

1. Taylor's polynomial for the function

$$\text{i)} f(x) = e^x \sin(x)$$

$$\text{would be } P_n(x) = f(a) + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(a)(x-a)^j}{j!}$$

We have $a = 0$, $n = 5$; Hence the polynomial reduces to

$$P_5(x) = f(0) + \sum_{j=1}^5 \frac{f^{(j)}(0)x^j}{j!}$$

$$= f(0) + x f^{(1)}(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(0) + \frac{x^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(0) + \frac{x^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(0)$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

Using the Matlab program *hw1_part1.m* we derive manually the values of the derivatives (upto 5th) at the point $a = 0$.

We have,

$$f^{(1)}(0) = 1$$

$$f^{(2)}(0) = 2$$

$$f^{(3)}(0) = 2$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(5)}(0) = -4$$

On substituting the values, the polynomial becomes

$$P_5(x) = x + x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{30}$$

Similarly, for ii) $f(x) = \log(1+x) - \log(1-x)$, we follow the same procedure.

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$$f(0) = 0$$

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$$f^{(1)}(0) = 2$$

$$f^{(2)}(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(3)}(0) = 4$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(5)}(0) = 48$$

On substituting the values, the polynomial for the given function becomes
 $P_5(x) = 2x + \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{5}x^5$

Observed pattern:

We increased the value of n and tried to find the pattern of the general Taylor's formula for the given functions. For the function $f(x) = \log(1+x) - \log(1-x)$ is $P_n(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n (j \bmod 2) \frac{2x^j}{j}$

Computation of log(3) :

We can calculate the value of log(3) using the general Taylor's polynomial for $f(x) = \log(1+x) - \log(1-x)$

We need to substitute x with 0.5 in the general polynomial for the function.
 $\log(3) = 1.098612288668110$

We used the same Matlab program for evaluating the polynomial for different values of n, and the error. We found out that, for n= 13, the observed error=5.226242687728089e-06 which is within an accuracy of 10^{-5} .

2. Homework Part 2

From what the formulas that we derived manually, the functions were evaluated for different values of x. For $f(x) = e^x \sin(x)$, the values of x that has been considered are 1 to 8. Using our program, the function value observed is given below

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2.3000000000000000
7.6000000000000000
12.9000000000000000
7.2000000000000000
-32.5000000000000000
-1.4520000000000000e+02
-3.8990000000000000e+02
-8.4960000000000000e+02
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This is exactly same as the value calculated by the program given in the assignment when n=5.

For $f(x) = \log(1+x) - \log(1-x)$, the values of x that has been considered are 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8 and 0.9. Using our program, the function value observed is given below

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1.0958333333333333
1.3751040000000000
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1.695894666666667
2.072405333333333
2.522196000000000

This is exactly same as the value calculated by the program given in the assignment when $n=5$.

Modifying the error formula:

We use the absolute value of $P_m(x) - P_n(x)$ as the error for the formula $f(x) = \log(1+x) - \log(1-x)$. The results have been listed in the file Matlab_results.docx. The program used is *taylor_script2.m*.

We noticed that it might not be a good idea always to use this as the error formula. In our polynomial, the coefficients of all the even powered terms are 0, hence if we choose $m=16$ and $n=15$, we will not get two different polynomials and hence the error would be 0, which is wrong.