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Taylor Polynomials and Approximations

- Definition of n-th Taylor Polynomial and n-th Maclaurin Polynomial

If f has n -derivatives at $(c, f(c))$, the
the polynomial

$$P_n(x) = f(c) + \frac{f'(c)}{1!}(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \frac{f'''(c)}{3!}(x-c)^3 + \dots$$

$$\dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n \quad \leftarrow \text{called the } n\text{-th Taylor Polynomial of } f \text{ at } c.$$

If $c=0$, then

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n$$

is called the n-th Maclaurin polynomial of f .

Example: Find the 6th degree Taylor polynomial for $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ centered at $c=0$

$$f(c) = f(0) = \ln(1+0) = 0$$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} = (x+1)^{-1}$	$f'(0) = (0+1)^{-1} = 1$
$f''(x) = -1 \cdot (x+1)^{-2} \cdot (1) = -(x+1)^{-2}$	$f''(0) = -(0+1)^{-2} = -1$
$f'''(x) = -2[-(x+1)^{-3}] \cdot (1) = 2(x+1)^{-3}$	$f'''(0) = 2(0+1)^{-3} = 2$
$f^{(4)}(x) = 3 \cdot 2(x+1)^{-4} \cdot (1) = 6(x+1)^{-4}$	$f^{(4)}(0) = 6(0+1)^{-4} = 6$
$f^{(5)}(x) = 4[-6(x+1)^{-5}] = -24(x+1)^{-5}$	$f^{(5)}(0) = -24(0+1)^{-5} = -24$
$f^{(6)}(x) = -5 \cdot 24(x+1)^{-6} = -120(x+1)^{-6}$	$f^{(6)}(0) = -120(0+1)^{-6} = -120$

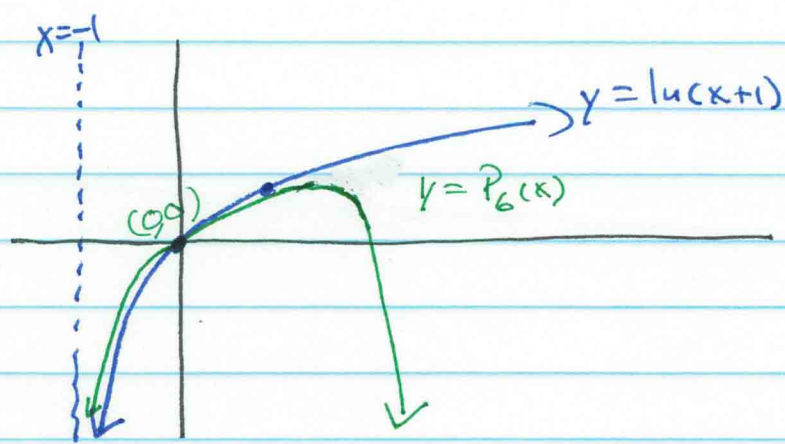
$$P_6(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} \cdot (x-0) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} \cdot (x-0)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} \cdot (x-0)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)}{4!} \cdot (x-0)^4 + \frac{f^{(5)}(0)}{5!} \cdot (x-0)^5 + \frac{f^{(6)}(0)}{6!} \cdot (x-0)^6$$

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$$P_6(x) = 0 + \frac{(1)}{1!}x + \frac{(-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{(2)}{3!}x^3 + \frac{(-6)}{4!}x^4 + \frac{(24)}{5!}x^5 + \frac{(-120)}{6!}x^6$$

$$P_6(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{2}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}x^3 - \frac{6}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}x^4 + \frac{24}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}x^5 - \frac{120}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6}x^6$$

$$P_6(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{1}{6}x^6 \leftarrow \text{This also a Maclaurin Polynomial!}$$



Example: Find a 6th degree Taylor-Polynomial for $f(x) = \ln(x+1)$ centered at $x=1$.

$$f'(x) = (x+1)^{-1}$$

$$f''(x) = -(x+1)^{-2}$$

$$f'''(x) = 2(x+1)^{-3}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -6(x+1)^{-4}$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = 24(x+1)^{-5}$$

$$f^{(6)}(x) = -120(x+1)^{-6}$$

$$f(1) = \ln(1+1) = \ln 2$$

$$f'(1) = (1+1)^{-1} = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f''(1) = -(1+1)^{-2} = -2^{-2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$f'''(1) = 2(1+1)^{-3} = 2 \cdot 2^{-3} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f^{(4)}(1) = -6(1+1)^{-4} = -6 \cdot 2^{-4} = \frac{-6}{16} = -\frac{3}{8}$$

$$f^{(5)}(1) = 24(1+1)^{-5} = 24 \cdot 2^{-5} = \frac{24}{32} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$f^{(6)}(1) = -120(1+1)^{-6} = -120 \cdot 2^{-6} = \frac{-120}{64} = -\frac{15}{8}$$

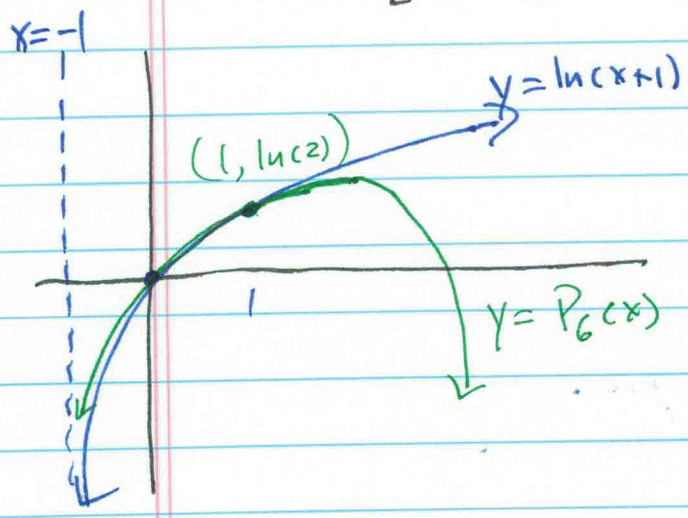
$$P_6(x) = f(1) + \frac{f'(1)}{1!}(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{f'''(1)}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(1)}{4!}(x-1)^4 + \frac{f^{(5)}(1)}{5!}(x-1)^5 + \frac{f^{(6)}(1)}{6!}(x-1)^6$$

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$$P_6(x) = \ln 2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{1!}(x-1) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \frac{\left(-\frac{3}{8}\right)}{4!}(x-1)^4 + \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{5!}(x-1)^5 + \frac{\left(-\frac{15}{8}\right)}{6!}(x-1)^6$$

$$P_6(x) = \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1) - \frac{1}{8}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{24}(x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{64}(x-1)^4 + \frac{1}{160}(x-1)^5 - \frac{1}{384}(x-1)^6$$



$$\frac{-\frac{3}{8}}{4!} = \frac{-\frac{3}{8}}{8 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = \frac{-1}{8 \cdot 8} = \frac{-1}{64}$$

$$\frac{\frac{3}{4}}{5!} = \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{4 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{8 \cdot 20} = \frac{1}{160}$$

$$\frac{-\frac{15}{8}}{6!} = \frac{-\frac{15}{8}}{8 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} = \frac{-1}{16 \cdot 24} = \frac{-1}{384}$$

#16 Find the Maclaurin Polynomial of degree 4 for $f(x) = e^{3x}$, centered at $c=0$

$$f'(x) = e^{3x} \cdot (3) = 3e^{3x}$$

$$f''(x) = 3e^{3x} \cdot (3) = 9e^{3x}$$

$$f'''(x) = 9e^{3x} \cdot (3) = 27e^{3x}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 27e^{3x} \cdot (3) = 81e^{3x}$$

$$f(0) = e^{3(0)} = e^0 = 1$$

$$f'(0) = 3 \cdot e^{3(0)} = 3 \cdot e^0 = 3$$

$$f''(0) = 9 \cdot e^{3(0)} = 9 \cdot e^0 = 9$$

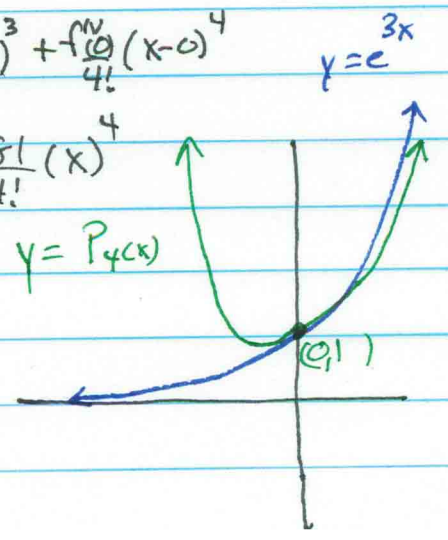
$$f'''(0) = 27 \cdot e^{3(0)} = 27 \cdot e^0 = 27$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 81 \cdot e^{3(0)} = 81 \cdot e^0 = 81$$

$$P_4(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}(x-0) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x-0)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)}{4!}(x-0)^4$$

$$P_4(x) = 1 + \frac{3}{1!}(x) + \frac{9}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{27}{3!}(x)^3 + \frac{81}{4!}(x)^4$$

$$P_4(x) = 1 + 3x + \frac{9}{2}x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x^3 + \frac{27}{8}x^4$$



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Example: Use a 4th degree Maclaurin polynomial to approximate $\ln(1.05)$.

If we let $f(x) = \ln(x+1)$, then we can

$$\text{use } P_4(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}(x-0) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x-0)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)}{4!}(x-0)^4$$

From before, we know

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} = (x+1)^{-1}$$

$$f''(x) = -1(x+1)^{-2}$$

$$f'''(x) = 2(x+1)^{-3}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -6(x+1)^{-4}$$

$$f(0) = \ln(0+1) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = (0+1)^{-1} = 1$$

$$f''(0) = -1(0+1)^{-2} = -1$$

$$f'''(0) = 2(0+1)^{-3} = 2$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = -6(0+1)^{-4} = -6$$

$$P_4(x) = 0 + \frac{(1)}{1!}(x) + \frac{(-1)}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{(2)}{3!}(x)^3 + \frac{(-6)}{4!}(x)^4$$

$$P_4(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4$$

$$P_4(x) \approx \ln(x+1) \quad \text{centered at } c=0.$$

$$P_4(0.05) \approx \ln(0.05+1)$$

$$P_4(0.05) = (0.05) - \frac{1}{2}(0.05)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(0.05)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(0.05)^4$$

$$P_4(0.05) \approx 0.048790164167$$

From a calculator, $\ln(1.05) \approx 0.048790164169$

So

$P_4(0.05)$ is a very close approximation of $\ln(1.05)$.

Is there a Theorem about this??

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Theorem 9.19 - Taylor's Theorem

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

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

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \frac{f'''(c)}{3!}(x-c)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n + R_n(x)$$

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

Note:

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{|x-c|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \max |f^{(n+1)}(z)|$$

where $\max |f^{(n+1)}(z)|$ is the maximum value of $f^{(n+1)}(z)$ between x and c .

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When applying Taylor's Theorem, you should not expect to be able to find the exact value of z . (If you could do this, approximation would not be necessary.)

Rather, you try to find bounds for $f^{(n+1)}(z)$ from which you are able to tell how large the remainder $R_n(x)$ is. "

Vocab: - $f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x)$

Exact
value

Taylor
Approximation
Value

Remainder

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

Error
Associated with
Approximation

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How good was our P_4 Maclaurin approximation of $\ln(1.05)$?

for $f(x) = \ln(x+1)$ we had

$$P_4(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4$$

we know $f(x) = P_4(x) + R_4(x)$

$$R_4(x) = \frac{f^{(5)}(z)}{5!} (x-0)^5 \text{ with } \begin{array}{c} | \quad \quad \quad | \\ c=0 \quad z \quad x=0.05 \end{array}$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = 24(x+1)^{-5}$$

$$f^{(5)}(z) = 24(z+1)^{-5}$$

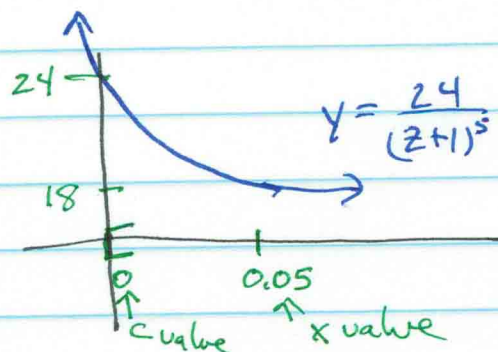
on $[0, 0.05]$

$$\max |f^{(5)}(z)|$$

$$= \max |f^{(5)}(z)|$$

$$= \max \left| \frac{24}{(z+1)^5} \right| = \left| \frac{24}{(0+1)^5} \right|$$

$$= 24$$



$$\text{So, we have } |R_4(x)| \leq \frac{|x-0|^5}{5!} \cdot \max |f^{(5)}(z)|$$

$$|R_4(0.05)| \leq \frac{(0.05-0)^5}{5!} \cdot 24$$

$$|R_4(0.05)| \leq \frac{(0.05)^5 \cdot 24}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}$$

$$|R_4(0.05)| \leq \frac{(0.05)^5}{5} = \underline{6.25 \times 10^{-8}}$$

Bounds our error!

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Estimate $e^{0.3}$ with an error less than 0.001.

Determine the degree of this Maclaurin polynomial.

($a=0$) centered at zero.

Let $f(x) = e^x$

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}(x-0) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x-0)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}(x-0)^n$$

$f'(x) = e^x = f''(x) = f'''(x) = e^x \dots = f(x)$

$f'(0) = e^0 = 1$

$f''(0) = e^0 = 1, \text{ etc. } \dots$

$f(0) = e^0 = 1$

$$P_n(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}x^n$$

degree n
Maclaurin Polynomial for $f(x) = e^x$

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

$$R_n(x) = \frac{e^z}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1}$$

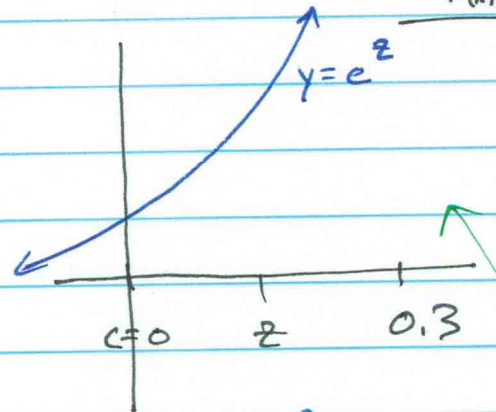
$$R_n(0.3) = \frac{e^z (0.3)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$R_n(0.3) \leq \frac{2 (0.3)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

Error ≤ 0.001

$$\frac{2 (0.3)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \leq 0.001$$

$$\frac{2 \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \leq \frac{1}{1000}$$



Since e^z increases

we can estimate

$$e^{0.3} \leq 2$$

on $[0, 0.3]$

$$\max |f^{(n+1)}(z)|$$

$$= \max |e^z|$$

$$= e^{0.3}$$

$$\leq 2$$

All values are + so no absolute values

solve for n

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continue to solve by using reciprocals $\frac{8}{10}$

$$\frac{(n+1)!}{2} \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)^{n+1} \geq 1000$$

$$(n+1)! \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)^{n+1} \geq 2000$$

If $n=3$, $4! \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)^4 \geq 2000$

$$24 \cdot \frac{10000}{3} \geq 2000$$

$$71,111.\bar{7} \geq 2000, \text{ TRUE!}$$

This means that a Maclaurin polynomial of degree 3 will approximate $e^{0.3}$ within 0.001 error.

$$P_3(x) = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}x^3$$

$$P_3(0.3) = 1 + (0.3) + \frac{1}{2}(0.3)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}(0.3)^3$$

$$P_3(0.3) = 1.3495$$

$$P_3(0.3) \approx e^{0.3}$$

$$1.3495 \approx e^{0.3}$$

from a calculator

0.3
 $e \approx 1.34985880758$

#50 Determine the degree of the Maclaurin polynomial required for the error in the approximation of $\cos(0.1)$ to be less than 0.001. ($c=0$) ← centered at zero for Maclaurin polynomials

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

$f(0) = \cos(0) = 1$

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}(x-0) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x-0)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}(x-0)^n$$

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

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

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

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

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(0) = 0$$

$$f''(0) = -1$$

$$f'''(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 1$$

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

$$P_n(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \frac{1}{6!}x^6 + \frac{1}{8!}x^8 + \dots$$

$$P_n(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \frac{1}{6!}x^6 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!}x^{2n}$$

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

$f^{(n+1)}(z)$ is either $\sin(z)$ or $\cos(z)$, depending on n .
 When considering $\max |f^{(n+1)}(z)|$ it does not matter
 because $\sin(z) \leq 1$ & $\cos(z) \leq 1$.

So, we know $\max |f^{(n+1)}(z)| = 1$

This means that $R_n(0.1) \leq \frac{1 \cdot (0.1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$

all values are +
 so no need
 for absolute
 values

So, solve for n : $\frac{(0.1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \leq 0.001$

$$\frac{(1/10)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \leq \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$(n+1)! \cdot \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^{n+1} \geq 1000$$

If $\underline{n=2}$, $3! \cdot 10^{-3} \geq 1000$

$$6 \cdot 1000 \geq 1000$$

$$6000 \geq 1000 \quad \text{TRUE!}$$

So, $P_2(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$ will approximate $\cos(0.1)$
 within 0.001.

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$$P_2(0.1) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.1)^2$$

$$P_2(0.1) = 0.995$$

$$P_2(0.1) \approx \cos(0.1)$$

$$0.995 \approx \cos(0.1)$$

from a calculator ...

$$\cos(0.1) \approx 0.995004165278$$