

EXAMPLE. Let  $f(x) = 2x \cos(2x) - (x - 2)^2$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ .

(a) Find  $P_3(x)$  and  $P_4(x)$  and use them to approximate  $f(0.4)$ .

$$f'(x) = 2 \cos(2x) - 4x \sin(2x) - 2(x - 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= -4 \sin(2x) - 4 \sin(2x) - 8x \cos(2x) - 2 \\ &= -8 \sin(2x) - 8x \cos(2x) - 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'''(x) &= -16 \cos(2x) - 8 \cos(2x) + 16x \sin(2x) \\ &= -24 \cos(2x) + 16x \sin(2x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(4)}(x) &= 48 \sin(2x) + 16 \sin(2x) + 32x \cos(2x) \\ &= 64 \sin(2x) + 32x \cos(2x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(5)}(x) &= 128 \cos(2x) + 32 \cos(2x) - 64x \sin(2x) \\ &= 160 \cos(2x) - 64x \sin(2x) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(0) = -4; f'(0) = 6; f''(0) = -2; f'''(0) = -24; f^{(4)}(0) = 0$$

$$P_3(x) = -4 + 6x + \left(\frac{-2}{2}\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{-24}{6}\right)x^3 = -4x^3 - x^2 + 6x - 4$$

$$f(0.4) \approx P_3(0.4) = -2.016$$

Since  $f^{(4)}(0) = 0$ ,

$$P_4(x) = P_3(x) = -4x^3 - x^2 + 6x - 4.$$