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1) Time(s)	0	2	4	6	8	10
Distance(m)	0	40	80	130	180	250

@ t=0

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \text{ pt. FD} &= \frac{-3f(x_i) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i+2})}{2h} \\ &= \frac{-3(0) + 4(40) - (80)}{2(2)} \\ &= \frac{80}{4} = 20 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{20 \text{ m}}{\text{s}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \cdot \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ hr}} = 72 \text{ km/hr}$$

@ t=4

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \text{ pt. CD} &= \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})}{2h} \\ &= \frac{130 - 40}{2(2)} \\ &= \frac{90}{4} = 22.5 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{22.5 \text{ m}}{\text{s}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \cdot \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ hr}} = 81 \text{ km/hr}$$

@ t=10

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \text{ pt. BD} &= \frac{3f(x_i) - 4f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_{i+2})}{2h} \\ &= \frac{3(250) - 4(180) + (130)}{2(2)} \\ &= 40 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{40 \text{ m}}{\text{s}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \cdot \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ hr}} = 144 \text{ km/hr}$$

2) b) For FD, theory states that as the  $h$  is cut in half, the error will also be cut in half. This is signified by the error for FD being  $O(h)$ . Due to the mathematical characteristics of  $\sin(x)$  in combination with the structure of the Taylor Series expansion seen below, when using  $x=0$ , the higher order terms matter more since the even derived terms cancel out. This causes a heavier lean on the higher order terms, causing the convergence rate to be higher.

c)  $x=0, n=6$

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x-x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{3!}(x-x_0)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_0)}{4!}(x-x_0)^4 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x-x_0)^n$$

$$f(x) = \sin(x) \quad f'(x) = \cos(x) \quad f''(x) = -\sin(x) \quad f'''(x) = -\cos(x)$$

$$f(0) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x \cos(x)}{7!}$$

When using  $x=0$ , a lot of the terms get cancelled out, therefore

the contributions of higher order terms becomes significant as compared to using  $x \neq 0$ , where no terms would cancel out and input is seen from every derivative.