

Python Calculus Activity Handout

Step 1 Python code:

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1 #This program will double all of the elements of a given
2 #list and then sum all the resulting values
3
4 import math
5
6 list1 = [23,1,5,9,2,4,5,6,2,18] #list1: a given list of numbers
7
8 s = 0 #initialize the sum to zero
9
10 length =  #store the length of list1 as a variable named 'length'
11
12 for i in range(0,length): #a for loop will iterate though the elements of list1
13      #double each element of list1 and overwrite the
14     #old values of list1
15
16
17      #print (output) each changed element of list1
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20      #add each elemet of list1 to the sum
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25 print s #outside the for loop, print out the final sum
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Step 2 Python code:

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1 # This program will approximate the slope of a tangent line
2 # to a function f(x) at a value of x, where x = t, using the satndard slope formula
3 # (y2 - y1)/(x2 - x1) or (f(t + h) - f(t))/(t + h - t)
4
5 import math
6
7 def f(x):
8     return x**2
9
10
11 inputs1 = [1,.1,.001,.0001,.000001]
12
13 t = 8
14
15 for h in inputs1:
16     print 1.0*(f(t + h) - f(t))/(t + h - t)
17
18 print "*****"
19
20 for h in inputs1:
21     print 1.0*(f(t - h) - f(t))/(t - h - t)
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