

Math 1432

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1. Give the 7th degree Taylor polynomial approximation for $f(x) = e^x$ centered at $x = 0$.
2. Give the 7th degree Taylor polynomial approximation for $f(x) = \sin(x)$ centered at $x = 0$.
3. Give the 7th degree Taylor polynomial approximation for $f(x) = \cos(x)$ centered at $x = 0$.
4. Give the 7th degree Taylor polynomial approximation for $f(x) = \ln(x+1)$ centered at $x = 0$.
5. Give the coefficient of $(x - 1)^3$ for the 8th degree Taylor polynomial approximation to $\ln(x)$ centered at $x = 1$.

Find the Taylor polynomial of degree $n = 5$ for $f(x) = \ln x$ at $c = 1$.

Then use $P_5(x)$ to approximate the value of $\ln(1.1)$.

k	$f^k(x)$	$f^k(0)$	$\frac{f^k(0)}{k!}$	term
	$f(x) = \ln x$			
	$f'(x) = x^{-1}$			
	$f''(x) = -1x^{-2}$			
	$f'''(x) = 2x^{-3}$			
	$f^{(4)}(x) = -6x^{-4}$			
	$f^{(5)}(x) = 24x^{-5}$			

Suppose that g is a function which has continuous derivatives, and that

$$g(2) = 3, \quad g'(2) = -4, \quad g''(2) = 7, \quad g'''(2) = -5.$$

Write the Taylor polynomial of degree 3 for g centered at $x = 2$.

Find $P_6(x)$ for $f(x) = x^2 \cos(5x)$

Find $f^{(15)}(0)$ for $f(x) = e^{x^3}$

Lagrange Form of the Remainder

or

Lagrange Error Bound or Taylor's Theorem Remainder

When a Taylor polynomial is used to approximate a function, we need a way to see how accurately the polynomial approximates the function.

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x) \quad \text{so} \quad R_n(x) = f(x) - P_n(x)$$

Written in words:

Function = Polynomial + Remainder

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n + \dots$$

so

Remainder = Function – Polynomial

Lagrange Formula for Remainder:

Suppose f has $n+1$ continuous derivatives on an open interval that contains 0. Let x be in that interval and let $P_n(x)$ be the n^{th} Taylor Polynomial for f .

Then

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

where c is some number between 0 and x .

If we rewrite Taylor's theorem using the Lagrange formula for the remainder, we have

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}x^{n+1}$$

where c is some number between 0 and x .

If there is a number M so that $\left| f^{(n+1)}(c) \right| \leq M$

for all c between 0 and x then $\left| f(x) - P_n(x) \right| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1}$

or

$\left| R_n(x) \right| \leq \left(\max \left| f^{(n+1)}(c) \right| \right) \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$ for c between 0 and x .

We probably will not know the value of c .

Give an error estimate for the approximation of $\sin(x)$ by $P_9(x)$ for an arbitrary value of x between 0 and $\pi/4$, centered at $x = 0$.

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x$$

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

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

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x$$

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

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

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

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

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

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x$$

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6. Assume that $f(x)$ is a function such that $|f^{(10)}(x)| < 15$ for all x in the interval $(0,1)$. What is the max possible error for the ninth degree Taylor polynomial centered at 0 for this function when approximating $f(1)$?