# Math 115 QR PSet 2

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# Chapter 1

# 1.1 Problem 3: Stewart 11.11.6

### 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)

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

$$a = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$n = 4$$

$$0 \le x \le \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$f'(x) = \cos(x)$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin(x)$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = -\cos(x)$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin(x)$$

$$P_4(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{-\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 + \frac{-\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{6}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{24}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4$$

$$T_4(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{4}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{48}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4$$

(b)

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

$$\left| f(x) = P_n(x) \right| \le \frac{1(0 - \frac{\pi}{6})^5}{(5)!} \approx 0.000327953194429$$

$$\left| f(x) = P_n(x) \right| \le \frac{1(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6})^5}{(5)!} \approx 0.000327953194429$$

# 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)

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

$$a = 1$$

$$n = 3$$

$$0.5 \le x \le 1.5$$

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

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

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

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

$$T_3(x) = 0 + (x - 1) + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)^2 + -\frac{1}{6}(x - 1)^3$$
(b)
$$f^{(4)} = 2(x)^{-3}$$

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

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

$$|f(x) = P_n(x)| \le \frac{16(0.5 - 1)^4}{4!} \approx 0.04166666666667$$

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# 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)

$$30 \le x \le 34$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = \frac{36}{125}x^{-\frac{14}{5}}$$

$$M = \frac{36}{125} (30)^{-\frac{14}{5}}$$

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

$$|f(x) = P_n(x)| \le \frac{\frac{36}{125} (30)^{-\frac{14}{5}} (34-32)^{2+1}}{(2+1)!} \approx 0.000028079$$

$$|\sqrt[5]{34} - 2.024375| = 0.0000224584998$$

$$0.0000224584998 < 0.00002807965135$$

(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 absolute 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 error 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:

$$38^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{180} \cdot 38 = \frac{19\pi}{90}$$
 $\frac{\pi}{180}$  is in the range of  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{10}\right)$  so the approximation

 $\frac{19\pi}{90}$  is in the range of  $\left(0,\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$  so the approximation from question 3 should apply

$$0.00001 \leqslant \frac{1\left(\frac{19\pi}{90} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$0.00001 \leqslant \frac{1\left(\frac{19\pi}{90} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{4+1}}{(4+1)!} \approx 0.000010614$$

# 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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