

CALCULUS

Bachelor in Computer Science and Engineering

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Taylor polynomial

Problem 7.1. Approximate the following values within an error bound given by the indicated ε , using suitable Taylor polynomials.

- $\sin(1), \quad \varepsilon = 10^{-5}.$
- $\sqrt[5]{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad \varepsilon = 10^{-2}.$

Problem 7.2. Write the Maclaurin polynomial of the indicated degree n for the following functions.

1. $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}, \quad n = 3.$
2. $f(x) = \sin(3x^2), \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (generic)}.$
3. $f(x) = \tan(x), \quad n = 5.$
4. $f(x) = e^{-x^2} \cos(x), \quad n = 3.$
5. $f(x) = (1 + e^x)^2, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (generic)}.$

Problem 7.3. Write the polynomial $x^4 - 5x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 4$ in terms of powers of $x - 4$.

Problem 7.4. Write the Taylor formula of degree $n \in \mathbb{N}$ about point $a = -1$ for the function $f(x) = 1/x$.

Problem 7.5. Find the Maclaurin polynomial of degree 5 for $f(x) = e^x \sin(x)$.

Problem 7.6. Compute the coefficient of x^4 in the Maclaurin polynomial for the function $f(x) = \ln(\cos(x))$.

Problem 7.7. Calculate the Taylor polynomial of degree 3 about point $a = 0$ for the following functions.

$$f(x) = \sin(2x).$$

$$f(x) = e^{3x}.$$

$$f(x) = x e^{-x}.$$

$$f(x) = e^x \ln(1 - x).$$

$$f(x) = \sin^2(x).$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} \sin(x)}{1 + \ln(1+x)}.$$

Problem 7.8. Write the Maclaurin polynomial of degree $n \in \mathbb{N}$ for the following functions ($a \in \mathbb{R}$).

$$f(x) = \cos(ax).$$

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{ax} - e^{-ax}}{2}.$$

$$f(x) = e^{ax^2}.$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1+x}{1-x}.$$

Problem 7.9. The Taylor polynomial of degree 4 about point $a = 1$ for a function $f(x)$ is given by $P_{4,1}(x) = 2(x-1)^3 - 3(x-1)^4$.

- Find an equation for the tangent line to the graph of $f(x)$ at $x = 1$.
- Calculate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)}{(x-1)^3}$.
- Compute $f^{(4)}(1)$.

Problem 7.10. Prove what follows.

$$\forall a < 1: \sin(x) = o(x^a), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\ln(1+x^2) = o(x), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\tan(x) - \sin(x) = o(x^2), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\ln(x) = o(x), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Problem 7.11. Find a polynomial $P(x)$ such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^4} - P(x)}{x^7} = 0.$$

Problem 7.12. Approximate $f(x) = \cos(x) + e^x$ by means of a polynomial of degree 3 about $a = 0$ and estimate the involved error when such approximation is used for $x \in [-1/4, 1/4]$.

Problem 7.13. How many terms should you consider in the Maclaurin polynomial for $f(x) = e^x$, with $x \in [-1, 1]$, in order to get an approximation with three exact decimal places?

Problem 7.14. Using a Taylor polynomial of degree 3, approximate the value

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1.1}}$$

and find an upper bound of the involved error.

Problem 7.15. Using suitable Taylor polynomials, find an approximation within an error smaller than 10^{-3} for the following values.

- $\sin(2)$.
- $\ln(4/5)$.
- $\cos(1)$.
- e^{-2} .
- $\ln(2)$.

Problem 7.16. Find how many terms of the Taylor series for $f(x) = \sin(x)$, about $a = 0$, you need to consider to approximate $\sin(1/2)$ within an error smaller than 10^{-12} .

Problem 7.17. Calculate the given limits by using appropriate Taylor polynomials.

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - \sin(x) - 1}{x^2}.$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) - x + x^3/6}{x^5}.$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) - \sqrt{1-x}}{\sin(x)}.$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x) - \sin(x)}{x^3}.$$

- (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sin(x)}{x [1 - \cos(3x)]}.$
- (f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x) + e^x - x - 2}{x^3}.$
- (g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\sin(x)} \right).$
- (h) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right).$
- (i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^{3/2} (\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x-1} - 2\sqrt{x}).$
- (j) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left[x - x^2 \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right) \right].$

Problem 7.18. Calculate the given limits by using either Taylor polynomials or l'Hôpital's rule.

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(e^x - 1).$
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^x - \arctan(x)}{\ln(1+x)}.$
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x.$
- (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^a}, \quad a > 0.$
- (e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x}{e^{ax}}, \quad a > 0.$
- (f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^{1/x} \quad (\text{use the change of variable } t = 1/x).$
- (g) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{1/x}.$