Math 115 QR
PSet 2

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Chapter 1

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Question 1

(a) approximate f by a Taylor polynomial with degree n and number a.
(b) Use Taylor's inequality to estimate the accuracy of the approximation $f(x) = T_n(x)$ when x lies in the given interval

Solution:
(a)

$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$
$$a = \frac{\pi}{6}$$
$$n = 4$$
$$0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{\pi}{3}$$
$$f'(x) = \cos(x)$$
$$f''(x) = -\sin(x)$$
$$f^{(3)}(x) = -\cos(x)$$
$$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin(x)$$
$$P_4(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{-\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 + \frac{-\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{6}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{24}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4$$
$$T_4(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{4}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{48}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4$$

(b)

$$\left|f(x) = P_n(x)\right| \leqslant \frac{M(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$
$$\left|f(x) = P_n(x)\right| \leqslant \frac{1(0 - \frac{\pi}{6})^5}{(5)!} \approx 0.000327953194429$$
$$\left|f(x) = P_n(x)\right| \leqslant \frac{1(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6})^5}{(5)!} \approx 0.000327953194429$$

1.2 Problem 4: Stewart 11.20

Question 2

(a) approximate f by a Taylor polynomial with degree n and number a.
(b) Use Taylor's inequality to estimate the accuracy of the approximation $f(x) = T_n(x)$ when x lies in the given interval

Solution:
(a)

$$f(x) = x\ln(x)$$

$$a = 1$$

$$n = 3$$

$$0.5 \leqslant x \leqslant 1.5$$

$$f'(x) = 1 \cdot \ln(x) + x\frac{1}{x} = \ln(x) + 1$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{x} \cdot 1 + 0\ln(x) = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = -x^{-2}$$

$$P_3(x) = \ln(1) + (\ln(1) + 1) + (x-1) + \frac{(1)^{-1}}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{-(1)^{-2}}{6}(x-1)^3$$

$$T_3(x) = 0 + (x-1) + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + -\frac{1}{6}(x-1)^3$$

(b)

$$f^{(4)} = 2(x)^{-3}$$

$$\left|f(x) = P_n(x)\right| \leqslant \frac{M(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$M = 2(0.5)^{-3} = 16$$

$$|f(x) = P_n(x)| \leqslant \frac{16(0.5-1)^4}{4!} \approx 0.0416666666667$$

$$|f(x) = P_n(x)| \leqslant \frac{16(1.5-1)^4}{4!} \approx 0.0416666666667$$

1.3 Problem 5

Question 3

(a) Use a second degree Taylor polynomial to approximate $\sqrt[5]{34}$. (It's up to you to pick a suitable function to approximate and a suitable base for the approximation.) You should check that your approximation is reasonable
(b) Use the Taylor Error Bound formula to find an upper bound on the error for the approximation you made in part (a), and verify (using a calculator or computer) that your answer to part (a) is indeed within this error bound
(c) Suppose you use the same Taylor polynomial as in part (a) to approximate $\sqrt[5]{30}$. Will the error bound be the same? Why or why not? If not, find an upper bound on the error in using the Taylor polynomial to approximate $\sqrt[5]{34}$.

Solution: (a)

$$a = 32$$
$$f(x) = (x)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$
$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{5}(x)^{\frac{-4}{5}}$$
$$f''(x) = \frac{-4}{25}x^{\frac{-9}{5}}$$
$$P_2(x) = 32^{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{1}{5}(32)^{-\frac{4}{5}}(x-32) - \frac{4}{50}(32)^{-\frac{9}{5}}(x-32)^2$$
$$P_2(34) = 32^{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{1}{5}(32)^{-\frac{4}{5}}(34-32) - \frac{4}{50}(32)^{-\frac{9}{5}}(34-32)^2 \approx 2.024375$$

(b)

$$30 \leqslant x \leqslant 34$$
$$f^{(3)}(x) = \frac{36}{125}x^{-\frac{14}{5}}$$
$$M = \frac{36}{125}(30)^{-\frac{14}{5}}$$
$$\left|f(x) = P_n(x)\right| \leqslant \frac{M(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$
$$\left|f(x) = P_n(x)\right| \leqslant \frac{\frac{36}{125}(30)^{-\frac{14}{5}}(34-32)^{2+1}}{(2+1)!} \approx 0.000028079$$
$$|\sqrt[5]{34} - 2.024375| = 0.0000224584998$$
$$0.0000224584998 < 0.00002807965135$$

(c)

It will be the same because the key part of the error bound formula that would change is $(x-a)^{n+1}$ but since we use the absolulte value than that means that the difference, or that portion of the formula stays the same as 34 and 30 are 2 away from 32. So the value of the erorr bound is the same.

1.4 Problem: 6 Stewart 11.11.24

Question 4

Use the information from Exercise 16 to estimate sin(38) correct to five decimal places

Solution:

$$38^\circ = \frac{\pi}{180} \cdot 38 = \frac{19\pi}{90} = \frac{2\pi}{45} + \frac{\pi}{6}$$
$$\frac{19\pi}{90} \text{ is in the range of } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \text{ so the approximation from question 3 should apply}$$
$$0.00001 \leqslant \frac{1\left(\frac{19\pi}{90} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$
$$0.00001 \leqslant \frac{1\left(\frac{19\pi}{90} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{4+1}}{(4+1)!} \approx 0.000010614$$
$$T_4(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{45} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{4}\left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{45} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12}\left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{45} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{48}\left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{45} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4$$
$$T_4(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\frac{2\pi}{45}\right) - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{2\pi}{45}\right)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12}\left(\frac{2\pi}{45}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{48}\left(\frac{2\pi}{45}\right)^4 \approx 0.61566$$

1.5 Problem 7

Question 5

Let $P_n(x)$ be the n^{th} degree taylor polynomial for $f(x) = e^x$ based at $x = 0$. Use the error bound Taylor's inequality to show that $\lim_{n\to\infty} |f(x) - P_n(x)| = 0$.

Solution:

$$P_n(x) = e^0 + e^0(x) + \frac{e^0}{2}(x)^2 + \frac{e^0}{6}(x)^3 + \frac{e^0}{24}(x)^4 + \frac{e^0}{120}(x)^5 + \dots \frac{e^0}{n!}(x)^n$$

$$P_n(x) = 1 + (x) + \frac{1}{2}(x)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(x)^3 + \frac{1}{24}(x)^4 + \frac{1}{120}(x)^5 + \dots \frac{1}{n!}x^n$$

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{k!}(x)^k$$

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| \leqslant \frac{M(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| \leqslant \frac{e^x(x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, \text{where } |e^z| \leqslant M \text{ for all } z \text{ between } 0 \text{ and } x$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} |f(x) - P_n(x) = ?$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{e^x \cdot x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$e^x \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = 0$$

1.6 Problem 8

Question 6

Let $P_n(x)$ be the n^{th} degree taylor polynomial for $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ based at $x = 0$. It turns out that $\lim_{n\to\infty} P_n(x) = f(x)$ for all x in the interval $(-1, 1)$ Can you show this using the method of the previous problem? If not, what goes wrong?

Solution:

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

$$f'(x) = -(1-x)^{-2}$$

$$f''(x) = 2(1-x)^{-3}$$

$$f^n(x) = (-1)^n(n!)(1-x)^{-(n+1)}$$

$$P_n(x) = (1-0)^{-1} - (1-0)^{-2} + \frac{2(1-0)^{-3}}{2} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n(n!)(1-0)^{-(n+1)}}{n!}(x)^n$$

$$P_n(x) = (1)^{-1} - (1)^{-2}(x) + \frac{2(1)^{-3}}{2}(x)^2 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n(n!)(1-0)^{-(n+1)}}{n!}(x)^n$$

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k(1)^{-(n+1)}(x)^k$$

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| \leqslant \frac{M(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| \leqslant \frac{M(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, \text{where } |e^z| \leqslant M \text{ for all } z \text{ between } 0 \text{ and } x$$