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Problem

Let $f(x) = e^x$.

- Find the Taylor polynomial, $P_k(x)$, of degree k to f near a .
- What is the error?
- Find a bound for error (independent of x), when using $P_k(x)$ to estimate $f(x)$ in the interval $[a, a + h]$.

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$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} P_{k,h} = P_{k,x_0}$$

The degree k Taylor polynomial at x_0 .