1.4 Videos Guide

1.4a

• Secant lines and the tangent line

1.4b

Exercise:

• The point P(0.5, 0) lies on the curve $y = \cos \pi x$.

(a) If Q is the point $(x, \cos \pi x)$, use your calculator to find the slope of the secant line PQ (correct to six decimal places) for the following values of x:

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(i) O	(ii) 0.4	(iii) 0.49
(iv) 0.499	(v) 1	(vi) 0.6
(vii) 0.51	(viii) 0.501	

- (b) Using the results of part (a), guess the value of the slope of the tangent line to the curve at P(0.5, 0).
- (c) Using the slope from part (b), find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at P(0.5, 0).
- (d) Sketch the curve, two of the secant lines, and the tangent line.