

Taylor Polynomials 2

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A polynomial function can approximate most any function f near some value of $x = c$. If f has n derivatives at c , then the polynomial

$$P_n(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x - c)^2 + \frac{f'''(c)}{3!}(x - c)^3 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n$$

is called the **n th Taylor polynomial for f at c**

If $c = 0$ then

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

is called the **n th Maclaurin polynomial for f** .

1. Construct a fourth degree polynomial with the following behavior at $x = 0$.

$$P(0) = 1$$

$$P'(0) = 2$$

$$P''(0) = 3$$

$$P'''(0) = 4$$

$$P^{(4)}(0) = 5$$

Use a fourth degree polynomial $P(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$

2. Start with the fourth derivative and work backwards using differential equations to develop a formula for $P(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$

3. Construct a fourth degree polynomial that matches the behavior of $f(x) = \ln(1 + x)$ at $x = 0$ by using successive derivatives of x

4. Use the method from the previous examples to find a fourth degree polynomial that approximates the behavior of $f(x) = \sqrt{1 + 2x}$ at $x = 0$

5. Create the fifth degree Taylor polynomial for $f(x) = e^{2x}$

6. Write the first nonzero terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \cos(2x)$

7. Suppose f has derivatives of all orders at $x = 1$. Suppose that the following values apply:
 $f(1) = 3$, $f'(1) = 4$, $f''(1) = -8$, $f'''(1) = -7$, and $f^{(4)}(1) = 7$.

Write the fourth degree Taylor polynomial approximation for f centered at $x = 1$. Use this to approximate $f(1.1)$.

8. Write the fourth degree Taylor polynomial to approximate $f(x) = \cos(x)$ centered at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$. Use this to approximate $f(1.1)$.

Common MacLaurin Series

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \cdots + x^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad (\text{for } -1 < x < 1) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \cdots + (-x)^{n-1} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n \quad (\text{for } -1 < x < 1) \quad (2)$$

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{n} \quad (\text{for } -1 < x < 1) \quad (3)$$

$$\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \quad (\text{for } -1 \leq x \leq 1) \quad (4)$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad (\text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (5)$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots + \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad (\text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (6)$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots + \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad (\text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (7)$$