

14.9: Taylor's Formula for $f(x, y)$

Taylor Polynomial (recap)

If function f has n derivatives at point where $x = a$, then the n th Taylor Polynomial for f at a is:

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)(x-a)^k}{k!}$$

The theorem

If f has $n+1$ derivatives on an open interval containing a , then for every x in that open interval, we have:

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}$$

for some (estimated) value c between a and x that maximizes that term.

The absolute value of new term is called the error when using $P_n(x)$ to approximate $f(x)$.

$$\text{error} = |f(x) - P_n(x)| = \frac{|f^{(n+1)}(c)|}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1}$$

Give an error estimate for the approximation of $\cos(2x)$ by $P_{10}(x)$ for an arbitrary x between 0 and $\pi/4$ centered at $x=0$.

$$\text{error} \leq \frac{|f^{(n+1)}(c)|}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1} \quad \leftarrow n+1=11$$

$$f'(x) = -2 \sin(2x)$$

$$f''(x) = -4 \cos(2x)$$

$$f'''(x) = 8 \sin(2x)$$

$$\leftarrow 2^3$$

$$|f^{(11)}(x)| = 2^{11} \cdot |(\sin(2x) \text{ or } \cos(2x))|$$

$$f^{(11)}(c) \leq 2048 (1)$$

$$\text{error} \leq \frac{2048}{11!} (\pi/4)^{11}$$

(I believe this was done in BC)

Two Variables

Suppose $f(x, y)$ and its partials thru order $n + 1$ are continuous throughout open rectangular region R centered around (a, b) . Then, throughout R :

$$f(a + h, b + k) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{i!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^i f \Big|_{(a,b)}$$

Error term is the last one, last is also an approximate error term.

14.10: Partial Derivatives w/ Constraints

Steps

1. Decide which variables are dependent & independent
2. Eliminate the other dependent variables
3. Differentiate and solve

Example

If $w = x^2 + y - z + \sin(t)$ and $x + y = t$, find $\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)_{z,t}$

(notation designates that z, t are independent)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= t - y \\ w &= (t - y)^2 + y - z + \sin(t) \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} &= -2(t - y) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

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