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Taylor Series Expansion



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■ Characteristics of Taylor Series

- The Taylor series is of great value in the study of numerical methods.
- In essence, the Taylor series provides a means to predict a function value at one point in terms of the function value and its derivatives at another point.
- A Taylor series is commonly used in engineering analysis to approximate functions that do not have closed form solution.



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■ Characteristics of Taylor Series

- A Taylor series is the sum of functions based on continually increasing derivatives.
- For a function $f(x)$ that depends on only one independent variable x , the value of the function at point $x_0 + h$ can be approximated by Taylor series.



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■ Taylor's Theorem

- The Taylor series is given by

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf^{(1)}(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0) + R_{n+1}$$

where

x_0 = base value or starting value

x = the point at which the value of the function is needed

$h = x - x_0$ = distance between x_0 and x (step size)

$n!$ = factorial of $n = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1$

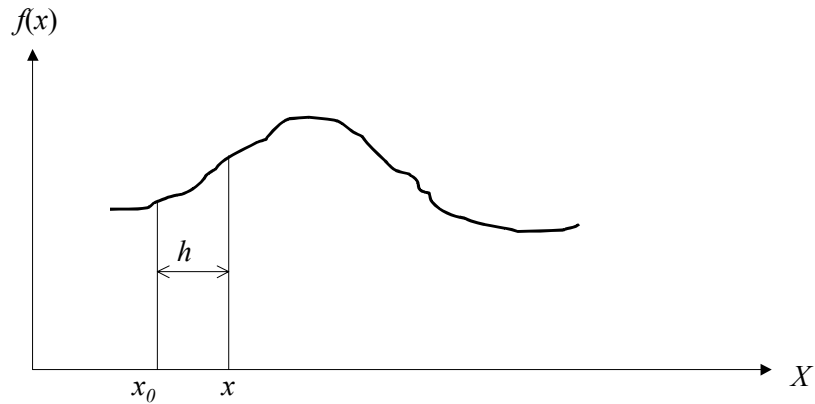
$f^{(n)}$ = indicates the n^{th} derivative of the function $f(x)$

R_{n+1} = the remainder of Taylor series expansion



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Taylor series expansion can also be given in a compact form as follows:

$$f(x_0 + h) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{h^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(x_0)$$

where

$0! = 1$ by convention

The above equation is based on the assumption that continuous derivative exist in an interval that include the points x_0 and x

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- These series can be used to evaluate their corresponding functions at any point x using a base value of $x_0 = 0$ and increment h .

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k$$



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Example 1:

Show that the Taylor series expansion for the exponential function is given by:

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

when $x = x_0 = 0$ as the base (or starting) point and h as the increment. Evaluate the series for $h = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, \dots$ to 1.0 using one term, two terms, and three terms. Plot your results and compare them with the true value for each case.



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$f^{(1)}(x) = e^x \Rightarrow f^{(1)}(0) = e^0 = 1$$

$$f^{(2)}(x) = e^x \Rightarrow f^{(2)}(0) = e^0 = 1$$

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$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^x \Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = e^0 = 1$$



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf^{(1)}(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0) + R_{n+1}$$

$$x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_0 + h = h$$

$$\text{by definition, } h = x - x_0 \Rightarrow h = x$$

$$f(0) = 1 = f^{(1)}(0) = f^{(2)}(0) \dots = f^{(n)}(0)$$

Hence,

$$f(h) = 1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}$$

or

$$f(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^k}{k!}$$



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

x	h	$f(x_0+h)$ one term	$f(x_0+h)$ two terms	$f(x_0+h)$ three terms	True value
0.1	0.1	1.000000	1.100000	1.105000	1.105171
0.2	0.2	1.000000	1.200000	1.220000	1.221403
0.3	0.3	1.000000	1.300000	1.345000	1.349859
0.4	0.4	1.000000	1.400000	1.480000	1.491825
0.5	0.5	1.000000	1.500000	1.625000	1.648721
0.6	0.6	1.000000	1.600000	1.780000	1.822119
0.7	0.7	1.000000	1.700000	1.945000	2.013753
0.8	0.8	1.000000	1.800000	2.120000	2.225541
0.9	0.9	1.000000	1.900000	2.305000	2.459603
1.0	1.0	1.000000	2.000000	2.500000	2.718282



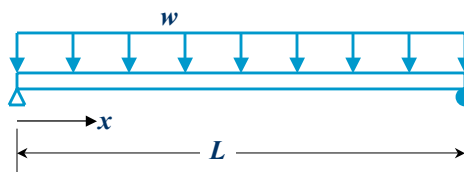
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■ Example 2

The simply supported beam is subjected to uniform distributed load w as shown in the figure. The deflection of the beam y is given by

$$y = -\frac{w}{24EI} (x^4 - 2Lx^3 + L^3x)$$





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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

Develop a Taylor series expansion of y for three terms (second-order approximation) using the following values:

$$w = 14 \text{ lb/in} \quad L = 360 \text{ in}$$

$$E = 29,000,000 \text{ lb/in}^2, \quad I = 144 \text{ in}^4$$

Tabulate and plot your results, and compare them with the true value for $h = 45, 90, 135, 180, 225,$ and 270 in, and $x_0 = 90$ in.



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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

$$y = -\frac{w}{24EI}(x^4 - 2Lx^3 + L^3x) \Rightarrow y(90) = \frac{-14}{24(29 \times 10^6)166} [(90)^4 - 2(360)(90)^3 + (360)^3(90)] = -0.4532 \text{ in}$$

$$y' = -\frac{w}{24EI}(4x^3 - 6Lx^2 + L^3) \Rightarrow y'(90) = \frac{-14}{24(29 \times 10^6)166} [4(90)^3 - 6(360)(90)^2 + (360)^3] = -0.003887$$

$$y'' = -\frac{w}{24EI}(12x^2 - 12Lx) \Rightarrow y''(90) = \frac{-14}{24(29 \times 10^6)166} [12(90)^2 - 12(360)(90)] = 0.00003533$$

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf^{(1)}(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0) + R_{n+1}$$

$$y(90 + h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533 \frac{h^2}{2}$$



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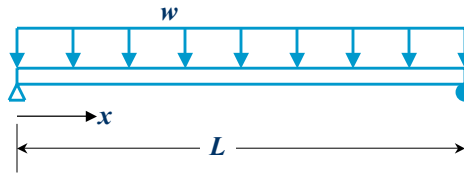
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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

- Taylor Series Approximation for the Deflection of The Beam

$$y(x) = y(x_0 + h) = y(90 + h)$$

$$y(90 + h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533 \frac{h^2}{2}$$



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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

- For $h = 135$, $x = x_0 + h = 90 + 135 = 225$ in

$$y(225) = -0.4532 - 0.003887(135) + 0.00003533 \frac{(135)^2}{2} = -0.6560$$

- For $h = 180$, $x = x_0 + h = 90 + 180 = 270$ in

$$y(270) = -0.4532 - 0.003887(180) + 0.00003533 \frac{(180)^2}{2} = -0.5805$$

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■ Example 2 (cont'd) $y(x) = -\frac{w}{24EI}(x^4 - 2Lx^3 + L^3x)$

x (in)	h (in)	Three Terms y (in)	True Value y (in)	Abs Error (True - App)
135	45	-0.592294	-0.5888153	0.00347823
180	90	-0.659871	-0.6360199	0.02385075
225	135	-0.655896	-0.5888153	0.06708023
270	180	-0.580368	-0.4531642	0.12720399
315	225	-0.433289	-0.2469546	0.18633397
360	270	-0.214657	0	0.21465673

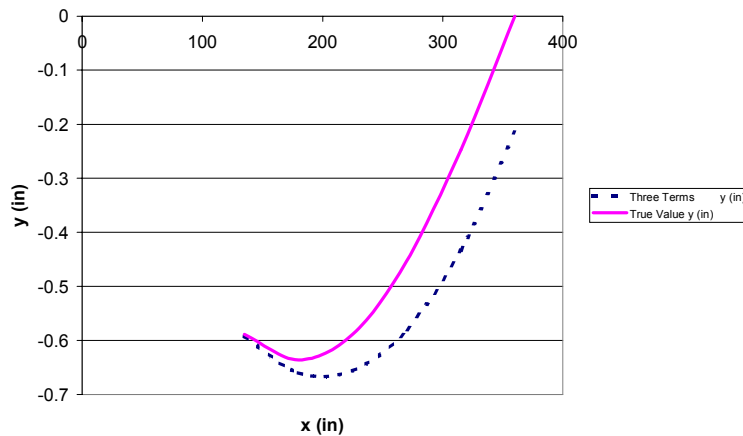
$$y(90+h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533 \frac{h^2}{2}$$



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Comparison of the Exact and Approximate Solutions





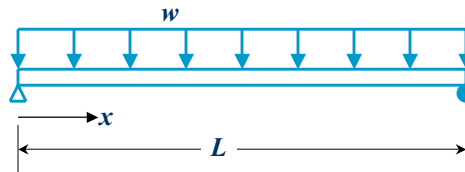
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■ Example 3

Redo Example 2 using four and five terms, that is, use third and fourth-order approximations for the deflection y .

$$y = -\frac{w}{24EI} (x^4 - 2Lx^3 + L^3x)$$



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■ Example 3 (cont'd)

$$y = -\frac{w}{24EI} (x^4 - 2Lx^3 + L^3x) \Rightarrow y(90) = \frac{-14}{24(29 \times 10^6)166} [(90)^4 - 2(360)(90)^3 + (360)^3(90)] = -0.4532 \text{ in}$$

$$y' = -\frac{w}{24EI} (4x^3 - 6Lx^2 + L^3) \Rightarrow y'(90) = \frac{-14}{24(29 \times 10^6)166} [4(90)^3 - 6(360)(90)^2 + (360)^3] = -0.003887$$

$$y'' = -\frac{w}{24EI} (12x^2 - 12Lx) \Rightarrow y''(90) = \frac{-14}{24(29 \times 10^6)166} [12(90)^2 - 12(360)(90)] = 0.00003533$$

$$y''' = -\frac{w}{24EI} (24x - 12L) \Rightarrow y'''(90) = \frac{-14}{24(29 \times 10^6)166} [24(90) - 12(360)] = 2.6174 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$y^{(4)} = -\frac{w24}{24EI} = -\frac{w}{EI} \Rightarrow y^{(4)}(90) = \frac{-14}{(29 \times 10^6)166} = -2.9082 \times 10^{-9}$$

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- Example 3 (cont'd)
 - Third-order Approximation (four terms)

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf^{(1)}(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0) + R_{n+1}$$

$$y(90 + h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533 \frac{h^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{h^3}{6}$$



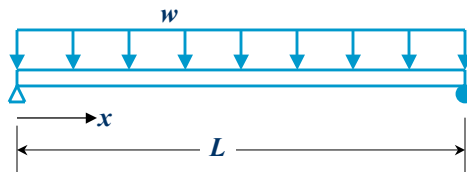
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- Example 3 (cont'd)
 - Third-order Approximation (four terms)

$$y(x) = y(x_0 + h) = y(90 + h)$$

$$y(90 + h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533 \frac{h^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{h^3}{6}$$





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■ Example 3 (cont'd)

– For $h = 135$, $x = x_0 + h = 90 + 135 = 225$ in

$$y(225) = -0.4532 - 0.003887(135) + 0.00003533 \frac{(135)^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{(135)^3}{6} = -0.5487$$

– For $h = 180$, $x = x_0 + h = 90 + 180 = 270$ in

$$y(270) = -0.4532 - 0.003887(180) + 0.00003533 \frac{(180)^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{(180)^3}{6} = -0.3261$$



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■ Example 3 (cont'd)

$$y(x) = -\frac{w}{24EI} (x^4 - 2Lx^3 + L^3x)$$

x (in)	h (in)	Four Terms y (in)	True Value y (in)	Abs Error (True - App)
135	45	-0.58832	-0.58882	0.000497
180	90	-0.62807	-0.63602	0.00795
225	135	-0.54857	-0.58882	0.040248
270	180	-0.32596	-0.45316	0.127204
315	225	0.063602	-0.24695	0.310557
360	270	0.64397	0	0.64397

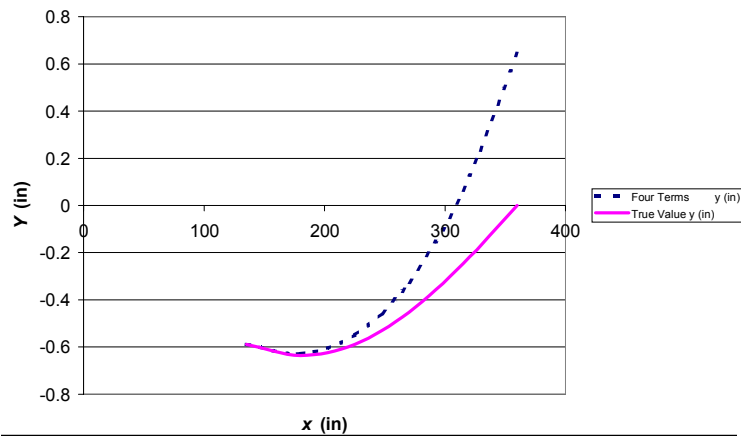
$$y(90 + h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533 \frac{h^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{h^3}{6}$$



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- Example 3 (cont'd)
 - Fourth-order Approximation (five terms)

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf^{(1)}(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x_0) + \frac{h^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0) + R_{n+1}$$

$$y(90 + h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533 \frac{h^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{h^3}{6} - 2.9082 \times 10^{-9} \frac{h^4}{24}$$

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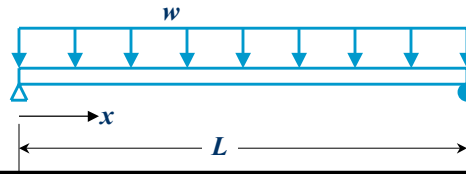
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■ Example 3 (cont'd)

– Fourth-order Approximation (five terms)

$$y(x) = y(x_0 + h) = y(90 + h)$$

$$y(90 + h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533 \frac{h^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{h^3}{6} - 2.9082 \times 10^{-9} \frac{h^4}{24}$$



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■ Example 3 (cont'd)

– For $h = 135$, $x = x_0 + h = 90 + 135 = 225$ in

$$y(225) = -0.4532 - 0.003887(135) + 0.00003533 \frac{(135)^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{(135)^3}{6} - 2.9082 \times 10^{-9} \frac{(135)^4}{24} = -0.5889$$

– For $h = 180$, $x = x_0 + h = 90 + 180 = 270$ in

$$y(270) = -0.4532 - 0.003887(180) + 0.00003533 \frac{(180)^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7} \frac{(180)^3}{6} - 2.9082 \times 10^{-9} \frac{(180)^4}{24} = -0.4533$$

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■ Example 3 (cont'd) $y(x) = -\frac{w}{24EI}(x^4 - 2Lx^3 + L^3x)$

x (in)	h (in)	Five Terms y (in)	True Value y (in)	Abs Error (True - App)
135	45	-0.58882	-0.58882	1.11E-16
180	90	-0.63602	-0.63602	1.11E-16
225	135	-0.58882	-0.58882	1.11E-16
270	180	-0.45316	-0.45316	0
315	225	-0.24695	-0.24695	2.78E-17
360	270	0	0	0

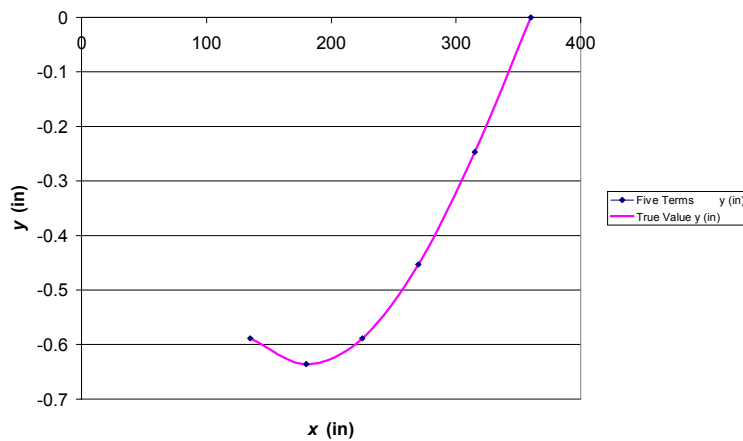
$$y(90+h) = -0.4532 - 0.003887h + 0.00003533\frac{h^2}{2} + 2.6174 \times 10^{-7}\frac{h^3}{6} - 2.9082 \times 10^{-9}\frac{h^4}{24}$$



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Comparison of Exact and Fourth-order Approximation





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Example 2. Second-order

x (in)	h (in)	Three Terms y (in)	True Value y (in)	Abs Error (True - App)
135	45	-0.592294	-0.5888153	0.00347823
180	90	-0.659871	-0.6360199	0.02385075
225	135	-0.655896	-0.5888153	0.06708023
270	180	-0.580368	-0.4531642	0.12720399
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360	270	-0.214657	0	0.21465673

Example 3. Third-order

x (in)	h (in)	Four Terms y (in)	True Value y (in)	Abs Error (True - App)
135	45	-0.58832	-0.58882	0.000497
180	90	-0.62807	-0.63602	0.00795
225	135	-0.54857	-0.58882	0.040248
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Example 3. Fourth-order

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135	45	-0.58882	-0.58882	1.11E-16
180	90	-0.63602	-0.63602	1.11E-16
225	135	-0.58882	-0.58882	1.11E-16
270	180	-0.45316	-0.45316	0
315	225	-0.24695	-0.24695	2.78E-17
360	270	0	0	0

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Comparison

x (in)	h (in)	Second-order	Third-order	Fourth-order	True Value
135	45	-0.59229	-0.58832	-0.58882	-0.58882
180	90	-0.65987	-0.62807	-0.63602	-0.63602
225	135	-0.6559	-0.54857	-0.58882	-0.58882
270	180	-0.58037	-0.32596	-0.45316	-0.45316
315	225	-0.43329	0.063602	-0.24695	-0.24695
360	270	-0.21466	0.64397	0	0

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