

3.2 Taylor's Theorem

From Cal 2...

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x-x_0)^n \quad \swarrow \text{Taylor Series}$$

For example, $f(x) = e^x$ and $x_0 = 0 \dots$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \dots$$

$$\approx 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 \quad \nwarrow \text{Taylor Polynomial}$$

\uparrow
for $x \approx 0 = x_0$

1st-order Taylor Polynomial:

$$f(x) \approx \frac{f^{(0)}(x_0)}{0!} \cancel{(x-x_0)^0} + \frac{f^{(1)}(x_0)}{1!} (x-x_0)$$

$$= f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) = L(x)$$

\uparrow
linear approximation

For $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the 1st order Taylor Polynomial/Formula is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f(\underline{x}) &\approx L(\underline{x}) = f(\underline{x}_0) + \underline{D}f(\underline{x}_0)(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0) \quad \text{for } \underline{x} \approx \underline{x}_0 \\ &= f(\underline{x}_0) + \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right](\underline{x}_0) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_{01} \\ \vdots \\ x_n - x_{0n} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\underline{x}) \approx L(\underline{x}) = f(\underline{x}_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\underline{x}_0) (x_i - x_{0i})$$

For $\underline{x} = (x, y) \dots \underline{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ (so $n=2$)

$$f(x, y) \approx L(x, y) = f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

To get better approximations, increase the order to two...

For $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$f(x) \approx \frac{f(x_0)}{0!} + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 \quad \text{when } x \approx x_0$$

For $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(\underline{x}) \approx f(\underline{x}_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\underline{x}_0)(x_i - x_{0i}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(\underline{x}_0)(x_i - x_{0i})(x_j - x_{0j})$$

when $\underline{x}_0 \approx \underline{x}$

So, when ~~also~~ $n=2$, we have $\underline{x} = (x, y)$ and $\underline{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0) \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x, y) &\approx f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)(y - y_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)(x - x_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

same due to Mixed Derivative Thm

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)(y - y_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

(Example) Use the 2nd-order Taylor formula for $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x+2y} = (x+2y)^{1/2}$ near the point $\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ x_0}}{\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ y_0}}{(2, 1)}}$ to approximate $\sqrt{4.05}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{1}{2}(x+2y)^{-1/2}(1+0) & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \frac{1}{2}(x+2y)^{-1/2}(0+2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+2y}} = \frac{1}{2}(x+2y)^{-1/2} & &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2y}} = (x+2y)^{-1/2} \\
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(2, 1) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(2, 1) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2} \\
 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})(x+2y)^{-3/2}(1+0) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} &= -\frac{1}{2}(x+2y)^{-3/2}(0+2) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4}(x+2y)^{-3/2} & &= -(x+2y)^{-3/2} \\
 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(2, 1) &= -\frac{1}{4}(4)^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{8} = -\frac{1}{32} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(2, 1) &= -(4)^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \cancel{\frac{1}{2}}(-\frac{1}{2})(x+2y)^{-3/2}(\cancel{0+2})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}(x+2y)^{-3/2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(2,1) = -\frac{1}{2}(4)^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{16}$$

Using the 2nd order Taylor formula...

$$f(x,y) \approx f(2,1) + \frac{1}{4}(x-2) + \frac{1}{2}(y-1)$$

\uparrow $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(2,1)$ \uparrow $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(2,1)$

True when
(x,y) ≈ (2,1)

$$+ \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{32})(x-2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{8})(y-1)^2 + (-\frac{1}{16})(x-2)(y-1)$$

\uparrow $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(2,1)$ \uparrow $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(2,1)$ \uparrow $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(2,1)$

As a result... when $x=2$ and $y=1.025$ (← other possibilities as well),

$$\sqrt{4.05} = \sqrt{x+2y} = f(x,y)$$

$$\approx \sqrt{4} + \cancel{\frac{1}{4}(2-2)} + \frac{1}{2}(1.025-1)$$

$$+ \cancel{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{32})(2-2)^2} + \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{8})(1.025-1)^2$$

$$+ \cancel{(-\frac{1}{16})(2-2)(1.025-1)}$$

$$= 2 + \frac{0.025}{2} - \frac{0.025^2}{16}$$

$$= 2.01246$$

From a calculator, $\sqrt{4.05} \approx 2.01246118$

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