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 - When we consider a function $\theta(t)$ near a particular time, say, $t = t_0$, the value of the function is approximately

$$\theta(t) \approx \underbrace{\theta'(t_0)}_{\text{slope}} (t - t_0) + \theta(t_0) = \underbrace{\theta'(t_0)}_{\text{slope}} t + \underbrace{\theta(t_0) - t_0 \theta'(t_0)}_{\text{constant}}$$

• Therefore, near $t = t_0$,

$$\cos(\theta(t)) \approx \cos(\theta'(t_0)t + \theta(t_0) - t_0\theta'(t_0))$$

• Now, we can directly compare the terms with $\cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)$.



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Same idea

- Suppose we want to find $\sqrt{15.9}$.
- Let $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. • Note that $\frac{d}{dx}g(x) = \frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$.
- Approximation: $g(x) \approx g'(x_0)(x x_0) + g(x_0)$
- 15.9 is near 16.

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$$\sqrt{15.9} = g(15.9)$$

• $\approx g'(16)(15.9 - 16) + g(16)$
• $= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{16}}(-0.1) + \sqrt{16} = -\frac{0.1}{8} + 4 = 3.9875$
• MATLAB: >> sqrt(15.9)
ans =

3.987480407475377