

n th order Taylor Polynomial at a :

$$P_{n,a,f}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(a)}{j!} (x-a)^j$$

Advantages:

1) applies to not-necessarily analytic functions

2) Generalizes easily to functions of several vars:

$$P_{n,a,f}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{j=0}^n \left(\frac{1}{j!} \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_j=1}^K \frac{\partial^j f}{\partial x_{i_1} \partial x_{i_2} \dots \partial x_{i_n}}(\vec{a}) (x_{i_1} - a)(x_{i_2} - a) \dots (x_{i_n} - a) \right)$$

taylor series $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{n,a,f}(\vec{x})$ difficult.

Theorem

If $f^{(n)}(a)$ exists, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - P_{n,a,f}(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0$

Proof: induction on n :

base case $n=1$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - (f(a) + f'(a)(x-a))}{(x-a)}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a} - f'(a) \right]$$

$$= f'(a) - f'(a) \quad \text{by def. of derivative}$$

induction: $n \rightarrow n+1$. assume $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x) - P_{n,a,g}(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0 \forall g$ which have $P_{n,a,g}(x)$ defined

Assume $f^{(n+1)}(a)$ is defined.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - P_{n+1,a,f}(x)}{(x-a)^{n+1}} \quad \frac{0}{0} \text{ limit}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x) - p'_{n+1, a, f}(x)}{(n+1)(x-a)^n}$$

observe that $p'_{n+1, a, f} = p_{n, a, f'}$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x) - p_{n,a,f'}(x)}{(x-a)^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot 0 = 0$$

So $\text{Theorem}(n) \Rightarrow \text{Theorem}(n+1)$ so Theorem holds $\forall n$

$$p'_{n, a, f}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(a)}{j!} j (x-a)^{j-1}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{(f')^{(j)}(a)}{j} (x-a)^j$$

↘ re index, chance,

Recall 2nd derivative test for local maxima/minima:

If c is a critical pt of f and $f''(c)$ is defined, then

i) $f''(c) > 0 \Rightarrow f$ has local min

2) $f''(c) < 0 \Rightarrow f$ has local max

3) $f''(c) = 0 \Rightarrow$ Inconclusive

Higher order derivative test for local maxima/minima.

If c is a crit. pt. of f and $0 = f'(c) = f''(c) = \dots = f^{(n-1)}(c)$

but $f^{(n)}(c) \neq 0$.

Then

1) if n is odd, there is neither a max nor a min at c .

2) if n is even, then

a) $f^{(n)}(c) > 0 \Rightarrow$ local min

b) $f^{(n)}(c) < 0 \Rightarrow$ local max

Proof: $P_{n,c,f}(x) = f(c) + \underbrace{f'(c)}_0(x-c) + \dots + \underbrace{f^{(n)}(c)}_0 \frac{(x-c)^n}{n!}$
 $= f(c) + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-c)^n \rightarrow \text{odd power} \Rightarrow \text{change signs}$

So conclusion holds for Taylor polynomial.

by theorem above, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - (f(c) + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-c)^n)}{(x-c)^n} = 0$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left[\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{(x-c)^n} - \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} \right] = 0$$

\Rightarrow in some open interval (a, b) containing c ,

$$\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{(x-c)^n} \text{ has the same sign as } f^{(n)}(c)$$

So looking through all cases, theorem holds:

1) n odd $\Rightarrow (x-c)^n$ sign change $\Rightarrow f(x) - f(c)$ sign change \Rightarrow no min/max.

2) n even $\Rightarrow (x-c)^n$ positive $\Rightarrow f(x) - f(c)$ has same sign as $f^{(n)}(c)$
in open interval \Rightarrow local min/max depending on sign. \square

If $f^{(n)}(a)$ exists, denote $R_{n,a,f}(x) = f(x) - P_{n,a,f}(x)$

$R_{n,a,f}(x)$ is n th order remainder for Taylor approximation.

Theorem if $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is defined on an open interval $(b, c) \ni a$, then

$\forall x \in (b, c), \exists x_0$ between x and a s.t. $R_{n,a,f}(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(x_0)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}$
(generalized MVT)

Proof: induction on n :

$$\text{B.C. } n=0: R_{0,a,f}(x) = \overset{P_{0,a,f}(x)}{f(x) - f(a)}$$

$$= f'(x_0)(x-a) \text{ for some } x_0 \text{ b/w } x \text{ and } a.$$

$$= \frac{f^{(n+1)}(x_0)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}$$

induction! Assume for n :

$$\frac{R_{n+1,a,f}(x)}{\frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}} = \frac{R_{n+1,a,f}(x) - \overset{=0}{R_{n+1,a,f}(a)}}{\frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} - \frac{(a-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}$$

by
Cauchy
MVT

$$= \frac{R_{n+1,a,f}'(x_1)}{\frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n!}}$$

for some x_1 b/w x and a .

$$= \frac{R_{n,a,f'}(x_1)}{\frac{(x-a)^n}{n!}}$$

apply ind. hyp.

for $g = f'$

$$= (f')^{(n)}(x_0) = f^{(n+1)}(x_0) \text{ for some } x_0 \text{ b/w } x_1 \text{ and } a.$$

$$\text{So } R_{n+1,a,f}(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(x_0)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1} \text{ for some } x_0 \text{ b/w } x \text{ and } a.$$

this completes the proof. □

Theorem if $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is defined & integrable over some open interval $(b, c) \ni a$, then $R_{n,a,f}(x) = \int_a^x \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{n!} (x-t)^n dt$

$$(b, c) \ni a, \text{ then } R_{n, a, f}(x) = \int_a^x \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{n!} (x-t)^n dt$$

Proof: by induction:

B.C. $n=0$ FTC

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