

Outline: Week 12

Taylor series

1. Let $P_{n,a}(x) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n$
2. Taylor's theorem assuming $f^{(n)}$ but not $f^{(n+1)}$, we have $f(x) = P_{n,a}(x) + g_n(x)(x-a)^{n+1}$.

This follows quickly from L'Hopital

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - P_n(h)}{h^n} = \dots = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f^{(n-1)}(a+h) - f^{(n-1)}(a)}{n!h} = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}.$$

3. Specifying coefficient when $f^{(n+1)}$ exists: We will show that $R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}(x-a)^{n+1}$.

- Let constant K be such that $f(x) = T_n(x) + K(x-a)^{n+1}$.
- Consider $F(y) := f(y) - T_n(y) - K(y-a)^{n+1}$ for $y \in [a, x]$. We will show that $K = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}$ for some $c \in [a, x]$
- We have $F(a) = 0$ and $F(x) = 0$. So by Rolle's theorem we have c_1 s.t. $F'(c_1) = 0$.
- We have $F'(a) = 0$ and $F(c_1) = 0$. So by Rolle's theorem we have c_2 s.t. $F''(c_2) = 0$.
- So on and so forth till we get $F^{(n)}(a) = 0$ and $F^{(n)}(c_n) = 0$, to get $F^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1}) = 0$.
- Since T_n is an n -degree polynomial we are left with $F^{(n+1)}(y) = f^{(n+1)}(y) - (n+1)!K$.
Thus, $K = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1})}{(n+1)!}$

4. Corollary: $\frac{f(a+h) - P_n(h)}{h^n} \leq M \frac{h^{n+1}}{h^n} \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$.

5. Examples: a) $\sin(x) = \sum \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1}$ and then by differentiating $\cos(x) = \sum \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{(2k)!} x^{2k}$
b) for e^x .

6. expanding $\sin(x)$ around $\pi/2$ we get

$$\sin(x) = 1 - 1/2(x - \pi/2)^2 + 1/24(x - \pi/2)^4 - 1/720(x - \pi/2)^6 + O((x - \pi/2)^7).$$

7. $\cosh(x)$ around $x_0 = 0$

$$\cosh(x) = 1 + x^2/2 + x^4/24 + x^6/720 + O(x^7).$$

8. Example (smooth but not analytic): The function $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$ has all its derivatives on \mathbb{R} but the geometric series equality

$$\sum a_k x^k = \sum (-1)^k x^{2k} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

is only true for $|x| < 1$. We have $\left| \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \sum^n (-1)^k x^{2k} \right| \leq \frac{x^{2(n+1)}}{1+x^2}$.

9. $\arctan(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+s^2} ds = \sum \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} x^{2k+1}$. The radius is $R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_n|}{|a_{n+1}|} = 1$.

so

$$\left| \arctan(x) - \sum \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} x^{2k+1} \right| \leq \frac{|x|^{2n+1}}{2n+1} < \frac{1}{2n+1}.$$

Weierstrass approximation theorem

1. Bernstein polynomials $P_k^n(x) := \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}$ and consider the functional

$$(B_n f)(x) := \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}.$$

- linear
- monotone i.e. $|f|(x) \leq g(x) \Rightarrow B_n |f| \leq B_n g$.

2. Moments of Bernstein polynomials

- $B_n 1 = 1$
- $B_n x = x$. Differentiate to get $\sum k \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} = an(a+b)^{n-1}$
- $B_n x^2 = x^2 + \frac{x-x^2}{n}$. Differentiate to get $\sum k^2 \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} = a^2 n(n-1)(a+b)^{n-2} + an(a+b)^{n-1}$.

3. By uniform continuity for $\varepsilon/2 > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ s.t.

$$|x - y| \leq \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| \leq \varepsilon/2.$$

4. For $|x - y| > \delta$ we use that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 2M \leq 2M \left(\frac{|x - y|}{\delta} \right)^2,$$

where $M := \max_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x)|$.

5. So together for all $x, y \in [0, 1]$ we get:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 2M \left(\frac{|x - y|}{\delta} \right)^2 + \varepsilon/2,$$

6. By treating $c = f(y)$ as constant and using monotonicity we find

$$\begin{aligned} |B_n f(x) - f(y)| &= |B_n(f(x) - c)| \leq B_n \left(2M \left(\frac{|x - y|}{\delta} \right)^2 + \varepsilon/2 \right) \\ &= \varepsilon/2 + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \left((x - y)^2 + \frac{x - x^2}{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

let $x = y$ to get

$$= \varepsilon/2 + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \frac{x(1 - x)}{n} \leq \varepsilon/2 + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \frac{2}{n},$$

So if we choose $n \geq N$ we get

$$\leq \varepsilon/2 + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \frac{2}{N}$$

and then pick N large we find

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 \\ &= \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

7. 10.2.A: we have $p_n(t) \rightarrow g(t)$ and so $p_n(\frac{x-a}{b-a}) \rightarrow f(x)$.

8. 10.2.F,G: set $p_{n,0} := \int p_{n,1}$ where $f' - p_{n,1} \rightarrow 0$.