

Chapter 9

TAYLOR'S AND MACLAURIN'S SERIES

The values of all real valued functions at any real number can be calculated by a scientific calculator. The buttons on scientific calculator give an idea that almost all real valued functions are formed by $x^{m/n}$, ten numerals 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and four operations +, -, \times , \div except the functions involving $log_b x$, b^x and trigonometric functions, where m, n and b are real numbers. These functions are also represented by a polynomial or a series of x. An approximate value of e^x , sinx or cosx can be found for a real value x by pressing a button on a calculator. All the values of these trigonometric functions are not fed in the calculator because there are infinite values, so a program is fed in a calculator or a computer which are based on polynomials. Taylor's polynomials of degree n for e^x and cosx centred at zero are given below, where n is a non-negative integer.

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

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{4}}{4!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n} x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

Extending Taylor's polynomials obtain a power series that represents the function exactly.

$$e^{x} = 1 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n}}{n!}$$
$$cosx = 1 - \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{4}}{4!} - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

Truncation error occurs when the series of a function f(x) is truncated to finite number of terms, which is a polynomial, to calculate the value of the function for a real value x = a. The round off error arises as the power of x increases of the polynomial.

Numerical Analysis, a branch of mathematics is studied to learn how mathematical problems computerized to solve them. Almost all the topics of Numerical Analysis related to calculate the values of the functions for a real value of x are based on polynomials. Following topics from Numerical Analysis explain how polynomial forms.

- Curve fitting
- Interpolating polynomials
- Lagrangian polynomials
- Divided differences

The polynomials are formed using the above methods following a pattern and is used for computer programming. The following polynomials do not follow a pattern.

- $2x^5 6x^2 + 9$
- $6x^8 2x^2 + 3x$
- $x^7 + 5x^4 + 2x + 6$

Above polynomials can be represented by the polynomials which follow a pattern using the above methods. Taylor's series expresses most functions as a power series based on derivatives of the functions. Taylor's series is expanded about a point $x=a\in\mathbb{R}$, when a=0 the series is called Maclaurin's series.

Polynomials and Value of the functions:

The accuracy of the value of a function f(x) depends on number of terms of its polynomial.

$$f(x) \cong P_n(x)$$

More terms of polynomial gives more accuracy in the value of the function.

Taylor's series of sinx is

$$cosx = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

This series gives exact value of cosx.

Taylor's polynomial for cosx is

$$cosx = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

The function cosx and its Taylor's polynomial of degree 1, 4 and 6 are given below.

$$\cos x = P_1(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!}$$

$$cosx = P_4(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

$$cosx = P_6(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!}$$

The graphs of cosx and its polynomials between 0 and 2π are given below.

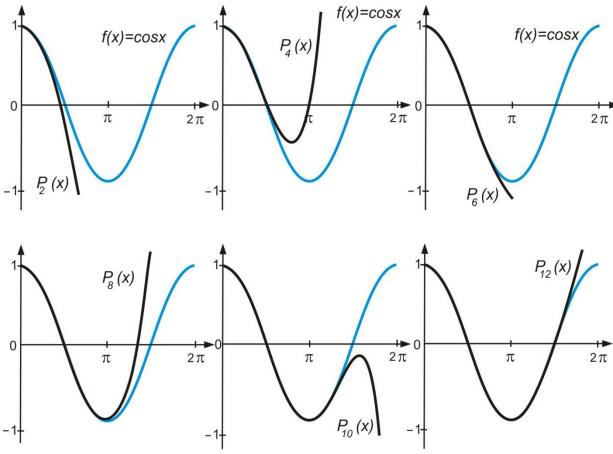


Figure 9.1

All graphs are drawn from (0,0) but $P_{12}(x)$ is the nearest graph to the graph of $\cos x$ between 0 and 2π .

TAYLOR'S SERIES

If f(x) is a function and all derivatives of f(x) exist at x=a, then

$$f(x) = f(a + (x - a))$$

$$= f(a) + f'(a).(x - a) + \frac{1}{2!}f''(a).(x - a)^{2} + \frac{1}{3!}f'''(a).(x - a)^{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}f^{(n)}(a).(x - a)^{n} + R_{n}(x)$$

when
$$R_n(x) \to 0$$
 as $n \to \infty$

where
$$R_n(x) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{n+1}(c)(x-a)^{n+1}$$
 for $c \in (a,b)$

Proof:

The following is the proof for a < b. The proof for a > b is left for the reader. $P_n(x)$ is a Taylor's polynomial of degree n.

$$P_n(x) = f(a) + f'(a).(x - a) + \frac{1}{2!}f''(a).(x - a)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}f'''(a).(x - a)^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}f^{(n)}(a).(x - a)^n \to (1)$$

In general $P_n(x)$ is equal to f(x) for some values of $x \in \mathbb{R}$, but not for all values, as shown in the following figures 9.2 (a), (b).

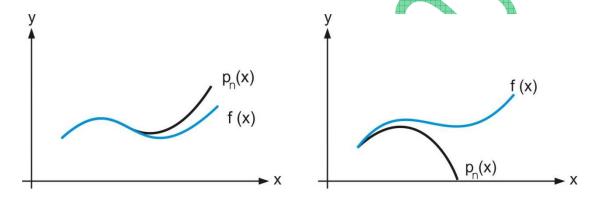


Figure 9.2 (a), (b)

 $U_n(x)$ is another polynomial such that

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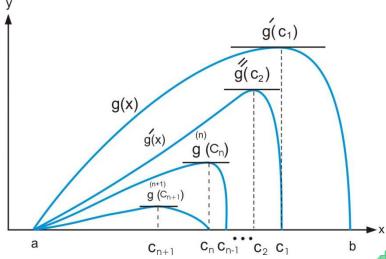
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Figure 9.4



The difference of f(x) and $U_n(x)$ is a function g(x) such that

$$g(x) = f(x) - U_n(x)$$
 $\rightarrow (6$

$$g(x) = f(x) - f(a) - f'(a) \cdot (x - a) - \frac{1}{2!} f''(a) \cdot (x - a)^2 - \frac{1}{3!} f'''(a) \cdot (x - a)^3$$
$$- \dots - \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n)}(a) \cdot (x - a)^n - M(x - a)^{n+1}$$
 \rightarrow (7)

$$g'(x) = f'(x) - f'(a) - f''(a) \cdot (x - a) - \frac{1}{2!} f'''(a) \cdot (x - a)^{2}$$
$$- \dots - \frac{1}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(a) \cdot (x - a)^{n-1} - M(n+1)(x - a)^{n}$$
 \rightarrow (8)

$$g''(x) = f''(x) - f''(a) - f'''(a) \cdot (x - a) - \dots - \frac{1}{(n-2)!} f^{(n)}(a) \cdot (x - a)^{n-2}$$
$$-M(n+1)n(x-a)^{n-1} \to (9)$$

$$g^{(n)}(x) = f^{(n)}(x) - f^{(n)}(a) - M(n+1)!(x-a)$$

$$g^{(n+1)}(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x) - M(n+1)!$$

$$\to (10)$$

$$\to (11)$$

since g(a) = g(b) = 0 by (7) and (6) respectively and g(x) continuous on [a,b] and derivable on (a,b), by Rolle's theorem

$$g'(c_1) = 0$$
 for some $c_1 \in (a, b)$

since $g'(a) = g'(c_1) = 0$ and g'(x) continuous on [a,b] and derivable on (a,b), by Rolle's theorem

$$g''(c_2) = 0$$
 for some $c_2 \in (a, c_1)$
 \vdots
 $g^{(n)}(c_n) = 0$ for some $c_n \in (a, c_{n-1})$

$$g^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1}) = 0$$
 for some $c_{n+1} \in (a, c_n)$

Putting $x = c_{n+1}$ in (11)

$$g^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1}) = f^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1}) - M (n+1)!$$

$$0 = f^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1}) - M (n+1)!$$

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

Putting $c_{n+1} = c \in (a, b)$

$$M = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(c)$$
 \rightarrow (12)

Putting in (5)

$$f(b) = P_n(b) + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(c) (b-a)^{n+1}$$
 , $c \in (a,b)$

Hence the theorem is proved.

Replacing b by x

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(c)(x-a)^{n+1}$$
MACLAURIN'S SERIES

Let f(x) be a function, if f(x) has (n + 1) derivatives at x = 0, the following is the Maclaurin's series.

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

where

$$R_n(x) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(c).(x)^{n+1}$$

General Form of the Polynomial and *n***:**

Macluarin's polynomial for sinx is

$$P_n(x) = sinx = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots \pm nth \ term$$

There is a confusion for n, when the polynomial is written in general form, such that

$$P_n(x) = \sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

it is wrong because if n = 5, then

$$P_5(x) = \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \frac{x^{11}}{11!}$$

which is wrong, because

$$P_5(x) = sinx = f(0) + \frac{x}{1!} f^{(1)}(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(0)$$

$$+ \frac{x^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(0) + \frac{x^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(0) + \frac{x^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(0)$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$$
The solution of this problem. Write down the general term

of the polynomial

General term =
$$\frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$
, $k = 0,1,2.3,...$
So $n = 2k+1 \implies k = \frac{n-1}{2}$

So
$$n = 2k + 1 \implies k = \frac{n-1}{2}$$

The general form of the polynomial is

$$P_n(x) = sinx = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

which is true.

For example, if n = 5

$$P_5(x) = \sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{2} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$
$$= x - \frac{x^3}{2!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$$

which is exactly true.

EXAMPLES FOR TAYLOR AND MACLAURIN POLYNOMIAL:

Example 9.1:

Write down the first n terms, remainder and the general form of order \boldsymbol{n} of Maclaurin polynomial to the function

$$f(x) = sinx.$$

- (a) Using Maclaurin polynomial find and approximate value of $\sin \pi/4$, correct to five decimal places, for n=5.
- (b) (i) Find remainder and approximate value of $sin\pi/6$, for n=3.
 - (ii) Find the value of c such that $\sin \pi/6 = 0.5$.
- (c) Prove that $f(x) = P_5(x)$, correct to one decimal places for all $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Solution:

Solution		
n	$f^{(n)}(x)$	$f^{(n)}(0)$
0	sinx	0
1	cosx	1
2	-sinx	0
3	-cosx	-1
4	sinx	0
5	cosx	1
6	-sinx	0
:	:	
n	$\pm sins$ or $\pm cosx$	

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x)$$

$$= f(0) + \frac{x}{1!} f^{(1)}(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(0)$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(0) + \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(c)$$

$$sinx = 0 + \frac{x}{1!}(1) + 0 + \frac{x^3}{3!}(-1) + 0 + \frac{x^5}{5!}(-1) + \cdots + \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}f^{n+1}(c)$$

where

$$P_n(x) = P_{2k+1}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \quad \text{and} \quad$$

$$R_n(x) = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(c)$$
(a) $n = 5 \implies 2k + 1 = 5 \implies k = 2$

$$P_5(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$$
Figure 9.5

SO

$$f(\frac{\pi}{4}) \cong P_3(\frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$sin \pi/4 \cong \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{(\frac{\pi}{4})^3}{3!} + \frac{(\frac{\pi}{4})^5}{5!}$$

$$= 0.785398 - 0.080796 + 0.002490$$

$$= 0.707142$$

$$= 0.707144 \quad \text{(correct to five decimal)}$$
(b) (i) $n = 3 \implies 2k + 1 = 3 \implies k = 1$

$$P_3(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{1} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{3!}$$

Now

$$f(\pi/6) = P_3(\pi/6) + R_3(\pi/6)$$

$$sin\frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3}{3!} + \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(c)$$

$$= 0.499674 + 0.003132 sinc$$
Approximate value of $sin\frac{\pi}{6} = 0.499674$

Remainder = $0.003132 \, sinc$

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(ii) Exact value of $sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ is 0.5 (i.e. $sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 0.5$), so $0.5 = 0499674 + 0.003132 \, sinc$
 $c = 0.10427 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{6})$
(c) $n = 5 \Rightarrow 2k + 1 = 5 \Rightarrow k = 2$

$$P_5(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

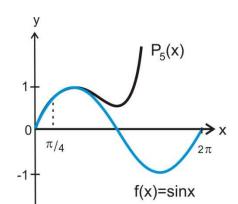


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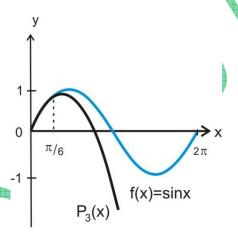


Figure 9.6

Since

$$f(\pi/2) = P_5(\pi/2) + R_5(\pi/2)$$

$$sin \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{(\frac{\pi}{2})^3}{3!} + \frac{(\frac{\pi}{2})^5}{5!} + \frac{(\frac{\pi}{2})^6}{6!} f^{(6)}(c)$$

$$= 1.004 - 0.02 \, sinc \qquad \to (1)$$
since $0 < sinc < 1$ for all $c \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, so

 $R_5\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -0.02 \ sinc \rightarrow 0$, correct to one decimal place.

since
$$|R_5(x)| < \left| R_5\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right|$$
 for all $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

so $R_5(x) \to 0$, correct to one decimal place, $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Thus $f(x) = P_n(x)$, correct to one decimal, $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Example 9.2:

Write down the first n terms, remainder in term of c and the general form of the Maclaurin polynomial for the following function

$$f(x) = e^x$$
 for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

- (a) Find the approximate value and remainder in term of c when x = 3 and n = 4.
- (b) The exact value of e^3 is 20.0855, correct to four decimal places, find the remainder.
- (c) Prove that $c \in (0,3)$.

Solution:

k	$f^{(k)}(x)$	$f^{(k)}(0)$
0	e^x	1
1	e^x	1
2	e^{x} e^{x} e^{x}	1
3	e^x	1
4	e^{x} e^{x}	1
5	e^x	1
:	÷	:
n	e^x e^x	
n+1	e^x	

Maclaurin's series for e^x is

$$f(x) = f(0) + \frac{x}{1!} f^{(1)}(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(0) + \frac{x^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(0) + \frac{x^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(0) + \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(c)$$

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} e^c$$

General term =
$$\frac{x^k}{k!}$$
, $k = 0,1,2,3...$

So $n = k \implies k = n$

The general form of the polynomial is

$$P_n(x) = e^x \cong \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

(a) For n=4

$$P_4(x) = e^x \cong \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

So that

$$e^x = P_4(x) + R_4(x)$$

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} e^{-\frac{x^4}{4!}}$$

For x = 3

$$e^3 = 1 + \frac{3}{1!} + \frac{3^2}{2!} + \frac{3^3}{3!} + \frac{3^4}{4!} + \frac{3^5}{5!}e^{-\frac{3^4}{4!}}$$

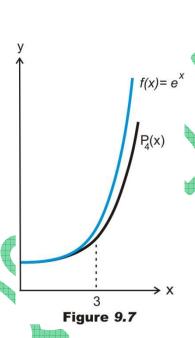
$$= 16.375 + 2.025e^{c}$$

Approximate value of e^3 :

$$e^3 \cong P_4(3) = 16.375$$
 Figure 9.7

Remainder in term of *c*:

$$R_4(3) = 0.025e^c$$



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where Maclaurin polynomial is

$$P_n(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$
and the remainder

$$R_n(x) = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} e^c$$

(a)
$$P_{6}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{6} \frac{x^{n}}{n!} = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \frac{x^{4}}{4!} + \frac{x^{5}}{5!} + \frac{x^{6}}{6!}$$

$$e^{x} \cong P_{6}(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \frac{x^{4}}{4!} + \frac{x^{5}}{5!} + \frac{x^{6}}{6!}$$

$$e^{3} \cong P_{6}(3) = 1 + \frac{3}{1!} + \frac{3^{2}}{2!} + \frac{3^{3}}{3!} + \frac{3^{4}}{4!} + \frac{3^{5}}{5!} + \frac{3^{6}}{6!}$$

(b)
$$e^2 \cong P_6(2) = 1 + \frac{2}{1!} + \frac{2^2}{2!} + \frac{2^3}{3!} + \frac{2^4}{4!} + \frac{2^5}{5!} + \frac{2^6}{6!}$$

The remainder is

$$R_6(2) = f(2) - P_6(2)$$

= 7.389056 - 7.355556
= 0.0335

Figure 9.8

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(a)
$$P_4(2) = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{25} + \frac{2^2}{125} - \frac{2^3}{625} + \frac{2^4}{3125}$$

= 0.14432
 $R_4(2) = -\frac{2^5}{(c+5)^6} = -\frac{32}{(c+5)^6}$

Now

$$R_4(2) = f(2) - P_4(2)$$

= 0.142857 - 0.14432
= -0.001463

Figure 9.9

(b) For the value of c

$$R_4(2) = -\frac{32}{(c+5)^6}$$

$$-0.001463 = -\frac{32}{(c+5)^6}$$

$$c = 0.288318 \in (0,2)$$

Example 9.5:

Find the general form of Taylor polynomial about 1 for the function $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

$$f(x) = lnx$$

Solution:

n	$f^{(n)}(x)$	$f^{(n)}(1)$
0 1	$\ln x$ $x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$ $-x^{-2} = \frac{-1}{x^{2}}$ $2x^{-3} = \frac{2!}{x^{3}}$ $-6x^{-4} = \frac{-3!}{x^{4}}$ $24x^{-5} = \frac{4!}{x^{5}}$	0
2	$-x^{-2} = \frac{-1}{x^2}$	-1
3	$2x^{-3} = \frac{2!}{x^3}$	2!
4	$-6x^{-4} = \frac{-3!}{x^4}$	-31
5	$24x^{-5} = \frac{4!}{x^5}$	4!

$$f(x) = f(1) + \frac{(x-1)}{1!} f^{(1)}(1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(1) + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(1) + \frac{(x-1)^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(1) + \frac{(x-1)^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(1)$$

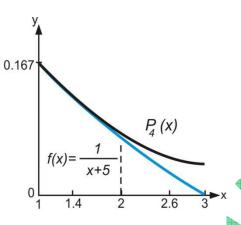


Figure 9.9

$$lnx = 0 + (x - 1) - \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)^{2} + \frac{1}{3}(x - 1)^{3} - \frac{1}{4}(x - 1)^{4}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{5}(x - 1)^{5} + \cdots$$

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

$$+ \frac{1}{5}(x - 1)^{5} + \cdots$$

The general term is

$$\frac{(-1)^k}{k+1}(x-1)^{k+1} , k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Since $n = k + 1 \implies k = n - 1$

General expression of the polynomial is

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} (x-1)^{k+1}$$

Example 9.6:

Find the general form of Taylor polynomial and remainder about \boldsymbol{a} for the function

$$f(x) = lnx$$

- (a) Find the approximate value and remainder (in term of c) of ln6 using Taylor's polynomial for n=4 about 1 and 5.
- (b) ln6=1.7917595, correct to six decimal places, find the approximate value and remainder of ln6 by Taylor's polynomial for n=4 about 10 and prove that $c\in(6,10)$.

Solution:

Solution	•	
n	$f^{(n)}(x)$	$f^{(n)}(a)$
0	lnx 1	lna 1
1 2	$x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$ $-x^{-2} = \frac{-1}{x^2}$ $2x^{-3} = \frac{2!}{x^3}$ $-6x^{-4} = \frac{-3!}{x^4}$ $24x^{-5} = \frac{4!}{x^5}$	
3	$2x^{-3} = \frac{2!}{x^3}$	$\frac{2!}{a^3}$
4	$-6x^{-4} = \frac{-3!}{x_1^4}$	$\frac{-3!}{a_1^4}$
5	$24x^{-5} = \frac{4!}{x^5}$	$\frac{4!}{a^5}$

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The remainder is

$$R_4(6) = \frac{(-1)^4 (6-1)^5}{5c^5} = \frac{5^5}{5c^5}$$

For n = 4, about a = 5 and x = 6:

$$P_4(6) = \ln 5 + \sum_{k=0}^{3} \frac{(-1)^k (6-5)^{k+1}}{(k+1)a^{k+1}}$$

$$= 1.6094379 + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1^2}{2 \times 5^2} + \frac{1^3}{3 \times 5^3} - \frac{1^4}{4 \times 5^4}$$

$$= 1.7917046$$

Figure 9.11

The remainder is

$$R_4(6) = \frac{(-1)^4 (6-5)^5}{5c^5} = \frac{1}{5c^5}$$
(b) For $n = 4$, about $a = 10$ and $x = 6$:
$$P_4(6) = \ln 10 + \sum_{k=0}^{3} \frac{(-1)^k (6-10)^{k+1}}{(k+1)10^{k+1}}$$

$$= 2.302585 + \frac{(-4)}{10} - \frac{(-4)^2}{2 \times 10^2} + \frac{(-4)^3}{3 \times 10^3} - \frac{(-4)^4}{4 \times 10^4}$$

$$= 1.7996517$$

Figure 9.12

The remainder is

$$R_4(6) = \frac{(-1)^4 (6 - 10)^5}{5c^5} = -\frac{1024}{5c^5}$$

Since

$$R_4(6) = ln6 - P_4(6)$$

= 1.7917595 - 1.7996517
= -0.0078922

For the value of *c*

$$-\frac{1024}{5c^5} = -0.0078922$$

$$c = 7.635 \in (6,10)$$

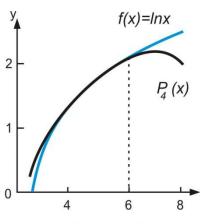


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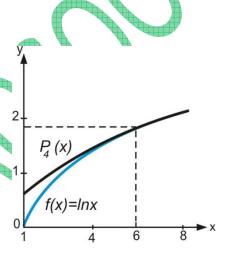


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