

**Recall (fill in the blank, see middle of pg 761)**

The  $n$ -th Taylor Polynomial centered at  $a$  is

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**Remainder in a Taylor Polynomial**

Taylor polynomials provide good approximations to functions near a specific point, but how good are the approximations?

Let  $R_n(x) = f(x) - T_n(x)$ , then  $R_n(x)$  is called the remainder of the Taylor series.

**(Copy from pg 762) Theorem Taylor's Inequality**

Suppose there exists a number  $M$  such that

$$|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M \text{ for } |x - a| \leq d,$$

then the remainder  $R_n(x)$  of the Taylor series satisfies

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ for } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Follow Sec 11.11 (next section) Example 1 pg 775-776: Consider the function  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$ .

- a. Find the **Taylor polynomials of order 2** centered at  $x = 8$  for  $f(x)$ .

b. How accurate is this approximation when  $7 \leq x \leq 9$ ?

Using Taylor series to solve other problems.

1. The Maclaurin series for  $e^x$  is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x}$  using Maclaurin series.

Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x}$  using L'hospital rule.

Verify your result  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x}$  using a graphing tool if you have one.

**Taylor's Inequality, applications of Taylor series**

2. The Maclaurin series for  $\sin x$  is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

Assume the conditions for the **Integral Test** have been verified. Determine the convergence or divergence of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$ .

**[Solution of Problem 2]**

Let  $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  for  $x \geq 1$ .

Note that  $0 < \frac{1}{x} \leq 1 < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , so  $\frac{1}{x}$  is in the first quadrant.

Hence  $f(x)$  is positive for  $x \geq 1$ .

In addition,  $f(x)$  is continuous for  $x \geq 1$ .

Furthermore,  $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) < 0$  for  $x \geq 1$ .

Thus  $f(x)$  is decreasing for  $x \geq 1$ .

Therefore, the Integral Test applies.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } x \geq 1, \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{-2n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \int \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx &= \int \left[ \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{-2n-1} \right] dx \\ &= \ln|x| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n(2n+1)!} x^{-2n} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \int_1^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln|x| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n(2n+1)!} x^{-2n} \right]_1^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln|t| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n(2n+1)!} \frac{1}{t^{2n}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n(2n+1)!} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n(2n+1)!}$  is absolutely convergent by the Ratio Test since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(2n+2)(2n+3)!}}{\frac{1}{2n(2n+1)!}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n(2n+1)!}{(2n+2)(2n+3)!} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{(n+1)(2n+3)(2n+2)} = 0$$

As a result,  $\int_1^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln|t| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n(2n+1)!} \frac{1}{t^{2n}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n(2n+1)!} \right]$

The improper integral  $\int_1^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx$  diverges.

Therefore, the infinite series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$  diverges by the Integral Test.