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Taylor Polynomials

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80-85: 2

WT: 14.1

70-75: 3

60-70: 4

50-60: 5

Definition of polynomials: (for one parameter/variable) or polynomial funct.

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x^k + a_0 \quad \text{for } n \text{ (fixed number)}$$

c_k is constant

Motivation: approximate the non-polynomial functions by polynomials.

Start with those centered at x

$$\text{at: } P_n(u) = f(u) \quad P_n'(u) = f'(u)$$

Notice an advantage of polynomials: The n th derivatives are determined by a_n .

The n th degree Taylor polynomials of a function at a definite a

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k + f(a)$$

$$\text{for } a=0 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k + f(0)$$

If we let n go to ∞ , we get an infinite series at a .

The Maclaurin series of f is the Taylor series $f(x)$ centered at $x=0$

In general, when is $f(x)$ the sum of its Taylor series?

If we let

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - T_n(x)$$

$$\text{so that: } f(x) = T_n(x) + R_n(x)$$

$R_n(x)$ is called the remainder of Taylor series.

then it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x) = f(x).$$

Why we care about the Taylor poly?

$$\text{What is } T_0(a)? \implies f(a)$$

$$\text{What is } T_1(a)? \implies f'(a)$$

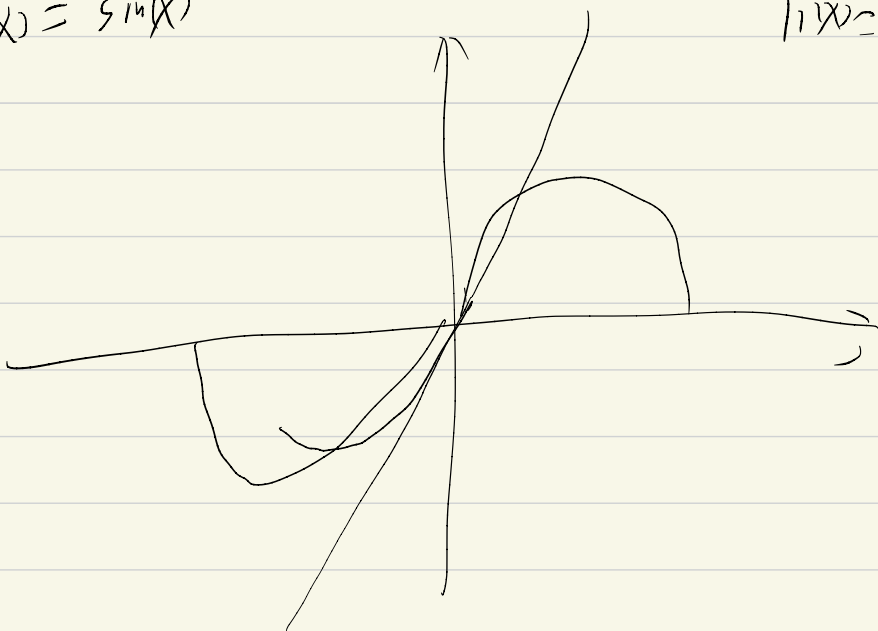
$$\text{What is } T_2''(a)? \implies f''(a)$$

$$T_n^{(k)}(a) \implies f^{(k)}(a)$$

Ex. Find the Taylor polynomial centered at $x=0$ of degree 1 for the function

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

$$T_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^1 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (x-0)^k$$



$$f(0) = 0$$

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

Find the Taylor polynomial centered at $x=0$ of degree 3 for

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



Find the Taylor poly at $x=0$ of degree 5 for $f(x) = \sin(x)$

What is n ?

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

$$(n!+x^n) = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{h!}$$

$$e^x = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{h!}$$

Ex: Use 5th degree Taylor polynomial to estimate

$$\left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(x) \cdot dx = ? \right)$$

Ex: Approximate $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ with 3rd degree Taylor polynomial at $a=4$.

Ex: $x \ln(x)$ with a 3rd degree Taylor polynomial centered at $c=1$.