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Given $f(x) = (1 - x)^{-1}$ and $x_0 = 0$

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

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

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

$$f'''(x) = 3!(1 - x)^{-4}$$

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

$$f^{n+1}(x) = (n + 1)!(1 - x)^{-(n+2)}$$

We have,

$$f(0) = 1, \quad f'(0) = 1, \quad f''(0) = 2! \quad f'''(0) = 3!, \dots, \quad f^n(0) = n!, \quad f^{n+1}(0) = (n+1)!$$

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and **Remainder Term** associated with $P_n(x)$ is:

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\epsilon)}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(1-\epsilon)^{n+2}} \quad \text{for some } \epsilon \in [0, x]$$

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| = |R_n(x)| = \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(1-\epsilon)^{n+2}} \right| \quad \text{for some } \epsilon \in [0, x]$$

On interval $[0, 0.5]$, we have to approximate $f(x)$ by $P_n(x)$ within error 10^{-6} .
So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup |R_n(x)| &= \sup \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(1-\epsilon)^{n+2}} \right| = (0.5)^{n+1} \leq 10^{-6} \\ &\Rightarrow (n+1) \log(0.5) \leq -6 \\ &\Rightarrow n+1 \geq \frac{-6}{\log(0.5)} \approx 19.93 \\ &\Rightarrow n \geq 18.93 \\ &\Rightarrow n = 19 \end{aligned}$$

RESULT

For approximating $f(x) = (1-x)^{-1}$ by Taylor's Polynomial $P_n(x)$ within tolerance of 10^{-6} , on interval $[0, 0.5]$, minimum value of $n = 19$. Click here to see detailed solution.

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Ques 18

(18) $f(x) = (1-x)^{-1}$ & $x_0 = 0$

$$T_n(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x-x_0)^k$$

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

$$= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n$$

Now, For error, we take $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ term $[x \in (0, 0.5)]$

$$\Rightarrow x^{n+1} \leq 10^{-6}$$

$$\Rightarrow (0.5)^{n+1} \leq 10^{-6}$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+1) \log(0.5) \leq \frac{-6}{\log(0.5)}$$

$$\Rightarrow n+1 \geq 19.93$$

$$\therefore n = 20 \text{ for error } 10^{-6}$$

RESULT

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