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ONLINE DEGREE

# MACHINE LEARNING - FOUNDATIONS

## TUTORIAL - WEEK 2

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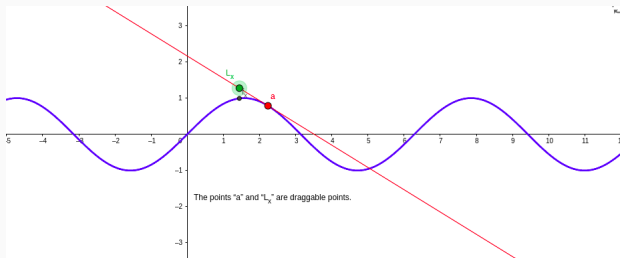
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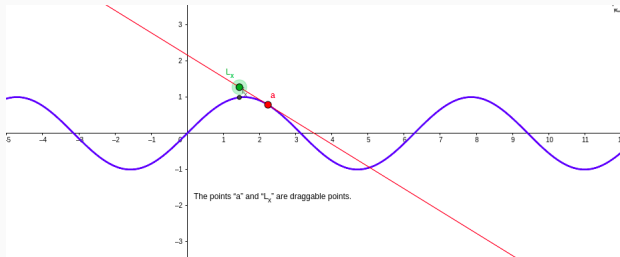
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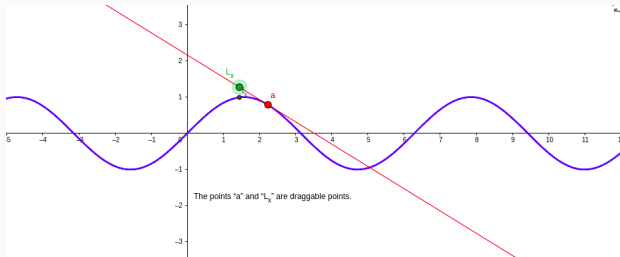
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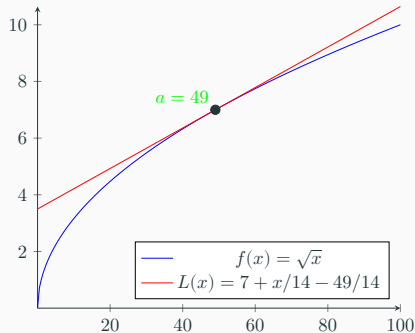
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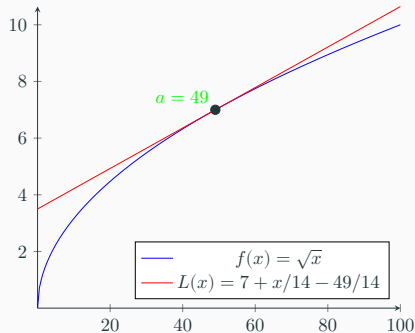
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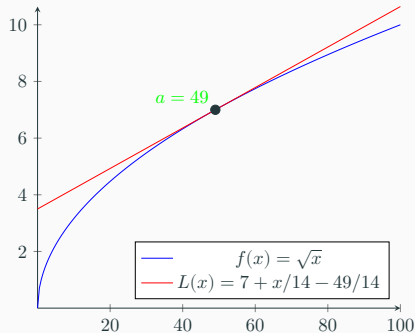
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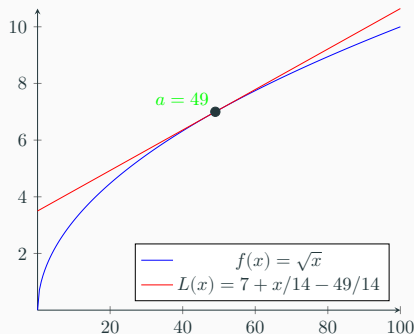
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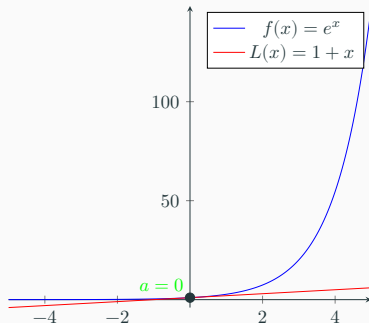
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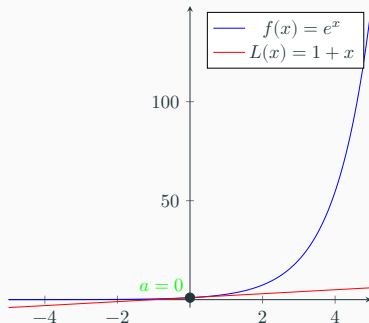
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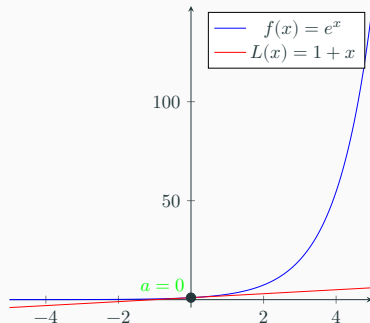
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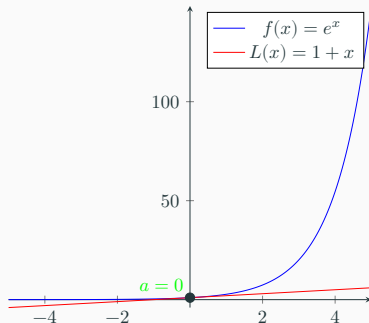
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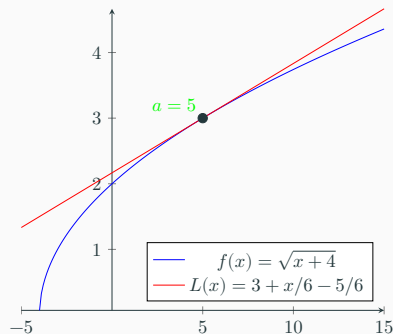
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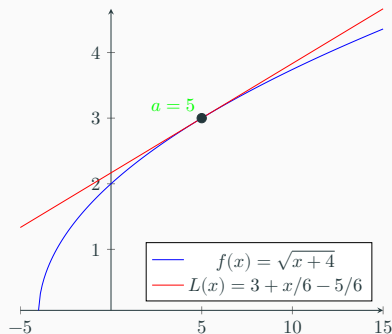
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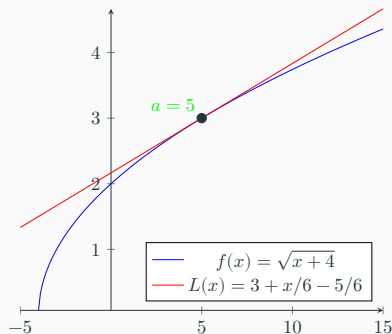
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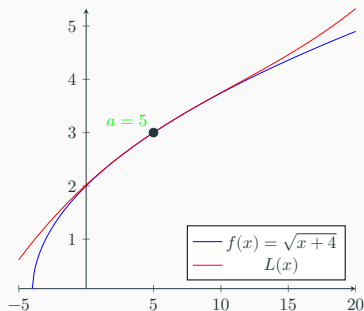
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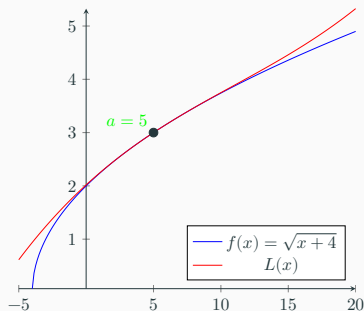


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# MULTIVARIATE LINEAR APPROXIMATION

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# Linear approximation of functions involving multiple variables

The linear approximation of a function  $f$  of two variables  $x$  and  $y$  in the neighborhood of  $(a, b)$  is:

$$L(x, y) = f(a, b) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a, b)(x - a) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a, b)(y - b)$$

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Here  $(a, b) = (1, 0)$ .

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Thank you.