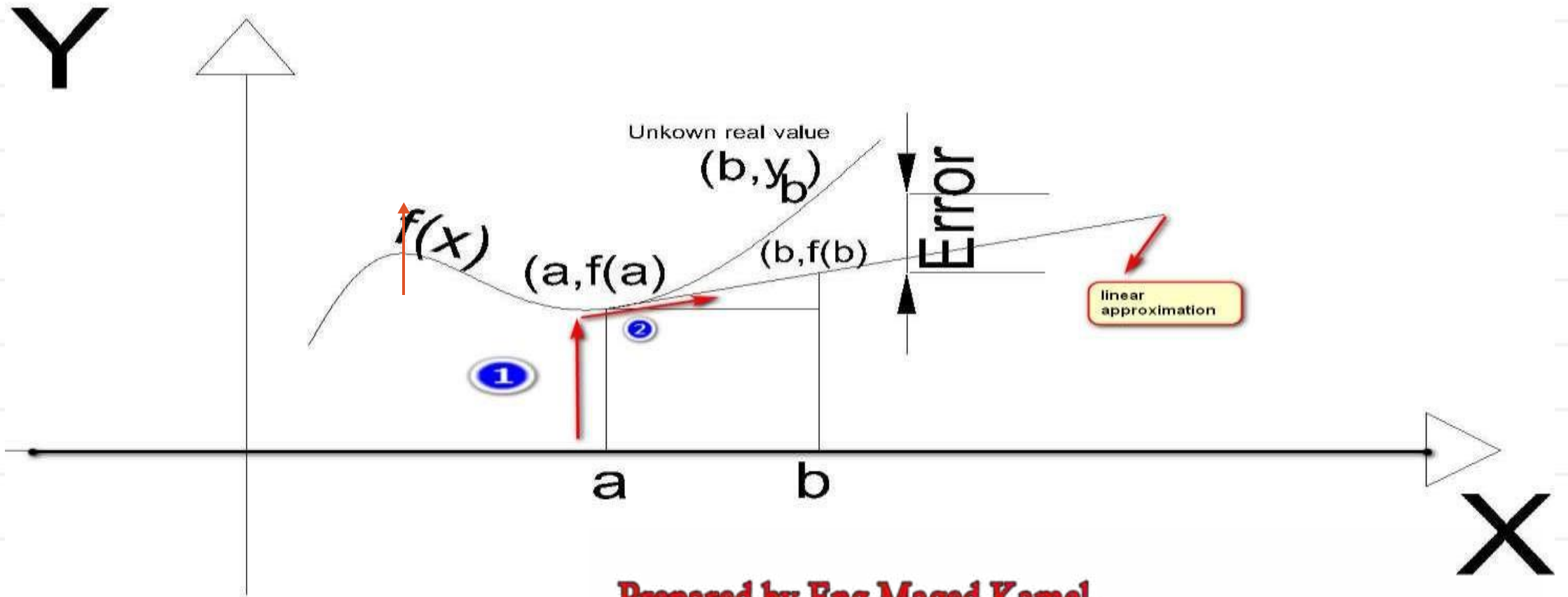


Linear approximation
for y value

at $x = a$

You treat the function as linear one for any point needed get , the y value from that line.



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Linear Approximation.

Linear approximation is the y value on a point b knowing the value x of another point called a and it's y value.

$$L(x=x_b)=f(a)+f'(a)(x_b-x_a)$$

Application of the linear approximation.

The value of Y_b is equal to the value of $f(a)$ plus the product of slope by the difference in X value between a,b

- Linear approximation of any function.
- Estimation of Power value of a number
- Estimation of Square root of number.

Example #1

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- (a) Find the local linear approximation of $f(x) = \sin x$ at $x_0 = 0$.
- (b) Use the local linear approximation obtained in part (a) to approximate $\sin 2^\circ$, and compare your approximation to the result produced directly by your calculating device.

Solution $f(x) = \sin(x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = +\cos(x)$

at x_0 $L(x) = f(x_b) = f(x_a) + f'(a) * (x_b - x_a)$

Let $x = x_b$ & $x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow f(x_0) = \sin(0) = 0$
 $f'(x_0) = \cos(0) = 1$

$L(x) = f(x) = 0 + 1(x) = x$ Part (a)

$L(x_0=0) = 0$

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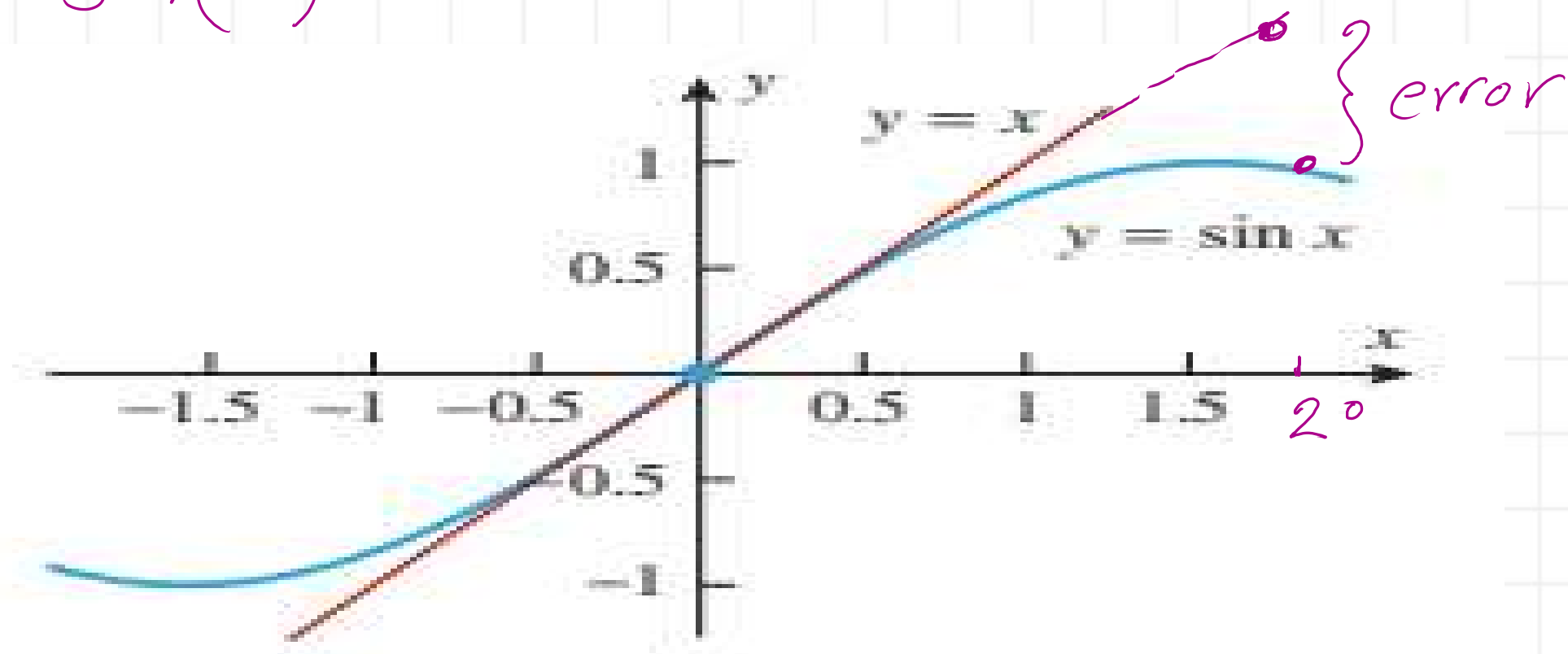
Solution: Part (b) $x_0 = 2^\circ$

$$L(x = 2^\circ) = f(2) = 2^\circ \rightarrow \text{rad} \Rightarrow \frac{2^\circ}{180} = \frac{\text{rad}(2)}{\pi}$$

$$\text{rad}(2) = \pi(2) = 0.0349066 \rightarrow L(2)$$

$$\pi: 3.14159 \quad f(2) = 0.0348995 \rightarrow \sin(2) \text{ actual}$$

$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$



▲ Figure 2.9.3

Error absolute value

$$= |\sin x - x|$$

$$= |0.034899 - 0.0349066|$$

$$\varepsilon = 7.6 (10^{-6})$$

Example #2: Find $L(x)$ of $y=f(x)=X^2$ at 2.50.

Solution:

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x_b - x_a)$$

The nearest point which is known, is 2.

Steps: 1- Make a differentiation to the function $f'(x) = 2x$

2- substitute at $x=2$, and get $f(2)$ then since

$$f(x) = X^2 \text{ then } f(x=2) = (2)^2 = 4$$

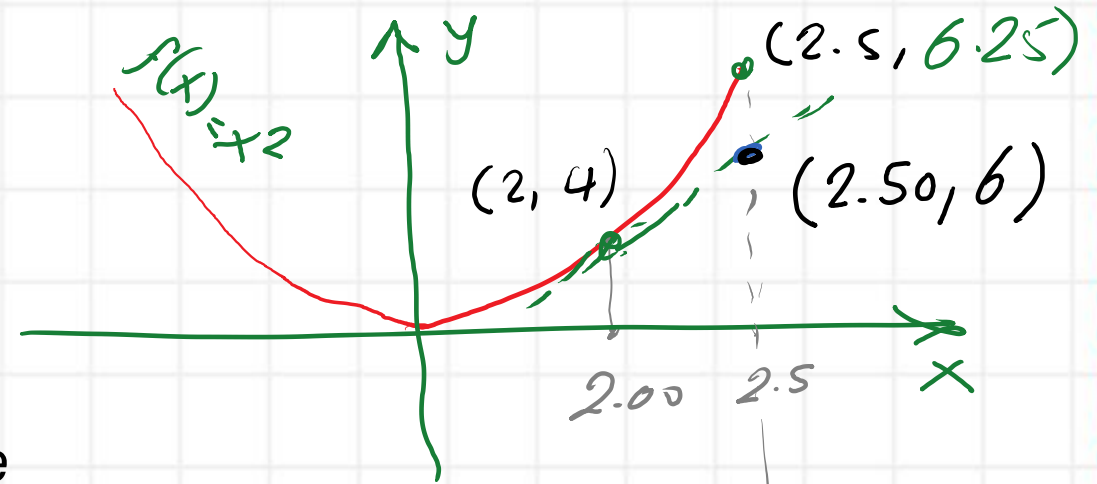
3- find the value of $f'(2)$ as $f'(x=2) = 2 \cdot (2) = 4$

4- back to linear approximation expression. $L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x_b - x_a)$, $a=2.00$, $x_b=2.50$, $f'(a)=f'(2)$.

$$L(x=2.50) = 4 + (4) \cdot (2.50 - 2.00) = 4 + 4 \cdot 0.50 = 6$$

Comparing with true value of $2.50^2 = 6.25$

$$\text{error} = 6.25 - 6.00 = 0.25$$



Linear form

$$L(x_b) = f(a) + f'(a)(x_b - x_a)$$

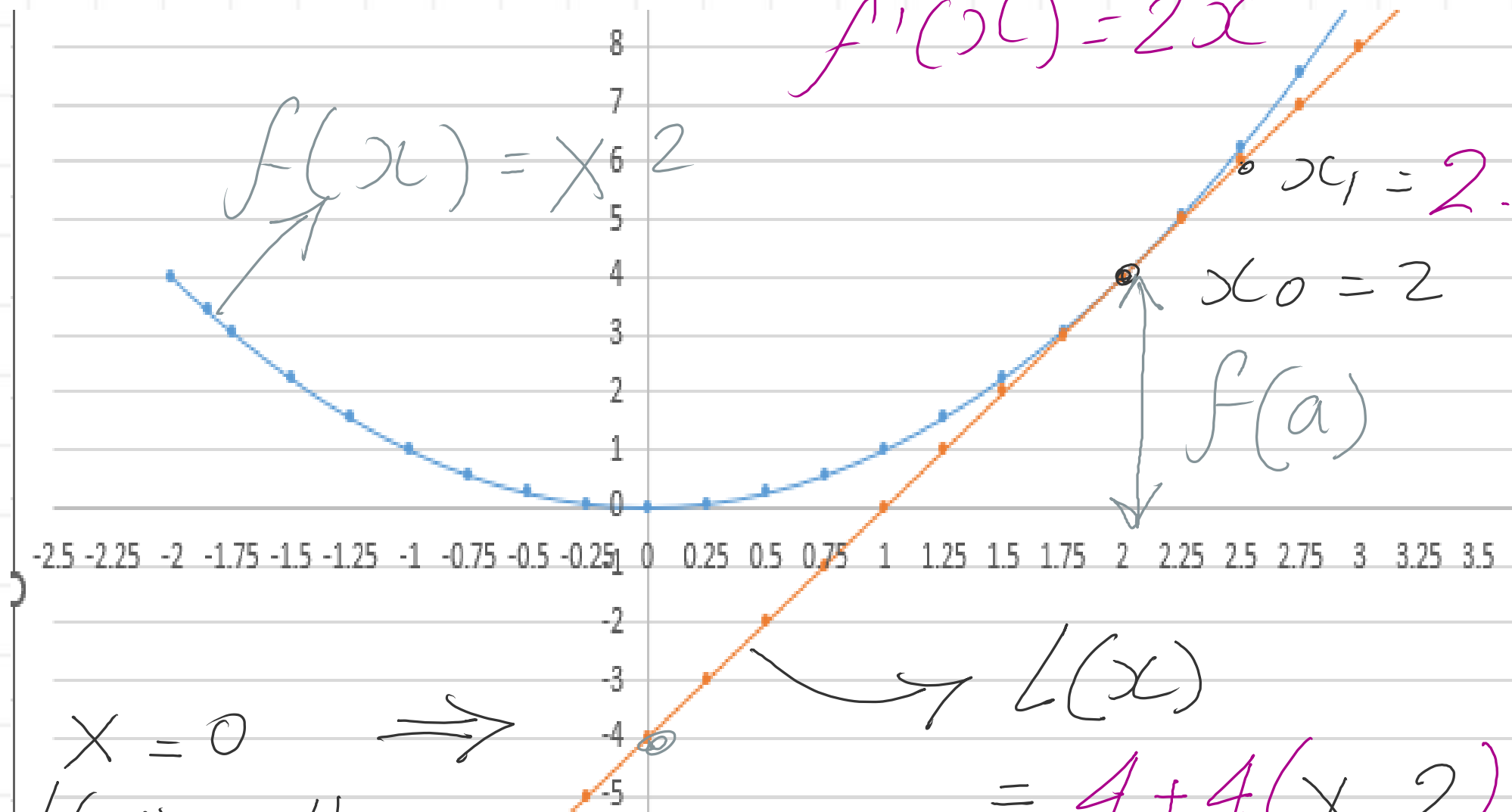
$x_a = 2, x_b = 2.50$

$$L(2.50) = 4 + 4(2.50 - 2) = 6.00$$

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$L(x)$ Line

$$f(x) = x^2$$
$$f'(x) = 2x$$



$x = 0$

$$L(x) = -4$$



$$L(x) = 4 + 4(x - 2) = 6$$

Example # 3: Find $y=f(x)=\sqrt[3]{8.00}$ by approximation, hence use it for

$\sqrt[3]{8.20}$ & $\sqrt[3]{25.0}$.

Solution

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - x_a)$$

put $x_0 = 8$

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{+1/3} \quad f'(x) = n x^{n-1} \quad x^n \Rightarrow n = 1/3$$

$$\text{for } x_0 = 8 \quad n = 1/3 \quad f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} x^{1/3 - 1}$$

$$f(x_0 = 8) = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

$$f'(x_0 = 8) = \frac{1}{3} (8)^{-2/3} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{8^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2^3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} \right) = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$L(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{12} (x - 8)$$

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Solution

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x_b - x_a)$$

$$f(8) = 2$$

$$f'(8) = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$L(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{12}(x - \underset{x_0}{8})$$

$$\text{for } x = 8.20 \rightarrow L(8.2) = 2 + \frac{1}{12}(8.2 - 8) =$$

$$L(8.2) = 2 + \frac{0.2}{12} = 2.0166 \Rightarrow 2.0166 \text{ actual value}$$

$$\text{while for } L(25) = 2 + \frac{1}{12}(25 - 8)$$

$$L(25) = 3.4166 \rightarrow \text{actual value} \rightarrow 2.4662$$

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Using the formula for $x=8.20$

$$x_a = 8$$
$$x_b = 8.20$$

$$f(x=8)=2.00, f'(8.00)=\frac{1}{12}$$

$$L(x=8.20)=2+(\frac{1}{12})*(8.20-8.00)=2+(\frac{1}{12})*0.20=2.0166$$

Comparing with true value of $\sqrt[3]{8.20}=2.0165$

Error = 0

$$L(8.2) = f(8) + f'(8)(0.2)$$

As for $x_b=25$

$$x_a = 8$$

$$x_b = 25$$

$$L(x) = f(x=8) + f'(8)*(25-8)$$

$$L(x=25) = 2 + \frac{1}{12}(17) = 3.41661$$

Comparing with true value of $\sqrt[3]{25.0}=2.92402$

$$\text{Error} = 2.92402 - 3.41661 = -0.49259$$

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Example # 4 Use linear approximation method to find the value of $f(x)$

$= \cos x$ at $\frac{\pi}{3}$, at starting point at

$x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ and estimate the relative error %

Solution

$$f(x) = \cos(x)$$

$$f'(x) = d \cos(x)/dx = -\sin(x)$$

$$L(x_b) = f(a) + f'(a)(x_b - x_a)$$

$$L(x) = f(x_b) = f(x_a) + f'(x_a)(x_b - x_a)$$

$$f(x = \frac{\pi}{3}) = \cos(x = \frac{\pi}{4}) + (-\sin(x = \frac{\pi}{4})) * (\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$x_a = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad x_b = \frac{\pi}{3}$$
$$f(x_0) = \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) = + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$
$$f'(x_0) = -\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) = - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$
$$x_b - x_0 = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$= \sqrt{2}/2 + (-\sqrt{2}/2) * \pi/12 = 0.70711 - 0.18512 = 0.52199$$

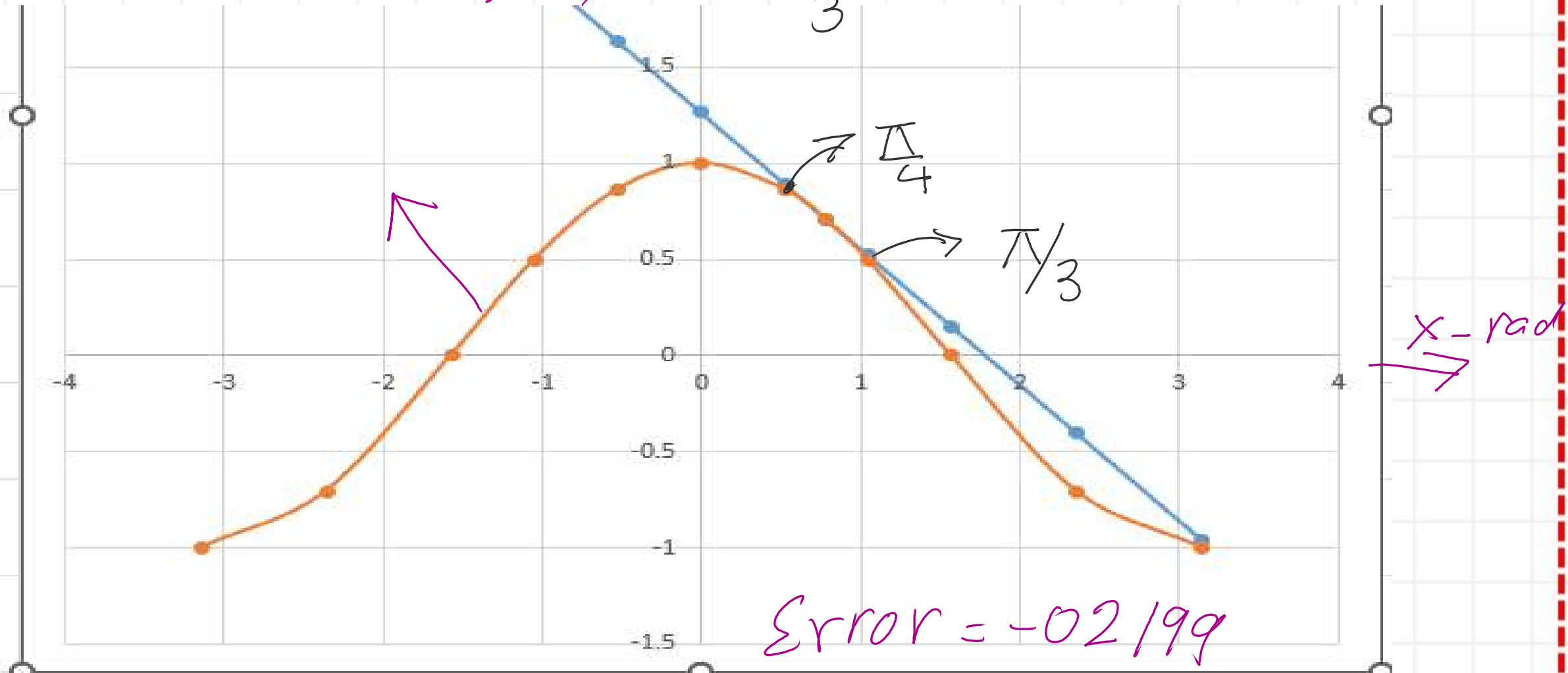
$$\text{Actual value of } f(x = \frac{\pi}{3}) = 0.50$$

$$\text{Relative error} = \text{abs}((0.50 - 0.52199)/0.50) = +4.398 \% = 4.40\%$$

$$f(x) = \cos(x)$$

$$L(x) = +\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)$$

$x = \frac{\pi}{3}$



$$\text{Error} = -0.2199$$