> **THEOREM 7.19   Taylor's Theorem (page 472)**
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> If a function f is differentiable through order $n + 1$ in an interval I containing c, then, for each x in I, there exists z between x and c such that
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> $$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x - c)^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n + R_n(x)$$
>
> where
>
> $$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n + 1)!}(x - c)^{n+1}.$$

Proof   To find $R_n(x)$, fix x in I ($x \neq c$) and write

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - P_n(x)$$

where $P_n(x)$ is the nth Taylor polynomial for $f(x)$. Then let g be a function of t defined by

$$g(t) = f(x) - f(t) - f'(t)(x - t) - \cdots - \frac{f^{(n)}(t)}{n!}(x - t)^n - R_n(x)\frac{(x - t)^{n+1}}{(x - c)^{n+1}}.$$

The reason for defining g in this way is that differentiation with respect to t has a telescoping effect. For example, you have

$$\frac{d}{dt}[-f(t) - f'(t)(x - t)] = -f'(t) + f'(t) - f''(t)(x - t)$$

$$= -f''(t)(x - t).$$

The result is that the derivative $g'(t)$ simplifies to

$$g'(t) = -\frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{n!}(x - t)^n + (n + 1)R_n(x)\frac{(x - t)^n}{(x - c)^{n+1}}$$

for all t between c and x. Moreover, for a fixed x,

$$g(c) = f(x) - [P_n(x) + R_n(x)] = f(x) - f(x) = 0$$

and

$$g(x) = f(x) - f(x) - 0 - \cdots - 0 = f(x) - f(x) = 0.$$

Therefore, g satisfies the conditions of Rolle's Theorem, and it follows that there is a number z between c and x such that $g'(z) = 0$. Substituting z for t in the equation for $g'(t)$ and then solving for $R_n(x)$, you obtain

$$g'(z) = -\frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{n!}(x - z)^n + (n + 1)R_n(x)\frac{(x - z)^n}{(x - c)^{n+1}} = 0$$

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n + 1)!}(x - c)^{n+1}.$$

Finally, because $g(c) = 0$, you have

$$0 = f(x) - f(c) - f'(c)(x - c) - \cdots - \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n - R_n(x)$$

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n + R_n(x).$$