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Exam 2 is on Tuesday March 29

10.7 Taylor Polynomials / Maclaurin Polynomials \rightarrow best polynomial to approximate a function near a point $x=a$.
Special case when $a=0$

Assume general function $f(x)$ can be represented by a polynomial of order n centered at $x=a$

$$f(x) \approx \underbrace{C_0 + C_1(x-a) + C_2(x-a)^2 + C_3(x-a)^3 + \dots + C_n(x-a)^n}_{T_n(x) - \text{Taylor polynomial of order } n}$$

n - represents the (possible) highest power of the polynomial

To be a good approximation:

want $f(a) = T_n(a)$

$$f(a) = C_0 + C_1(a-a) + C_2(a-a)^2 + C_3(a-a)^3 + \dots + C_n(a-a)^n$$

KNOW:

$$C_0 = f(a) = \frac{f(a)}{0!}$$

want same slope at a : $f'(a) = T_n'(a)$

$$T_n' = 0 + C_1(1) + 2C_2(x-a)^1(1) + 3C_3(x-a)^2(1) + \dots + nC_n(x-a)^{n-1}$$

$$C_1 = f'(a) = \frac{f'(a)}{1!}$$

need: $f'(a) = C_1 + 2C_2(a-a) + 3C_3(a-a)^2 + \dots + nC_n(a-a)^{n-1}$

want same concavity: $f''(a) = T_n''(a)$

$$T_n'' = 0 + 2C_2(1) + 3 \cdot 2C_3(x-a)^1 + 4 \cdot 3C_4(x-a)^2 + \dots + n(n-1)C_n(x-a)^{n-2}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{f''(a)}{2} = \frac{f''(a)}{2!}$$

need: $f''(a) = 2C_2 + 3 \cdot 2C_3(a-a) + 4 \cdot 3C_4(a-a)^2 + \dots + n(n-1)C_n(a-a)^{n-2}$

want same $f'''(a) = T_n'''(a)$

$$T_n''' = 0 + 3 \cdot 2C_3(1) + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2C_4(x-a)^1 + \dots + n(n-1)(n-2)C_n(x-a)^{n-3}$$

need: $f'''(a) = 3 \cdot 2C_3 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2C_4(a-a) + \dots + n(n-1)(n-2)C_n(a-a)^{n-3}$

$$C_3 = \frac{f'''(a)}{3 \cdot 2} = \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}$$

A Taylor Polynomial for $f(x)$ of order n centered at $x = a$ has the form

$$T_n(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n.$$

• Special case, when $a=0$
sometimes called a
Maclaurin polynomials

• $f^{(n)}(a)$ — represents the n^{th}
derivative of $f(x)$

• $n=0$ term $\frac{f^{(0)}(a)}{0!}(x-a)^0$ $f^{(0)} = 0^{\text{th}}$
derivative
 $f(a)$
 $0! \equiv 1$ $(x-a)^0 = 1$

Ex 1: Find T_2 and T_3 for $f(x) = \cos(2x)$ centered at $a = \pi/2$.

ALWAYS create chart

* must start with $n=0$

| n | $f^{(n)}(x)$ | $f^{(n)}(a) = f^{(n)}(\pi/2)$ | $\frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$ |
|-----|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 0 | $\cos(2x)$ | $\cos(2 \cdot \pi/2) = \cos(\pi) = -1$ | |
| 1 | $-2\sin(2x)$ | $-2\sin(2 \cdot \pi/2) = 0$ | |
| 2 | $-2 \cdot 2 \cos(2x)$ | $-4\cos(2 \cdot \pi/2) = 4$ | |
| 3 | $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \sin(2x)$ | $8\sin(2 \cdot \pi/2) = 0$ | |

column included in book

$$T_n(x) = \overbrace{f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n}^{T_2}$$

$$T_2 = -1 + 0(x - \pi/2) + \frac{4}{2!}(x - \pi/2)^2$$

Simplified $T_2 = -1 + 2(x - \pi/2)^2$

$$T_3 = T_2 + \frac{f'''(\pi/2)}{3!}(x - \pi/2)^3$$

$$= -1 + 2(x - \pi/2)^2 + \frac{0}{3!}(x - \pi/2)^3$$

so $T_3 = -1 + 2(x - \pi/2)^2$

EX2: Find Taylor polynomial of order 4 ($T_4(x)$) and Taylor polynomial of order n for $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ centered at $a=0$. [could ask for Maclaurin]

$T_n(x)$ in summation notation

Chart:

| n | $f^{(n)}(x)$ | $f^{(n)}(0)$ |
|-----|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0 | $\ln(1+x)$ | $\ln(1+0) = \ln(1) = 0$ |
| 1 | $\frac{1}{1+x}(1) = (1+x)^{-1}$ | $(1+0)^{-1} = 1^{-1} = 1$ |
| 2 | $-1(1+x)^{-2}$ | $-1(1)^{-2} = -1$ |
| 3 | $(-1)(-2)(1+x)^{-3}$ | $2(1)^{-3} = 2$ |
| 4 | $(-1)(-2)(-3)(1+x)^{-4}$ | $-6(1)^{-4} = -6$ |

$$T_n(x) = \cancel{f(a)} + \underline{f'(a)(x-a)} + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n.$$

$$T_4 = 0 + 1(x-0)^1 - \frac{1}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{2}{3!}(x-0)^3 - \frac{6}{4!}(x-0)^4$$

$\frac{2}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{6}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{4}$

Simplified:

$$T_4 = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4$$

$T_n(x) \rightarrow$ find pattern of coefficient $\frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$ \rightarrow above we see coefficient for n^{th} term is $\frac{1}{n}$

↑ term is positive

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

for alternating will be $(-1)^k$ or $(-1)^{k+1}$ whichever matched your terms

Error Bound: If $f^{(n+1)}$ exists and is continuous and one can find K such that $|f^{(n+1)}(u)| \leq K$ for all u between a and x , then the error bound for using $T_n(x)$ to approximate $f(x)$ at a value x near a is given by

$$|f(x) - T_n(x)| \leq K \frac{|x-a|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

Ex 3: Find T_2, T_3 and T_n for $f(x) = e^{3x}$ centered at $a=1$ AND use the error bound formula to find the maximum possible error for using T_3 to approximate e^{3x} at $x=1.1$

chart

| n | $f^{(n)}(x)$ | $f^{(n)}(1)$ |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 0 | e^{3x} | e^3 |
| 1 | $3e^{3x}$ | $3e^3$ |
| 2 | $3^2 e^{3x}$ | $3^2 e^3$ |
| 3 | $3^3 e^{3x}$ | $3^3 e^3$ |
| \vdots | \vdots | \vdots |
| 4 | $3^4 e^{3x}$ | \vdots |
| \vdots | \vdots | \vdots |
| n | $3^n e^{3x}$ | $3^n e^3$ |

$$T_n(x) = \underbrace{f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots}_{T_3} + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n$$

$$T_2 = e^3 + 3e^3(x-1) + \frac{3^2 e^3}{2!}(x-1)^2$$

$$T_3 = e^3 + 3e^3(x-1) + \frac{3^2 e^3}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{3^3 e^3}{3!}(x-1)^3$$

note $\frac{3^3 e^3}{3!} = \frac{3^2 e^3}{2}$

$T_n \rightarrow$ need pattern (see chart ... $f^{(n)}(1) = 3^n e^3$)

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{3^k e^3}{k!} (x-1)^k$$

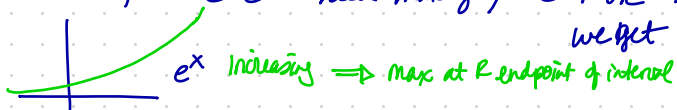
Error bound for $|f(1.1) - T_3(1.1)| \rightarrow$ error of using $T_3(1.1)$ to approximate $e^{3.3}$

$$|f(x) - T_n(x)| \leq K \frac{|x-a|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$K \geq |f^{(4)}(u)|$ for u between 1.1 and 1 ^{x2} ^{a2}

$f^{(4)} = 3^4 e^{3x}$ need max of $|3^4 e^{3u}|$ on $1 \leq u \leq 1.1$
we get $K = 3^4 e^{3.3}$

$$|f(1.1) - T_3(1.1)| \leq 3^4 e^{3.3} \frac{|1.1-1|^4}{4!}$$



Ex 4: Find Taylor polynomial of order 3, $T_3(x)$, for $f(x) = \cos(2x)$ centered at $a = \pi/3$.

Chart

| n | $f^{(n)}(x)$ | $f^{(n)}(\pi/3)$ |
|-----|-----------------|--|
| 0 | $\cos(2x)$ | $\cos(2 \cdot \pi/3) = -1/2$ |
| 1 | $-2 \sin(2x)$ | $-2 \sin(2\pi/3) = -2(\sqrt{3}/2) = -\sqrt{3}$ |
| 2 | $-2^2 \cos(2x)$ | $-4 \cos(2\pi/3) = -4(-1/2) = 2$ |
| 3 | $2^3 \sin(2x)$ | $8 \sin(2\pi/3) = 8(\sqrt{3}/2) = 4\sqrt{3}$ |
| 4 | $2^4 \cos(2x)$ | |



$$T_n(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n.$$

$$T_3(x) = -\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{3}(x - \pi/3) + \frac{2}{2!}(x - \pi/3)^2 + \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3!}(x - \pi/3)^3$$

Use the Error bound formula to determine maximum possible error for using $T_3(x)$ to approximate $\cos(2\pi/5)$.

find an upper bound for $|\cos(2\pi/5) - T_3(\pi/5)|$

$$|f(x) - T_n(x)| \leq K \frac{|x-a|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$2x \text{ where } x = \pi/5 \quad a = \pi/3 \quad |x-a| = |\pi/5 - \pi/3| = |\frac{-2\pi}{15}| = \frac{2\pi}{15}$$

$\cos(2x)$

$n=3$ then $n+1=4$

K number where $|f^{(n+1)}(u)| \leq K$ for u between a & x

$$|f^{(4)}(u)| = |2^4 \cos(2u)| \leq K \quad u \text{ between } \pi/5 \text{ and } \pi/3$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{KNOW}} |2^4 \cos(2u)| = 2^4 |\cos(2u)| \leq 2^4 (1) \text{ so } K=2^4$$

$|\cos(2u)| \leq 1 \leftarrow \text{use this!}$

$$|\cos(2\pi/5) - T_3(\pi/5)| \leq \frac{2^4 (\frac{2\pi}{15})^4}{4!}$$

Ex 5: Find $T_4(x)$ for $f(x) = x \ln(x)$ centered at $a=1$ and use the error bound to find an upper bound on error

$$\text{for } |T_4(\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(\frac{1}{2})|$$

$f(\frac{1}{2}) \uparrow$ $x = \frac{1}{2}$

Chart

| n | $f^{(n)}(x)$ | $f^{(n)}(1)$ |
|-----|--|--------------------------|
| 0 | $x \ln(x)$ | $1 \ln(1) = 0$ |
| 1 | $\ln(x) + x(\frac{1}{x}) = \ln(x) + 1$ | $\ln(1) + 1 = 0 + 1 = 1$ |
| 2 | $\frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$ | $1^{-1} = 1$ |
| 3 | $-1(x^{-2})$ | $-1(1)^{-2} = -1$ |
| 4 | $2x^{-3}$ | $2(1)^{-3} = 2$ |
| 5 | $-6x^{-4}$ | |

$$T_n(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n.$$

$$T_4 = 0 + 1(x-1) + \frac{1}{2!}(x-1)^2 - \frac{1}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \frac{2}{4!}(x-1)^4$$

Error Bound for $|f(\frac{1}{2}) - T_4(\frac{1}{2})|$

$$|f(x) - T_n(x)| \leq K \frac{|x-a|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

Upper Bound on Error:

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, a = 1; n = 4 \text{ so } n+1 = 5$$

$$|x-a| = |\frac{1}{2} - 1| = |-\frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = -6x^{-4} = \frac{-6}{x^4}$$

$$K = \max |f^{(5)}(u)| \text{ on } \frac{1}{2} \leq u \leq 1$$

$$= \max | \frac{-6}{u^4} |$$

Since u in denominator ...
largest when u is smallest
so at $u = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{so } K = \frac{6}{(\frac{1}{2})^4} = 6 \cdot 2^4$$

$$|T_4(\frac{1}{2}) - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \ln(\frac{1}{2})}_{f(\frac{1}{2})}| = |f(\frac{1}{2}) - T_4(\frac{1}{2})| \leq 6 \cdot 2^4 \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^5}{5!} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^4 \cdot \frac{1}{2^5}}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{40}}}$$