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# Taylor Remainder Theorem

Def:  $R_n(x) = f(x) - T_n(x)$ , where  $T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k + f(a)$ .

Def: The Remainder term (difference of Taylor Polynomials of function  $f$ ) depends on both  $x$  and  $a$ .

If we can show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ , then it follows that

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

In this case, we say that  $f(x)$  is the sum of its Taylor.

Theorem: If  $f(x) = T_n(x) + R_n(x)$ , where  $T_n(x)$  is the  $n$ th degree Taylor Polynomials of  $f$  at  $a$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$  for  $|x-a| < R$ , then  $f$  is equal to the sum of its Taylor series on the interval  $|x-a| < R$ , where  $R$  is the radius of convergence.

Taylor Inequality: If  $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$  for  $|x-a| \leq d$ , then the remainder (error) of the Taylor series satisfies the Inequality:

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1} \quad \text{for } |x-a| \leq d$$

For  $n=1$  case: on Book P 67.

The idea is to use the Middle Value Theorem.

Optimal:  $[f''(x)] \leq M$ .  $a \leq x \leq a+h$

$$\int_a^x f''(t) dt \leq \int_a^x M dt.$$

An antiderivative of  $f''$  is  $f'$ , so by the Evaluation Theorem, we have

$$f(x) - f(a) = \int_a^x f'(t) dt \leq \int_a^x [f'(a) + M(t-a)] dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^x f'(t) dt \leq \int_a^x [f'(a) + M(t-a)] dt$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - f(a) \leq f'(a)(x-a) + M \frac{(x-a)^2}{2}$$

$$f(x) - f(a) - f'(a)(x-a) \leq M \frac{(x-a)^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) \leq M \frac{(x-a)^2}{2}$$

Similarly,  $f''(x) \geq -M \Rightarrow h(x) \geq -M \frac{(x-a)^2}{2}$ .

$$\Rightarrow |h(x)| \leq \frac{M}{2} (x-a)^2.$$

Ex: We show certainly:  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} + 1$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Consider:  $|h(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1}$

$$\downarrow$$
$$f^{(n)}(x) = |e^x| \text{ and } = |e^{x_n}|$$

$$|f(x) - T_n(x)| = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

$\therefore$  always true

Ex:  $f(x) = \ln(1+x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} x^k}{k}$

$0 < x < 1$

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{|f^{(n+1)}(\xi)|}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \leq \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(x+1)^{n+1}} \right|$$

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

$\therefore$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty \implies |R_n(x)| \rightarrow 0$

Ex: Let  $T_n(x)$  be  $n$ th degree Taylor polynomial for  $f(x) = e^x$  centered at  $x=1$ . Now suppose we use  $T_{10}(1)$  to estimate  $e^{1.1}$ . Use Taylor's theorem to bound the resulting error.

$$\begin{aligned} |R_{10}(x)| &\leq \frac{|f^{(11)}(\xi)|}{11!} (x-1)^{11} \\ &= \frac{e^{\xi}}{11!} (1.1-1)^{11} \\ &= \frac{(1.1)^{11} e^{1.1}}{11!} \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Taylor for  $e^x$  center at  $x=0$ . Use Taylor Thm to find the smallest value of  $n$  so that the error is approximately  $e^x$  by the Taylor on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ , smaller than  $10^{-6}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |R_n(x)| &= \frac{M}{(n+1)!} \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \\ &= \frac{e^2}{(n+1)!} \leq 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

Compute the smallest  $n$ .