408L CLASS PROBLEMS

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Problem 1. Find the degree 3 Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = \log(1+x)$ about 0. Use your result to estimate $\log(1.1)$.

Problem 2. Suppose the degree 3 Taylor polynomial of a function f(x) is $T_3(x) = 2 + 3x - x^2 + x^3$. Find f''(0).

Problem 3. Find the degree 2 Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1}$.

Problem 4. The degree three Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = \sin(x)$ is $T_3(x) = x - x^3/6$. For which values of x does the remainder theorem imply $|\sin(x) - T_3(x)| < .001$? (In other words, for which values of x does $T_3(x)$ calculate $\sin(x)$ to two decimal places.)