

Taylor's Theorem for a function of two variables -

If $f(x, y)$ is a function which possesses continuous partial derivatives of any order then

$$\checkmark f(x+h, y+k) = f(x, y) + \left(h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(h^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + 2hk \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + k^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \right) + \dots \quad *$$

Proof - By Taylor's Theorem for a function of single variable,

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

$$\checkmark f(x+h) = f(x) + h \frac{d f(x)}{dx} + \frac{h^2}{2!} \frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{h^3}{3!} \frac{d^3 f(x)}{dx^3} + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} \frac{d^n f(x)}{dx^n} + \dots \quad (1)$$

By Taylor's Theorem for a function of single variable x ,

$$f(x+h, y+k) = f(x, y+k) + h \frac{\partial f(x, y+k)}{\partial x} + \frac{h^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y+k)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{h^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3 f(x, y+k)}{\partial x^3} + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} \frac{\partial^n f(x, y+k)}{\partial x^n} + \dots \quad (2)$$

By (1)

i.e. $f(x+h, y+k)$ has been expanded in powers of h .

In equation (2) expanding $f(x, y+k)$ in powers of k by again Taylor's Theorem for a function of single variable y ,

$$f(x+h, y+k) = f(x, y) + k \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} + \frac{k^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{k^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3 f(x, y)}{\partial y^3} + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{h^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \{ f(x,y) \} + \frac{k}{1!} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x,y) + \frac{k^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f(x,y) + \frac{k^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^3} f(x,y) + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{k^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^3} f(x,y) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} f(x,y)$$

$$+ k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x,y) + \frac{k^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f(x,y) + \dots$$

$$\therefore f(x+h, y+k) = f(x,y) + \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x,y) + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x,y) \right) +$$

$$\frac{1}{2!} \left[h^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f(x,y) + 2hk \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} f(x,y) + k^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f(x,y) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \left[h^3 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} f(x,y) + 3h^2k \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial y} f(x,y) + 3k^2h \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x \partial y^2} f(x,y) + k^3 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^3} f(x,y) \right] + \dots$$

$$\therefore f(x+h, y+k) = f(x,y) + h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2!} \left\{ \dots \right\}$$

$$\therefore f(x+h, y+k) = f(x,y) + \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f(x,y) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 f(x,y)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \left\{ h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right\}^3 f(x,y) + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{1}{n!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^n f(x,y) + \dots$$

Note: $\left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$

$$= h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= h^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + 2hk \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} + k^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 f(x,y) = h^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f(x,y) + 2hk \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} f(x,y)$$

$$+ k^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f(x,y)$$

Remark ① Let f be a function of n variable

(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)

Taylor's Theorem for a function of n variable is

$$f(x_1+h_1, x_2+h_2, x_3+h_3, \dots, x_n+h_n) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \left(h_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + h_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \dots + h_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(h_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + h_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \dots + h_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)^2 f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \left(h_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + h_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \dots + h_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)^n f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \dots$$

②

$$f(x, y) = f(a+x-a, b+y-b)$$

$$f(x, y) = f(a, b) + (x-a)f_x(a, b) + (y-b)f_y(a, b) + \frac{1}{2!} \left\{ (x-a)^2 f_{xx}(a, b) + 2(x-a)(y-b)f_{xy}(a, b) + (y-b)^2 f_{yy}(a, b) \right\} + \dots$$

The expression has been obtained by replacing x by a , b by $x-a$, y by b , k by $(y-b)$ in eqn *

Ex ② Expand $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ in powers of $(x-1)$ and $(y-1)$

or Expand $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ about $(1, 1)$

$\rightarrow f(x, y) = f(1+(x-1), 1+(y-1))$

$$= f(1, 1) + \left\{ (x-1)f_x(1, 1) + (y-1)f_y(1, 1) \right\} + \frac{1}{2!} \left\{ (x-1)^2 f_{xx}(1, 1) + 2(x-1)(y-1)f_{xy}(1, 1) + (y-1)^2 f_{yy}(1, 1) \right\} + \frac{1}{3!} \left\{ (x-1)^3 f_{xxx}(1, 1) + 3(x-1)^2(y-1)f_{xxy} + 3(x-1)(y-1)^2 f_{xyy} + (y-1)^3 f_{yyy}(1, 1) \right\} + \dots \quad (4)$$

$$f(x, y) = e^{xy}$$

$$f_x(x, y) = y e^{xy}, \quad f_{xx} = y^2 e^{xy}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = x e^{xy}, \quad f_{yy} = x^2 e^{xy}$$

$$f_{xy} = e^{xy} + x e^{xy} \cdot y$$

$$= (1 + xy) e^{xy}$$

$$f_{xxx}(x, y) = y^3 e^{xy}, \quad f_{xyy} = x e^{xy} + (1 + xy) x e^{xy}$$

$$f_{yyy}(x, y) = x^3 e^{xy} = e^{xy} (x + x + x^2 y)$$

$$f_{xxy} = 2y e^{xy} + y^2 e^{xy} \cdot x = (2x + x^2 y) e^{xy}$$

$$= (xy^2 + 2y) e^{xy}$$

$$f(1, 1) = e, \quad f_{xx} = e$$

$$f_x(1, 1) = e, \quad f_{yy} = e$$

$$f_{xy} = 2e, \quad f_{xxx} = e, \quad f_{yyy} = e$$

$$f_{xyy} = 3e, \quad f_{xxy} = 3e \quad \dots \textcircled{3}$$

By ① and ③,

$$f(x, y) = e^{xy} = e + \{ (x-1)e + (y-1)e \}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \{ (x-1)^2 e + 2(x-1)(y-1) \cdot 2e + (y-1)^2 e \}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \{ (x-1)^3 e + 3(x-1)^2(y-1) \cdot 3e + 3(x-1)(y-1)^2 \cdot 3e$$

$$+ (y-1)^3 e \} + \dots$$

$$= e \left[1 + \{ (x-1) + (y-1) \} + \frac{1}{2!} \{ (x-1)^2 + 4(x-1)(y-1) \right.$$

$$\left. + (y-1)^2 \} + \frac{1}{3!} \{ (x-1)^3 + 9(x-1)^2(y-1) \right.$$

$$\left. + 9(x-1)(y-1)^2 + (y-1)^3 \} + \dots \right]$$

Ex-2

Expand the following functions.

$f(x,y) = e^{xy} \cos y$ about $(1, \pi/2)$

Ex-3

Expand $f(x,y) = e^{xy} \sin y$ in powers of $(x-1)$ and $(y-\pi/2)$

Ex-4

Expand $f(x,y) = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ in powers of $(x-1)$ & $(y-1)$

Ex-4

Expand $f(x,y) = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ in powers of x & $y-1$ and

Find the approximate value of $\tan^{-1}(\frac{0.9}{0.1})$

Ex-5

Expand $f(x,y) = \tan^{-1} xy$ in powers of $(x-1)$ & $(y-1)$ and

Find the approximate value of $\tan^{-1}(0.9 \times 1.1)$ (1.1)

Solution

⑥ $f(x,y) = f(1+x-1, 1+y-1)$

$$= f(1,1) + \frac{1}{1!} \{ (x-1)f_x(1,1) + (y-1)f_y(1,1) \}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \{ (x-1)^2 f_{xx}(1,1) + 2(x-1)(y-1)f_{xy}(1,1) + (y-1)^2 f_{yy}(1,1) + \dots \}$$

$f(x,y) = \tan^{-1}(xy)$, $f(1,1) = \pi/4$

$f_x(x,y) = \frac{y}{1+x^2y^2}$, $f_x(1,1) = \frac{1}{2}$

$f_y(x,y) = \frac{x}{1+x^2y^2}$, $f_y(1,1) = \frac{1}{2}$

$f_{xx}(x,y) = \frac{-y \times 2xy^2}{(1+x^2y^2)^2} = \frac{-2xy^3}{(1+x^2y^2)^2}$, $f_{xx} = -\frac{1}{2}$

$f_{yy}(x,y) = \frac{-x \cdot 2x^2y}{(1+x^2y^2)^2} = \frac{-2x^3y}{(1+x^2y^2)^2} = -\frac{1}{2}$

$f_{xy}(x,y) = \frac{(1+x^2y^2) \cdot 1 - x \cdot 2xy^2}{(1+x^2y^2)^2} = \frac{1-x^2y^2}{(1+x^2y^2)^2}$

$f_{xy}(1,1) = 0$

By ① and ②

$f(x,y) = \tan^{-1}(xy) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \{ (x-1) \times \frac{1}{2} + (y-1) \times \frac{1}{2} \}$

* for $\frac{1}{2}$ place we get 2

$$\tan^{-1}(xy) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \{ (x-1) + (y-1) \} - \frac{1}{4} \{ (x-1)^2 + (y-1)^2 \} + \dots$$

Put $x = 0.9$, $y = 1.1$ in above expression.

$$\tan^{-1}(0.9 \times 1.1) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \{ (0.9-1) + (1.1-1) \} - \frac{1}{4} \{ (0.9-1)^2 + (1.1-1)^2 \} + \dots$$

$$\approx \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} [(-0.1) + 0.1] - \frac{1}{4} [(-0.1)^2 + (0.1)^2]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \cancel{0} - \frac{1}{4} \times 2 \times (0.1)^2$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \times 0.01 = 0.785 - 0.005 = 0.780 \text{ (approximately)}$$

$$f(xy) = \tan^{-1}(0.9 \times 0.1) = f(1 + (-0.1), 1 + 0.1)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} [-0.1 + 0.1] - \frac{1}{4} [(-0.1)^2 + (0.1)^2]$$

$$\tan^{-1}(0.9 \times 0.1) = \tan^{-1} 1 + 0 - \frac{1}{4} [2 \times (0.1)^2]$$

$$f(xy) = f(1+x-1, 1+y-1) = f(0.9 \times 0.1) = f(1-0.1, 1+0.1)$$

$$= f(1, 1) + (-0.1) f_x + 0.1 f_y + \frac{1}{2!} \{ (-0.1)^2 f_{xx}(1,1) + 2(-0.1 \times 0.1) f_{xy}(1,1) + (0.1)^2 f_{yy}(1,1) \} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + 0 - \frac{1}{4} \times 2 \times (0.1)^2$$

$$= \frac{3.14}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \times 0.01$$

$$= 0.785 - 0.005$$

$$= 0.780 \text{ (approximately)} *$$

⑦ Note. By Taylor's Theorem for a function of variables find the approximate value

$$\tan^{-1}(0.2 \times 1.3).$$

$$\tan^{-1}[(0.2)(1.3)] = \tan^{-1}[(1-0.2)(1+0.3)]$$

$$(1-1)^2 \text{ etc}$$

expand $\tan^{-1}(xy)$ in powers of $(x-1)$ & $(y-1)$

Ex-2 Expand the following function

$$f(x,y) = e^x \cos y \text{ about } (1, \pi/2)$$

1)

$$f(x,y) = f(1+x-1, \frac{\pi}{2} + y - \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$= f(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) + (x-1)f_x(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) + (y-\frac{\pi}{2})f_y(1, \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \left[(x-1)^2 f_{xx}(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) + 2(x-1)(y-\frac{\pi}{2}) f_{xy}(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) + (y-\frac{\pi}{2})^2 f_{yy}(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \left[(x-1)^3 f_{xxx}(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) + 3(x-1)^2(y-\frac{\pi}{2}) f_{xxy}(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) + 3(x-1)(y-\frac{\pi}{2})^2 f_{xyy}(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) + (y-\frac{\pi}{2})^3 f_{yyy}(1, \frac{\pi}{2}) \right]$$

$$f(x,y) = e^x \cos y,$$

$$f_x = e^x \cos y, \quad f_y = -e^x \sin y$$

$$f_{xx} = e^x \cos y, \quad f_{yy} = -e^x \sin y$$

$$f_{xxx} = e^x \cos y$$

$$f_{xy} = -e^x \sin y, \quad f_{yyy} = e^x \cos y$$

1)

$$f_{xyy} = -e^x \cos y, \quad f_{xxy} = -e^x \sin y.$$

By ②

$$f_{xx}(1,1)$$

$$f(1, \pi/2) = 0$$

$$f_x(1, \pi/2) = 0$$

$$f_{xx}(1, \pi/2) = 0$$

$$f_y = -e$$

$$f_{yy} = -e$$

$$f_{ny} = -e$$

$$f_{xxx} = 0$$

$$f_{yyy} = 0$$

$$f_{xxy} = -e$$

③

$$f(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \cdot x - \frac{y}{x^2} = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot \frac{x}{x} - \frac{y}{x^2} = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$f_y(x, y) = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = \frac{-y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \cdot 2x = \frac{-2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{-x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \cdot 2y = \frac{-2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xy}(x, y) &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2) \cdot (-1) - (-2y) \cdot 2y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{-x^2 - y^2 + 4y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

By (2)

$$f(1, 1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$f_x(1, 1) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_y(1, 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_{xx}(1, 1) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_{yy}(1, 1) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_{xy}(1, 1) = 0$$

By (1) and (3), we have

$$f(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(y/x) = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{2}(y-1)$$

$$- \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(y-1)^2 + \dots$$

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$$f(x, y) = f(0.9, 0.1) = f(1-0.1, 1-0.9)$$

$$\text{By Taylor's series } f(0.9, 0.1) = \frac{\pi}{4} f(1, 1) + (x-1) f_x(1, 1) + (y-1) f_y(1, 1)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \{ (x-1)^2 f_{xx}(1, 1) + 2(x-1)(y-1) f_{xy}(1, 1) + (y-1)^2 f_{yy}(1, 1) \} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} + (0.1) \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + (-0.9) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2!} \left[(-0.1)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 2 \times (-0.1) \times (-0.9) \times 0 \right.$$

$$\left. + (-0.9)^2 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right] + \dots$$

$$= 0.785 + \frac{0.1}{2} - \frac{0.9}{2} + \frac{1}{2!} \left[\frac{0.01}{2} - \frac{0.81}{2} \right]$$

$$= 0.785 + 0.05 - 0.45 + \frac{1}{2!} [-0.40]$$

$$= 0.790 - 0.45 - 0.20$$

$$= 0.725 \text{ (approximately)}$$