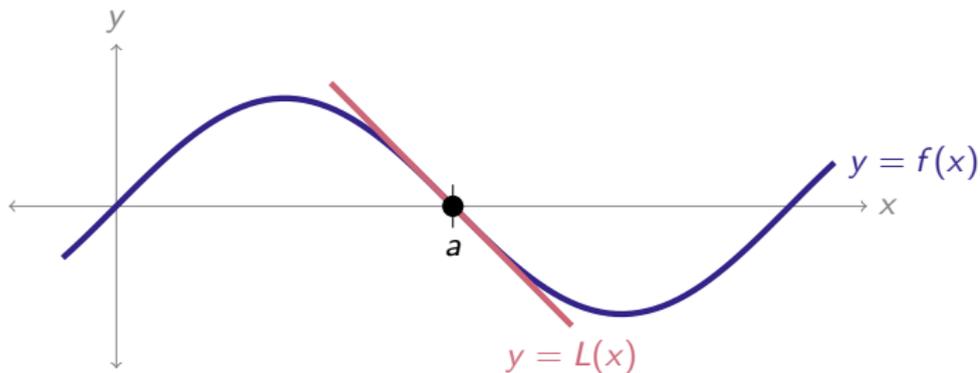
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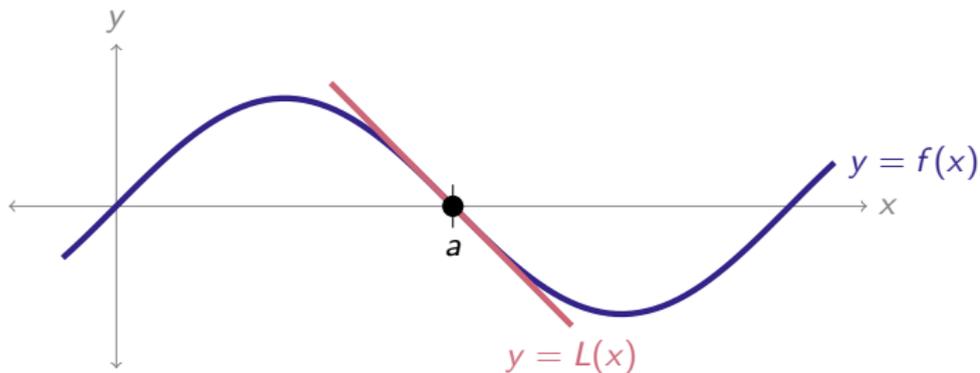
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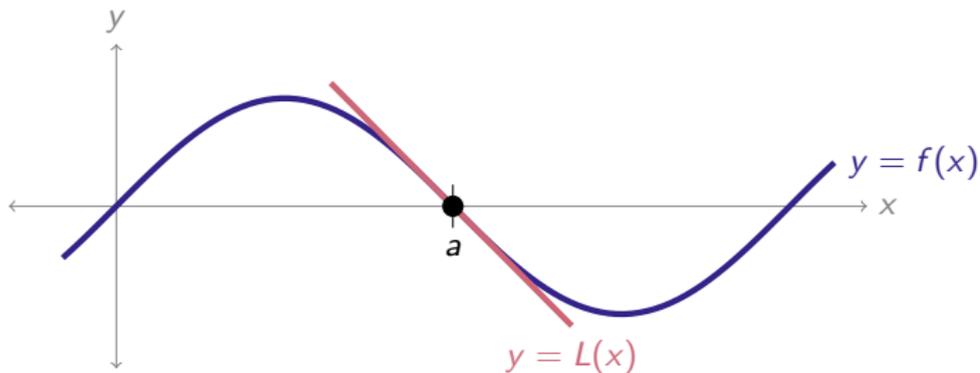
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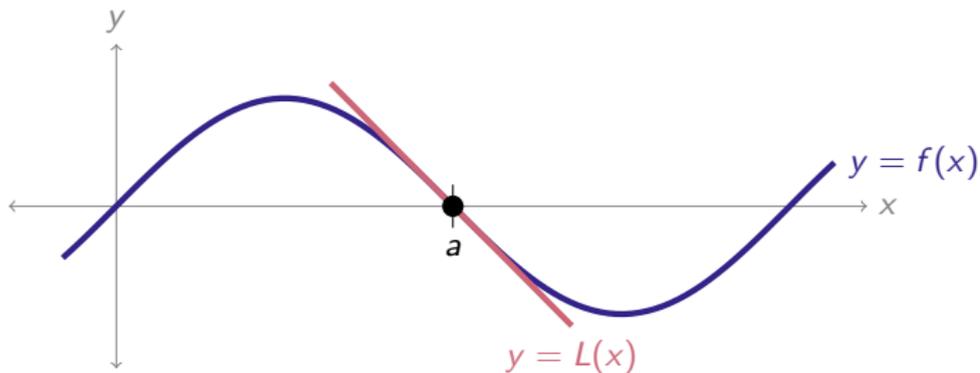
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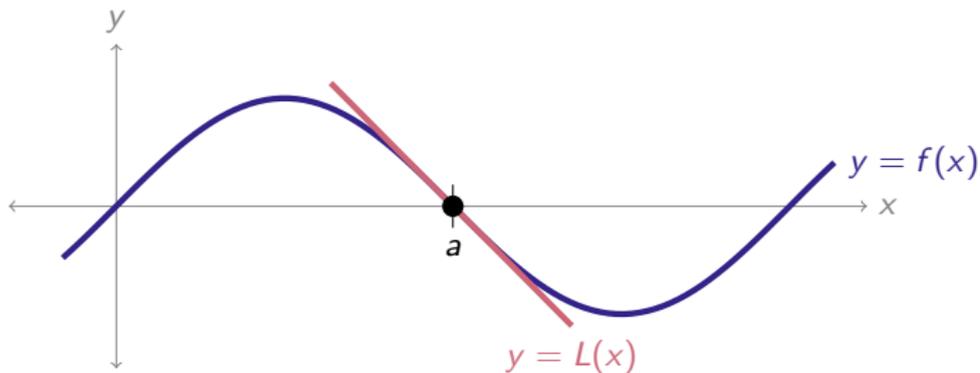
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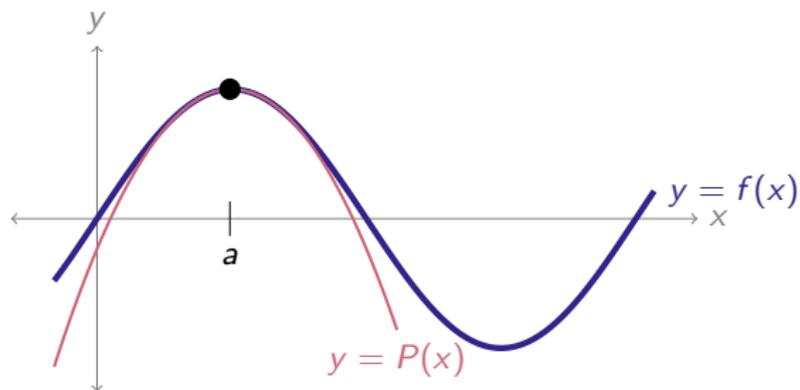
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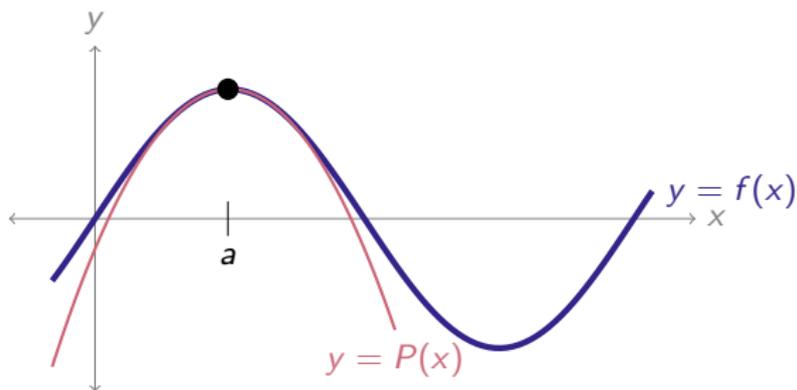
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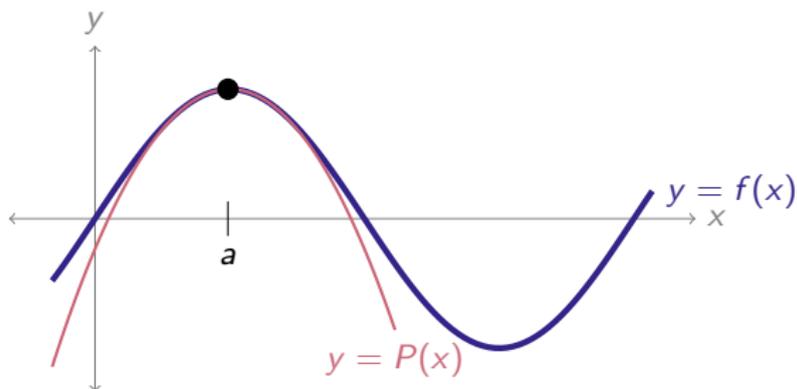
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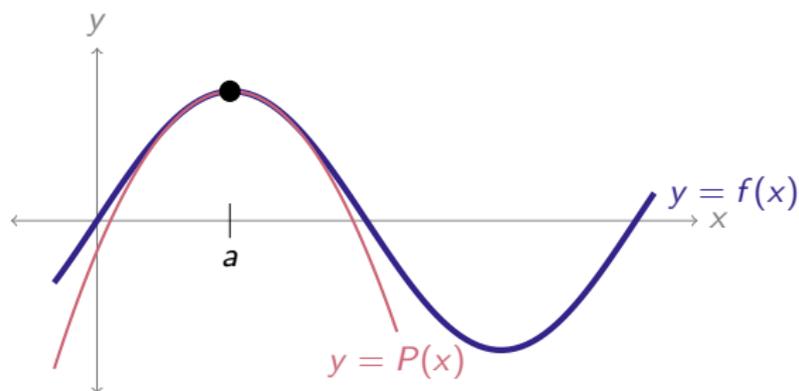
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$f(x) = x^6, a = 2$. It is possible to compute this without an approximation, but an approximation in this case might save time, while being sufficiently accurate for your purposes.

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$$5(5) + (-a) + 0 + a + 2a + 3a = \boxed{25 + 5a}$$

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