

1. (a) Let $f(x) = 3 \tan x$.

It follows that:

$$f'(x) = 3 \sec^2 x$$

$$f''(x) = 6 \tan x \sec^2 x$$

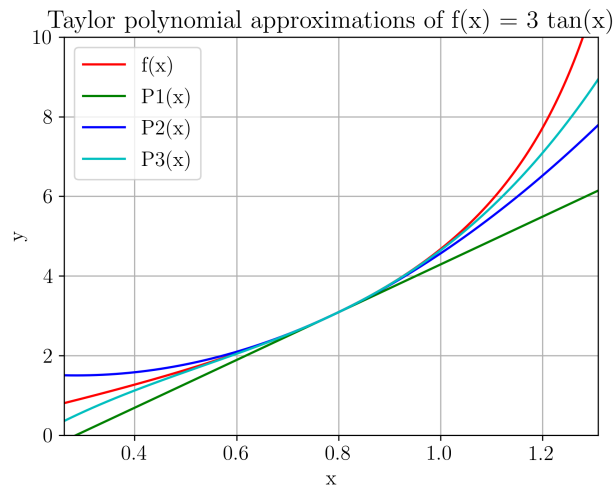
$$f'''(x) = 6(\sec^4 x + 2 \tan^2 x \sec^2 x)$$

Then, the Taylor expansion of $f(x)$ about $\frac{\pi}{4}$ is

$$P_3(x) = 3 + 6(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) + 6(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^2 + 8(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^3$$

- (b) Source code can be found here:

<https://github.com/codeandkey/math481-iastate-sp2020>



2. Let $f(x) = \log(1 + xe^x)$. Then,

$$f'(x) = \frac{e^x(x+1)}{xe^x+1}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{e^x(x - e^x + 2)}{(xe^x + 1)^2}$$

The Taylor polynomial coefficients are then:

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(0) = 1$$

Therefore the second-degree Taylor polynomial is $P_2(x) = x + \frac{x^2}{2}$.
 Substituting $f(x)$ back into $g(x)$ results in a simplification:

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \frac{f(x)}{x} \\ &\approx \frac{P_2(x)}{x} \\ &= \frac{x + \frac{x^2}{2}}{x} \\ &= 1 + \frac{x}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Here it is clear that the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) = 1$$

3. (a) As all of the derivatives of e^x are identical the n-th degree Taylor polynomial is as follows:

$$P_n(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

The remainder $R_n(x)$ is the difference between the approximation and the exact value:

$$\begin{aligned} R_n(x) &= |e^x - P_n(x)| \\ &= e^x - \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Trying different values for n had the following results:

$$R_1(1) \approx 0.718$$

$$R_2(1) \approx 0.21$$

$$R_3(1) \approx 0.05$$

$$R_4(1) \approx 0.0099$$

$$R_5(1) \approx 0.00161$$

$$R_6(1) \approx 0.0002$$

$$R_7(1) \approx 0.000027$$

$$R_8(1) \approx 0.00000305 < 10^{-5}$$

So, $n = 8$ was sufficient to bring $R_n(1)$ below 10^{-5} .

(c) The actual error computed at $n = 8$ was 0.00000305861.

4. (a) Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$.

The derivatives of $f(x)$ are then:

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

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

$$f'''(x) = \frac{6}{(1-x)^4}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{24}{(1-x)^5}$$

The infinite Taylor series representation about $x = 0$ is then:

$$P_n(x) = 1 + x + \frac{2!}{2!}x^2 + \frac{3!}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{n!}{n!}x^n$$

$$P_n(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n$$

- (b) Let $x = -t^2$. Then $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+t^2}$, and the Taylor polynomial becomes:

$$P_n(x) = 1 - t^2 + t^4 - t^6 + \dots$$

- (c) Integrating the result gives the Taylor series for $\tan^{-1}(x)$ about $x = 0$:

$$\int_0^x (1 - t^2 + t^4 - t^6 + \dots) dt = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

5. (a) To solve this limit we can apply L'Hopital's rule successively:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} F(h) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h - h \cos h}{h^3} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h \sin h}{3h^2} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h + h \cos h}{6h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos h - h \sin h}{6} \\ &= \frac{2 - 0}{6} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) To find the rate of the convergence, the remainder can be manipulated:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} F(h) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h - h \cos h}{h^3} = \frac{1}{3} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\sin h - h \cos h}{h^3} \right| = 0 \\
 &\leq \left| \frac{h^3}{3} - \sin h - h \cos h \right| \\
 &\leq |h^3|
 \end{aligned}$$

So, the rate of convergence is bounded from above by $O(h^3)$.

6. (a) See the source code in the link from part 1.
- (b) The program reported $N = 4$ to be sufficiently large, with $x^N \approx 0.2575302$.