

Math 240 — Hw 1

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1. Given the function $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$, estimate $f'(2)$ using the points $(1, 4)$ and $(2, 9)$. The actual answer is 6—how close is your estimate?
2. For the function $f(x) = \sin(x)$, estimate $f'(\frac{\pi}{7})$ using the points $(\frac{\pi}{6}, \sin(\frac{\pi}{6}))$ and $(\frac{\pi}{4}, \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}))$. How good is your estimate?
3. For the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$, estimate $f'(0.5)$ using the points $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$. How good is your estimate?
4. Using the table below for $f(x)$, estimate $f'(1.5)$.

x	$f(x)$
1	2
1.5	2.25
2	2.5