Generating a collection of results

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Learning target: Generate tables, graph families or other collections of results to analyse a problem generally.

A collection of related results can reveal structure that a single calculation hides. Generate a table or family of graphs with a controlled parameter change, label each member and compare corresponding features. Formulate the pattern precisely and check it symbolically when possible. Keep the difference between a conjecture and a demonstrated general result explicit.

Try the mathematics

Task 1. Generate a table for $f_a(x)=x^3-a$ at $x=0,1,2$ for $a=1,2,8$. Use the collection to conjecture how a affects the graph, then check it symbolically.

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