

Taylor polynomials, Taylor Series (Lagrange 1797) (59)

Taylor's theorem (7.14) Suppose $f', f'', \dots, f^{(n+1)}$ are defined on $[a, x]^*$. If we define

$$R_{n,a}(x) := f(x) - \left[f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)(x-a)^n}{n!} \right]$$

then $R_{n,a}(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}$ for some $\xi \in (a, x)$.

Pf. Fix x . For $t \in [a, x]$, define

$$S(t) = f(x) - \left[\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(t)}{k!} (x-t)^k \right].$$

Note that S is diff'ble on (a, x) , cts on $[a, x]$.

Take $\frac{d}{dt}$ of both sides,

$$S'(t) = - \left[f'(t) + (f''(t)(x-t) - f'(t)) + \left(\frac{f'''(t)}{2}(x-t)^2 - 2 \frac{f''(t)}{2}(x-t) \right) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{n!} (x-t)^n \right]$$

$$\therefore S'(t) = - \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{n!} (x-t)^n$$

Apply Cauchy MVT to S and $g(t) = (x-t)^{n+1}$

$$\therefore \exists \xi \in (a, x) \text{ s.t. } \frac{S(x) - S(a)}{g(x) - g(a)} = \frac{S'(\xi)}{g'(\xi)} = \dots$$

But $S(a) = R_{n,a}(x)$

$$S(x) = R_{n,x}(x) = 0!$$

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



Thus $f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!}(x-a)^{n+1}$ for some $\xi \in (a, x)$. (60)

Defⁿ The polynomial

$$P_{n,a}(x) := \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$$

is the Taylor polynomial of degree n for f at a .

e.g. $f(x) = e^x$, $a = 0$, $n = 2$ (Suppose we know $f' = f$.)

$$p_2(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2}; \text{ hence } e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{e^\xi x^3}{6}; \xi \in (0, x)$$

e.g. $g(x) = \sin x$ ($\sin' = \cos$, $\cos' = -\sin$)

$$n = 6, a = 0 \quad g'(0) = 1, g''(0) = 0, g^{(3)}(0) = -1, \dots$$

$$\therefore p_6(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$$

$$\therefore \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{\cos(\xi)x^7}{7!}, \text{ for some } \xi \in (0, x)$$

$$\text{i.e. } |R_{6,0}(x)| = \left| -\frac{\cos(\xi)x^7}{7!} \right| \leq \frac{|x|^7}{7!}. \text{ Thus, for } x = \frac{\pi}{10},$$

$$|R_6(\frac{\pi}{10})| \leq \frac{1}{7!} \frac{\pi^7}{10^7} < \frac{1}{10^7}. \text{ Hence the Taylor poly. } p_6(x) \text{ (which}$$

is, in this case, of degree 5!) gives $\sin x$ correct to 7 decimal places, $\forall x$ s.t. $|x| \leq \frac{\pi}{10}$.

Taylor Series:

Suppose $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open, $[a, x] \subset U$, $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f^{(n)}$ exists $\forall n$ on U .

Defⁿ The Taylor series for f at a is

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

Note that by Taylor's theorem,

$$f(x) = \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n}_{N^{\text{th}} \text{ partial sum of the Taylor series for } f \text{ at } a} + R_{N,a}(x), \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Defⁿ We say the Taylor series converges to $f(x)$ if

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_N(x) = 0.$$

Remark: The Taylor series may converge at a point x , but not to $f(x)$! (This simply means $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_{N,a}(x)$ exists but is not zero. We'll see an example in a moment.)

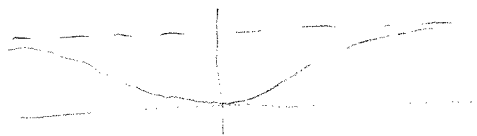
e.g. $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}; a=0; f^{(k)}(0) = k!$ (ex.)

Hence, the Taylor series for f at 0 is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$, and

we know $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ converges if $|x| < 1$, and indeed it converges to $\frac{1}{1-x} = f(x)$! Hence, the Taylor series for f at 0 converges to $f \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$.

Note: f is defined on $[2, 3]$, but the Taylor series for f at 0 will not converge (at all) for $x \in [2, 3]$.

e.g. Define $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$



Then, $f'(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}, \dots, f^{(n)}(x) = p_n(\frac{1}{x}) e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$, so $f^{(n+1)}(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{p_n(\frac{1}{h}) e^{-h^2}}{h}$
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} q(\frac{1}{h}) e^{-h^2} = 0$. Hence $f^{(n)}(0) = 0, \forall n$. Thus $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = 0! = f(x)$.

So the Taylor series of f at 0 converges, but not to f . (62)

● eg. $f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\cos(2^n x)}{n!}$ is C^∞ on \mathbb{R} but the Taylor series for f at 0 does not even converge!
($= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2^{2n}} - 1}{(2^n)!} x^{2^n}$.)

How do we know f is C^∞ ?

Theorem Suppose $\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n$ converges at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. Then,
 $\forall \rho, 0 < \rho < |x_0|$,

① $\sum a_n x^n$ converges uniformly on $[-\rho, \rho]$,

② $\sum n a_n x^{n-1}$ converges uniformly on $[-\rho, \rho]$,

& ③ $(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n)' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$!

Pf. Since $\sum a_n x_0^n$ converges, the terms are bdd. Hence $\exists M$ s.t.

$|a_n| |x_0|^n \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus,

$$|x| \leq \rho \Rightarrow |a_n x^n| \leq |a_n| \rho^n = |a_n| |x_0|^n \frac{\rho^n}{|x_0|^n} \leq M \left(\frac{\rho}{|x_0|}\right)^n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

But $|\frac{\rho}{x_0}| < 1$, so $\sum_{n \geq 0} M \left(\frac{\rho}{x_0}\right)^n$ converges. By the Weierstrass M-Test,

$\sum a_n x^n$ converges uniformly on $[-\rho, \rho]$. So ① holds

Moreover, $|x| \leq \rho \Rightarrow |n a_n x^{n-1}| \leq n |a_n| \rho^{n-1} = \frac{n |a_n| |x_0|^n}{\rho} \frac{\rho^n}{|x_0|^n} \leq \frac{nM}{\rho} \left(\frac{\rho}{x_0}\right)^n$.

Let $r := |\frac{\rho}{x_0}|$. The limit ratio test on $\sum n r^n$ ($\frac{(n+1)r^{n+1}}{n r^n} = (1 + \frac{1}{n})r \rightarrow r < 1$)

● shows that it converges. Hence so does $\sum \frac{M}{\rho} n r^n$, and by W-M-Test,

$\sum n a_n x^n$ converges uniformly on $[-\rho, \rho]$.

Finally, since we have uniform convergence on $[0, x]$, (63)

$$|x| \leq \rho,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^x \left(\sum_{n=0}^N n a_n t^{n-1} \right) dt &= \int_0^x \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N n a_n t^{n-1} dt \\ &= \int_0^x \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n t^{n-1} \right) dt \quad ** \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \int_0^x \sum_{n=0}^N n a_n t^{n-1} dt = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n x^n - a_0$$

$$\text{Hence } ** \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n - a_0 = \int_0^x \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n t^{n-1} \right) dt$$

By the FTC (get) $g(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n t^{n-1}$, as a uniform limit on $[0, x]$ of its fns is its on $[0, x]$, $\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right)' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$

Cor 1 Suppose $f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n$, $|x| < R$.

$$\text{Then } a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}, \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

Cor 2 $(e^x)' = e^x$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Exercise If $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sup \left\{ \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} \mid k \geq n \right\} \right)$, and

(Hadamard 1892)

$$R = \frac{1}{\rho},$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n \quad \& \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} n a_n x^{n-1} \quad \text{conv.} \quad \forall x, |x| < R$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n \right)' = \sum_{n \geq 0} n a_n x^{n-1}$$