

3. (14 points) Find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  such that the function

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

“fits” the function

$$g(x) = -2\ln(x+1) + 0.5e^x + 1.5\sin(x)$$

near  $x = 0$  in the sense that:

$$g(0) = f(0), \quad g'(0) = f'(0) \quad \text{and} \quad g''(0) = f''(0).$$

Show all work.

We have  $g(0) = 0 + 0.5 + 0 = 1/2$  and  $f(0) = c$ ,  
so  $c = 0.5$ .

We find the first derivatives:

$$g'(x) = \frac{-2}{x+1} + 0.5e^x + 1.5\cos(x), \quad \text{and} \quad f'(x) = 2ax + b.$$

Thus,  $g'(0) = -2 + 0.5 + 1.5 = 0$ , and  $f'(0) = b$ ,

so  $b = 0$ .

Second derivatives give:

$$g''(x) = \frac{2}{(x+1)^2} + 0.5e^x - 1.5\sin(x) \quad \text{and} \quad f''(x) = 2a.$$

Thus,

$$g''(0) = 2 + 0.5 - 0 = 2.5 \quad \text{and} \quad f''(0) = 2a,$$

so  $2a = 2.5$  which gives  $a = 1.25$ .

$$a = \underline{\quad 1.25 \quad}$$

$$b = 0 \underline{\quad 0 \quad}$$

$$c = \underline{\quad 0.5 \quad}$$