

§4 Taylor's Theorem

§4.1 Higher Order Derivative

$$f^{(n+1)}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (f^{(n)}(x))$$

If the function $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is again differentiable,
we can consider $f'': \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} (f'(x))$

Definition 4.1.1 Let $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be n -times differentiable at $x_0 \in \Omega$ if for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the n -th derivative exists.

We call $f^{(k)}$ the k -th derivative is given by

$$\underline{f^{(0)}(x_0) = f(x_0)}, \quad f^{(k+1)}(x_0) = f^{(k)'}(x_0)$$

We say f is n -times continuously differentiable at x_0 if $f^{(n)}(x_0)$ is continuous at $\underline{x_0}$

For n "small", we will often write $f^{(2)} = f''$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = f'(x) = f^{(1)}(x)$$

§4.2 Taylor Series

Defⁿ 4.2.1 Let f be defined on some interval containing 0.

If f is k -times diff at $x=0$, then the sum

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

is called the Taylor sum to order k at $x=0$.

if f is infinitely differentiable at 0 (derivatives of all orders)

then the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0) x^n}{n!}$ is called the Taylor series of f

The remainder $R(f, x) = f(x) - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0) x^n}{n!}$

Note $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0) x^n}{n!}$ iff $R(f, x) = 0$.

§4.2.2. Power series expansions

Suppose that $f(x)$ can be written as a power series, i.e.

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots + a_nx^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

Note:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(0) = a_0$$

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f'(0) = 1 \cdot a_1$$

$$f''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f''(0) = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot a_2$$

Inductive argument gives $f^{(n)}(0) = n! a_n$

$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$$

Example 1 $f(x) = \sin(x) = \sum a_n x^n$

$$f^{(0)}(0) = \sin(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(1)}(0) = \cos(0) = 1$$

$$f^{(2)}(0) = -\sin(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(3)}(0) = -\cos(0) = -1$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = \sin(0) = 0$$

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4th differentiation!

$$f^{(5)}(0) = f^{(1)}(0), \text{ etc.}$$

$$f^{(6)}(0) = f^{(2)}(0), \text{ etc}$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

Remainder
= 0

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

✓ correct!

See later

Example 2

$$f(x) = e^x, \quad f^{(n)}(x) = e^x, \quad f^{(n)}(0) = 1$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Remainder = 0

✓
correct!

See later!

Example 3

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/2 x^2} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \exp(-1/2 x^2)$$

$$g(y) = \exp(y); \quad y = h(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2.$$

$$f'(x) = e^{-1/2 x^2} \left(\frac{2}{x^3} \right)$$

$$f^{(2)}(x) = e^{-1/2 x^2} \left(\frac{-6}{x^4} \right) + e^{-1/2 x^2} \left(\frac{2}{x^3} \right)^2$$

typical terms are $\frac{e^{-1/2 x^2}}{x^k} = \frac{1}{e^{1/2 x^2} x^k}$ for some $k > 0$

Observe

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{1}{e^{1/2 x^2} x^k} \right| = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{2x^2} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{2x^2} \right)^3 + \dots \right) x^k} \quad x \neq 0$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{1}{2x^2} \right)^n} \cdot \frac{1}{x^k} = \frac{n! |2x|^{2n}}{|2x|^k} = n! |x|^{2n-k}$$

So $\frac{1}{e^{1/2} x^2} x^k \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ since
 $n! |x|^{2n-k} \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$, provided we choose $2n > k$.

$$\therefore f^{(n)}(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(1)}(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-1/2x^2}}{x} = 0.$$

$$f^{(2)}(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x) - f'(0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{x} = 0$$

$$f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \quad \vdots$$

$$e^{-1/2x^2} = 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} !! \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \quad \times$$

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

See later.

Theorem 4.2.2 (Taylor's Theorem)

Assume that f is $(k+1)$ -times differentiable on some open interval containing $[0, a]$ and let $x \in (0, a)$. Then for some $c \in (0, x)$, we have

$$f(x) = f(0) + f^{(1)}(0)x + \frac{f^{(2)}(0)x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(k)}(0)x^k}{k!} + R_{(k,a)}f(x)$$

Such that $R_{(k,0)}f(x) = \frac{f^{(k+1)}(c)x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}$

Generalised MVT to order $(k+1)$

Proof Fix $x \neq 0$, let M solve the equation

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{f^{(n)}(0)x^n}{n!} + \frac{Mx^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}$$

for $x \in (0, a)$.

We need to show that $M = f^{(k+1)}(c)$, for some $c \in (0, x)$.

Define

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{f^{(n)}(0)t^n}{n!} + \frac{Mt^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} - f(t)$$

where $t \in (0, x)$.

By direct substitution $g(0) = g(x) = 0$

\therefore by MVT $\exists x_1$ such that

$$g^{(k+1)}(x_1) = g^{(k+1)}(x_1) = 0 \quad \text{with } 0 < x_1 < x < a$$

Now consider

$$g^{(1)}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} n t^{n-1} + \frac{M t^k}{k!} - f'(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g^{(1)}(0) &= \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} n [0]^{n-1} + 0 - f'(0) \\ &= f^{(1)}(0) - f^{(1)}(0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

and $g^{(1)}(x_1) = 0$

$\therefore \exists x_2 \in (0, x_1)$ such that $g^{(2)}(x_2) = 0$

Repeating this differentiation reduces $\frac{M t^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \rightarrow \frac{M t^k}{k!} \rightarrow$
 $\rightarrow \frac{M t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \frac{M t}{1!}$ and finally to M , a constant,
after $(k+1)$ steps \odot

Hence we get repeatedly for $m < k+1$

$g^{(m)}(x_m) = 0$ for $m < k+1$ for a sequence
of values x_m satisfying

$$0 < x_{k+1} < x_k < x_{k-1} \dots < x_1 < x$$

by repeated use of Rollé's theorem.

Now $g^{(k+1)}(x_{k+1}) = 0$, and

But $g^{(k+1)}(t) = M - f^{(k+1)}(t)$ (see )

$$\Rightarrow f^{(k+1)}(x_{k+1}) = M$$

Let $c = x_{k+1}$ & we get

$$M = f^{(k+1)}(c), c \in (0, x)$$



Notation For the general expansion about $x = a$

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

The remainder satisfies

$$R_{(k,a)} f(x) (= R_{(k,a)}(x)) = f(x) - T_{(k,a)} f(x)$$

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$$R_{(k,a)} f(x) = R_{(k,a)}(x) = \frac{f^{(k+1)}(c)}{(k+1)!} (x-a)^{k+1}$$

This is the LAGRANGE form of the remainder

Making $f(x)$ the subject we have

$$f(x) = \underbrace{T_{(k,a)} f(x)} + R_{(k,a)} f(x)$$

4.2.3 Examples

$$(i) f(x) = e^x, f^{(1)}(x) = e^x, f^{(n)}(x) = e^x, e^0 = 1.$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \text{if} \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} R_{k,0}(x) = 0$$

Lagrange Remainder is

$$f^{(k)}(x) = e^x$$
$$f^{(k+1)}(x) = e^x$$

$$|R_{(k,0)}f(x)| = \frac{f^{(k+1)}(c) x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}$$
$$= \frac{e^c x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}, \quad \text{for some } c \in (0, x).$$

Now $0 < c < x$

$$|R_{(k,0)}f(x)| < \left| \frac{e^x \cdot x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \right| \xrightarrow{?} 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let $k > |x|$

$$|R_{(k,0)}f(x)| < \frac{e^x |x|^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{|x|}{k+1} \cdot \frac{|x|}{k+2} \cdots \frac{|x|}{k} \cdot \frac{|x|}{k+1}$$

"fixed"

$$< \frac{e^x |x|^k}{k!} \left(\frac{|x|}{k+1} \right)^{k-k}$$

→ larger powers as $k \rightarrow \infty$

constant < 1

Finally $\left(\frac{|x|}{k+1} \right)^k \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ since $\frac{|x|}{k+1} < 1$

$$\therefore \exp(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Conclusion!

$$(ii) f(x) = \sinh(x)$$

$$(note \sinh'(x) = \cosh(x))$$

$$\& \cosh'(x) = \sinh(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(2n)}(x) &= \sinh(x) \\ f^{(2n+1)}(x) &= \cosh(x) \\ n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \sinh(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

Assume $x > 0$, Lagrange Remainder is:

$$|R_{(k,0)} f(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(k+1)}(c) x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \right|$$

Note

$$\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$< \frac{2e^x - e^x}{2}$$

"or $\cosh(c)$ "

$$= \left| \frac{\sinh(c) x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \right| < \left| \frac{e^c x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \right| < \left| \frac{e^x x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \right|, \quad 0 < c < x$$

Example $f(x) = \sin x$

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

$$T_{(k,0)} f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n + R_{(k,0)} f(x)$$

$$R_{(k,0)} f(x) = f^{(k+1)}(c) \frac{x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}$$

$$f(x) = \sin x, \quad \therefore |f^{(n)}(x)| = \begin{cases} |\sin(x)| & n \text{ even} \\ |\cos(x)| & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore |f^{(n)}(x)| \leq 1, \forall x \Rightarrow |R_{(k,0)} f(x)|$$

use
 $|\sin x| \leq 1$
 $|\cos x| \leq 1$
for all x

$$\frac{|x|^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}$$

$\rightarrow 0$
as $k \rightarrow \infty$
cf. example
of $f(x) = e^x$

Example $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$

$$f'(0) = 0, f^{(1)}(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}, f^{(2)}(x) = \frac{-1}{(1+x)^2},$$

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

\therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T_{(k,0)} f(x) &= 0 + \frac{1}{1!} x - \frac{1! x^2}{2!} + \frac{2! x^3}{3!} - \frac{3! x^4}{4!} + \dots + (-1)^{k+1} \frac{x^k}{k} \\ &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots + (-1)^{k+1} \frac{x^k}{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$|R_{(k,0)} f(x)| = \left| \frac{x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \cdot f^{(k+1)}(c) \right|, \quad 0 < c < x.$$

where,

$$|f^{(k+1)}(c)| = \left| \frac{k!}{(1+c)^k} \right|$$

$$\frac{1}{(1+c)^k} < 1 \quad \text{for } c > 0$$

$$\therefore |R_{(k,0)}f(x)| = \frac{|x|^{k+1}}{(1+c)^k(k+1)} < \frac{|x|^{k+1}}{(k+1)}$$

If we assume $|x| < 1$, then $\frac{|x|^{k+1}}{(k+1)} \rightarrow 0$ as

$k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore \ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

for $|x| < 1$.

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

Example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

k -th Lagrange remainder $\rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Why?

Show $f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \quad \forall n$. $T_{(\infty, 0)} f(x) \equiv 0$, $f(x) \neq 0$
 $\therefore R_{(\infty, 0)} f(x) \neq 0$

NOTE

$$f^{(1)}(x) = e^{-1/x} \frac{1}{x^2}, \quad f^{(2)}(x) = e^{-1/x} \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 + e^{-1/x} \left(-\frac{2}{x^3}\right)$$

$$f^{(k)}(x) = e^{-1/x} \left(\text{polynomial in } \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right)$$

You can prove $\frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{x} \rightarrow 0$

- hence $f^{(k+1)}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow T_{(n, 0)} f(x) = 0$!

END OF WEEK 3