

# Taylor Polynomial.

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$n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor Polynomial for a function  $f$  centered at  $\alpha$  is given by the formula:

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

If the center  $\alpha = 0$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor polynomial for  $f$  centered at 0 is called the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Maclaurin polynomial:

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

E.g. 1  $f(x) = e^x$ . Find Maclaurin polynomial  $T_1, T_2, T_3$  for  $f$ . (center  $x=0$ )

$$T_1(x) = f(0) + f'(0) \cdot x ; \quad f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = e^x ; \quad f'(0) = 1$$

$$T_1(x) = 1 + x \rightarrow \text{1st Maclaurin polynomial}$$

$$T_2(x) = f(0) + f'(0) \cdot x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2$$

$$f''(x) = e^x ; \quad f''(0) = 1$$

$$T_2(x) = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \rightarrow \text{2nd Maclaurin polynomial}$$

$$T_3(x) = f(0) + f'(0) \cdot x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} x^3$$

$$T_3(x) = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 \rightarrow \text{3rd Maclaurin polynomial.}$$

$$T_n(x) = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}x^n \quad \text{nth M. poly.}$$

E.g.2  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  (centered at  $\alpha=1$ ) for  $f(x) = \ln x$

$f(x) = \ln x$	Plug in $\alpha=1$
$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$	$f(1) = \ln(1) = 0$
$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$	$f'(1) = 1$
$f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$	$f''(1) = -1$
$f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4}$	$f'''(1) = 2$
	$f^{(4)}(1) = -6$

$$T_1(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) = \boxed{x-1}$$

$$T_2(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2$$

$$= \boxed{(x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2}$$

$$T_3(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{f'''(1)}{3!}(x-1)^3$$

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

$$T_4(x) = \boxed{(x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4}$$

$T_1(1.1); T_2(1.1); T_3(1.1); T_4(1.1)$  provide more and more accurate approx. to  $\ln(1.1)$ .

E.g.3.

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

$$T_1(x) = 1$$

$$T_2(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

$$T_3(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

$$T_4(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4$$

$$T_n(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 - \dots + (-1)^K \frac{x^{2K}}{(2K)!}$$

$(n=2K)$

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

$$T_1(x) = x; \quad T_2(x) = x; \quad T_3(x) = x - \frac{1}{6}x^3$$

$$T_4(x) = x - \frac{1}{6}x^3$$

# Taylor's Theorem.

Function  $f(x)$

Use  $n$ th Taylor polynomial centered at  $\alpha$  to

approximate  $f(x)$  :  $T_n(x)$

$n$ th remainder:  $|f(x) - T_n(x)|$

$R_n(x)$

$$|R_n(x)| \leq M \cdot \frac{|x - \alpha|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

where  $M$  = max. value of the  $(n+1)$ -derivative of the function on  $[x, \alpha]$  or  $[\alpha, x]$

①  $f(x) = \cos(x)$

$T_4(0.1)$  to approximate  $\cos(0.1)$

( $T_4(x)$ : 4<sup>th</sup> Maclaurin poly. for  $f(x)$ )

How good is this approximation?

Taylor's Theorem:

$$|R_4(x)| \leq M \cdot \frac{|x-\alpha|^5}{5!}$$

$$x = 0.1 ; \alpha = 0$$

$M = \max.$  of the 5<sup>th</sup> derivative of  $f(x) = \cos x$   
on  $[0, 0.1]$

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

$$f'''(x) = \sin x ; f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x ; f^{(5)}(x) = -\sin x$$

$$|f^{(5)}(x)| = |-\sin x| = |\sin x| \text{ on } [0, 0.1]$$

$$M = |\sin(0.1)|$$



$$|R_4(x)| \leq |\sin(0.1)| \frac{(0.1)^5}{5!}$$

②  $T_5(1)$  to estimate  $e^1$

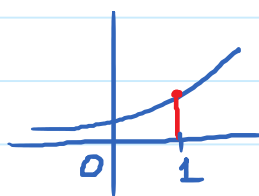
$T_5(x)$ : 5<sup>th</sup> Maclaurin poly. for  $f(x) = e^x$ .

$$|R_5(x)| \leq M \cdot \frac{|x-\alpha|^6}{6!}$$

$$x = 1; \alpha = 0$$

$$M = \max \text{ of } |f^{(6)}(x)| \text{ on } [0, 1]$$

$$f^{(6)}(x) = e^x.$$



$$M = e$$

$$|R_5(x)| \leq e \cdot \frac{1^6}{6!} = \boxed{\frac{e}{720}}$$