

Lecture 13

Taylor's polynomial for One-variable

Recall that Taylor's polynomial for one-variable is at $x=x_0$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x-x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{3!}(x-x_0)^3 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x-x_0)^n \end{aligned}$$

Now, we introduce Taylor's polynomial for Two-variables, i.e. $f(x, y)$ so, we need partial derivative of x and y separately.

So, the Taylor's polynomial for two-variables is (2nd-order)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x-x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y-y_0) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2!} \left[f_{xx}(x_0, y_0)(x-x_0)^2 + 2f_{xy}(x_0, y_0)(x-x_0)(y-y_0) + f_{yy}(x_0, y_0)(y-y_0)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the first and Second degree Taylor polynomials for $f(x, y) = e^x \cos y$ at the point $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$.

Sol:

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

$$f(0, 0) = e^0 \cos 0 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0, 0) &= e^0 \cos 0 = 1 \\ f_x(0, 0) &= e^0 \cos 0 = 1 \\ f_y(0, 0) &= -e^0 \sin 0 = 0 \\ f_{xx}(0, 0) &= e^0 \cos 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{xy}(0, 0) = -e^0 \sin 0 = 0$$

$$f_x(0, 0) = 1$$

$$f_y(0, 0) = 0$$

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

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

$$f_y(x, y) = -e^x \sin y$$

$$f_{xx}(x, y) = e^x \cos y$$

$$f_{yy}(x,y) = -e^x \cos y \quad f_{yy}(0,0) = -1$$

$$f_{xy}(x,y) = -e^x \sin y \quad f_{xy}(0,0) = 0$$

So, The Taylor's 1st and 2nd degree polynomial,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x,y) &= f(0,0) + f_x(0,0)(x-0) + f_y(0,0)(y-0) + \frac{1}{2!} \left[f_{xx}(0,0)(x-0)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2f_{xy}(0,0)(x-0)(y-0) + f_{yy}(0,0)(y-0)^2 \right] \\ &= 1 + 1 \cdot (x-0) + 0 \cdot (y-0) + \frac{1}{2!} \left[1 \cdot (x-0)^2 + 2 \cdot 0 \cdot (x-0)(y-0) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (-1)(y-0)^2 \right] + \dots \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} y^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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Example 2:

Expand the function $\sin(xy)$ in power series of $(x-1)$ and $(y-\frac{\pi}{2})$ upto second degree terms.

Sol:

$$f(x,y) = \sin(xy)$$

$$f_x(x,y) = y \cos(xy)$$

$$f_y(x,y) = x \cos(xy)$$

$$f_{xx}(x,y) = -y \sin(xy)$$

$$f_{yy}(x,y) = -x \sin(xy)$$

$$f_{xy}(x,y) = \cos(xy) - xy \sin(xy)$$

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

$$f_x(1, \pi/2) = \frac{\pi}{2} \cos(\pi/2) = 0$$

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

$$f_{xx}(1, \pi/2) = -\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot 1 = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xy}(1, \pi/2) &= \overbrace{-\frac{\pi}{2} \cos(\pi/2)}^0 \\ &\quad - \frac{\pi}{2} \underbrace{\sin(\pi/2)}_1 \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

By Taylor's polynomial,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x, y) &= f(1, \pi/2) + f_x(1, \pi/2)(x-1) + f_y(1, \pi/2)(y-\pi/2) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2!} \left[f_{xx}(1, \pi/2)(x-1)^2 + 2f_{xy}(1, \pi/2)(x-1)(y-\pi/2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + f_{yy}(1, \pi/2)(y-\pi/2)^2 \right] \\
 &= 1 + 0 \cdot (x-1) + 0(y-\pi/2) + \frac{1}{2!} \left[-\frac{\pi^2}{4}(x-1)^2 - 2\frac{\pi}{2}(x-1)(y-\pi/2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (-1)(y-\pi/2)^2 \right] \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2!} \left[(x-1)^2 \left(-\frac{\pi^2}{4}\right) - \pi(x-1)(y-\pi/2) - (y-\pi/2)^2 \right] + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

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Extra problem: Find the first & 2nd degree Taylor polynomials for ~~f(x,y)~~ the following functions:

- ① $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ at $(1, 1)$.
- ② $f(x, y) = e^x \log(1+y)$ at $(0, 0)$
- ③ $f(x, y) = x^2y + 3y - 2$ at $(1, 2)$