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Question	Possible marks	Actual marks
1	6	
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3	6	
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1. (a) [3 points] Determine the second order ($n = 2$) Taylor polynomial approximation for $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$ expanded about $a = 2$. Do not include the remainder term.
- (b) [1 point] Determine the remainder term for the polynomial approximation in (a).
- (c) [2 points] Determine a good upper bound for the truncation error of the Taylor polynomial approximation in (a) when $2 \leq x \leq 2.15$ by bounding the remainder term in

(a) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$ (b).

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}} \quad = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-2) + \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{2!}(x-2)^2$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{4(x-1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \quad = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - 1 + \frac{1}{8}(x^2 - 4x + 4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{8}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}$$

(b) $R_n = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}$ where $n=2$ $a=2$ ξ is between x and a

$R_2 = \frac{f^3(\xi)}{6} (x-2)^3$ where ξ is between x and 2

$f^3(x) = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot (-\frac{3}{2})(x-1)^{-\frac{5}{2}} = -\frac{3}{8}(x-1)^{-\frac{5}{2}}$

$R_2 = \frac{\frac{3}{8}(\xi-1)^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{6} (x-2)^3 = \frac{1(\xi-1)^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{46} (x-2)^3$ where ξ is between x and 2

(c) $|R_2| < \left| \frac{1(\xi-1)^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{46} (x-2)^3 \right|$ where take $x, \xi \in \{2, 2.15\}$ to maximum $|R_2|$

Take upper bound $x=2.15$ $\xi=2$ in R_2

$|R_2| = \frac{1(2-1)^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{46} (2.15-2)^3 \approx 0.002109375 \therefore$

2. (a) [2 points] Consider the following polynomial: $f(x) = x^4 + x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x + 6$. Use Horner's algorithm to compute $f(2.1)$ and $f'(2.1)$.
- (b) [1 point] Use Newton's method and the results of part (a) to compute x_1 , an approximation to a zero of $f(x)$.
- (c) [1 point] If x_1 from (b) is taken to be the approximation to the zero, what is the approximate deflated polynomial?
- (d) [2 points] If the computations with Newton's method in (a) and (b) are continued, the method converges to a zero at approximately 2.0975. What will be the order of convergence? Justify.

$$(a) f(x) = 6 + x \cdot (-6 + x \cdot (-5 + x(1 + x \cdot 1)))$$

$$b_4 = 1 \quad C_4 = 1$$

$$b_3 = 1 + (1 \cdot 2.1) = 3.1 \quad C_3 = 3.1 + 2.1 \cdot 1 = 5.2$$

$$b_2 = -5 + (3.1)(2.1) = 1.51 \quad C_2 = 1.51 + 5.2 \cdot 2.1 = 12.43$$

$$b_1 = -6 + 1.51 \cdot 2.1 = -2.829 \quad C_1 = -2.829 + 12.43 \cdot 2.1 = 23.274$$

$$b_0 = 6 + 2.1 \cdot (-2.829) = 0.0591$$

$$f(2.1) = b_0 = 0.0591 \quad f'(2.1) = C_1 = 23.274$$

$$(b) x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

$$x_1 = 2.1 - \frac{0.0591}{23.274} \approx 2.097460686$$

$$(c) \text{ For } x_1 = 2.097460686$$

$$b_4 = 1$$

$$C_4 = 1$$

$$b_3 = 1 + 2.097460686 = 3.097460686$$

$$C_3 = b_3 + x_1 \cdot C_4 = 5.19491372$$

$$b_2 = -5 + (b_3 \cdot x_1) = 1.496802015$$

$$C_2 = b_2 + C_3 \cdot x_1 = 12.39294536$$

$$b_1 = -6 + (b_2 \cdot x_1) = -2.860516619$$

$$C_1 = b_1 + C_2 \cdot x_1 = 23.13319906$$

$$b_0 = 6 + (b_1 \cdot x_1) = 0.000178849979$$

$$Q(x_1) = -2.860516619 + 1.496802015x + 3.097460686x^2 + x^3$$

(d) C_i for x_0 and x_1 are $\neq 0$ It is continued.

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = 2.097452955$$

$$\text{for } x_i = 2.0975$$

$$b_4 = 1$$

$$C_4 = 1$$

$$b_3 = 1 + 1 \cdot 2.0975 = 3.0975$$

$$C_3 = 3.0975 + 2.0975 \cdot 1 = 5.195$$

$$b_2 = -5 + 3.0975 \cdot 2.0975 = 1.49700625$$

$$C_2 = 1.49700625 + 5.195 \times 2.0975 = 12.3935875$$

$$b_1 = -6 + 1.49700625 \cdot 2.0975 = -2.860029391$$

$$C_1 = -2.860029391 + C_2 \cdot x_1 = 23.13537619$$

$$b_0 = 0.001088352378$$

From the question, the method converges to a zero at approximately 2.0975, and the computation is continued.

So, $f(x) = 0$ producing a sequence x_i which converge to 2.0975, and $f'(x_i) = 23.13537619 > 0$

So the order of convergence is 2.

3. [6 points] Consider the following function,

$$g(x) = \frac{\ln(x+1) - x}{x^2}.$$

Using precision $k = 4$, $b = 10$, chopping, floating-point arithmetic and the Taylor polynomial approximation

$$\ln(x+1) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3},$$

which is very accurate when x is close to 0, show that the computation of $fl(g(0.01234))$ is unstable.

$$\ln(x+1) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - x}{x^2}$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{3} = \frac{2x-3}{6}$$

$$fl(g(0.01234)) = \frac{2 \times (0.01234) - 3}{6} = -0.49588667$$

Since it should be accurate when x is close to 0, and from the definition of stability these float-number should be depending, so it is unstable.