

# Iteration and Error

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## Abstract

## Introduction

## Particular aspects of this Lab

## Taylor series and error

### Problem 0

Let  $f(x) = e^{-x}$ . Note that  $f^{(1)}(x) = -e^{-x}$ ,  $f^{(2)}(x) = e^{-x}$ , and in general,  $f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^n e^{-x}$ . So,  $f^{(n)}(0) = (-1)^n$ , and the Taylor series expansion around  $x_0 = 0$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} T_n(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} x^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} x^k \end{aligned}$$

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Similarly, the remainder term is

$$\begin{aligned} R_n &= \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x - x_0)^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1} e^{-c}}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

for some  $0 \leq c \leq x$ .

### Problem 1

a. We have

$$e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \frac{e^{-x} - 1 + x}{x^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{x}{3!} + \frac{x^2}{4!} - \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^k}{(k+2)!} \end{aligned}$$

and its Taylor series up to  $n+1$  terms is

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{x^k}{(k+2)!}$$

To find the remainder term  $R_n$ , we use the fact that  $R_n = F(x) - T_n(x)$ . TODO.

b. TODO.

### Problem 2

a. We compute and plot  $F(x)$  from above with the following.

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1 % Evaluate F(x) using the first n terms of its Taylor series.
2 function T = F(x, n)
3     % Initialize sum as 0
4     T = 0;
5     % Loop over terms in series
6     for k = 0:n
7         T += (-1)^k * x.^k ./ factorial(k + 2);
8     end
9 end
10
11 % Plot F(x).
```

F.m

b. TODO.

### Problem 3

a. TODO.

b. TODO.

c. TODO.

d. TODO.

### Problem 4

d. Below is the plot of the domain from problem 2 done using the function myfofxv2.m, which uses a Taylor series expansion to plot x values between  $-10^{-7}$  and  $10^{-7}$ . If the value falls not between those bounds, then the function returns NaN. Below is the plot of the domain from problem 3, using the same function :

Summary and Conclusions

References

Teamwork Statement

Code Appendix

Plot Appendix