

~~Desmos~~ Desmos Demo for

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

Taylor polynomial is a good approximation  
of a function near the point  $x=a$

ex

Find the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor polynomial of  
 $f(x) = e^x$  at  $x=0$

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

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

$\vdots$

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

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

Recall: The Taylor polynomial of a function  $f(x)$  centered at  $x=a$  is

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

As seen in last class, Taylor polynomials give good approximations of the functions they come from  
 why is this?

Use  $a=0$  for simplicity:

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n$$

•  $P_n(0) = f(0)$  so values agree at  $x=0$

$$P_n'(x) = f'(0) + \frac{2f''(0)}{2!}x + \frac{3f'''(0)}{3!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{nf^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^{n-1}$$

$P_n'(0) = f'(0)$  so 1st derivatives agree

$$P_n''(x) = f''(0) + \frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot f'''(0)}{3!}x + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^{n-2}$$

$P_n''(0) = f''(0)$  so 2nd derivatives agree at  $x=0$

$$P_n^{(n)}(x) = \frac{n \cdot (n-1)(n-2) \cdots (2)(1) f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$$

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

$$= f^{(n)}(0)$$

$$P_n^{(n)}(0) = f^{(n)}(0) \quad \text{so } n^{\text{th}} \text{ derivatives agree at } x=0$$

So the Taylor polynomial  $P_n(x)$  and  $f(x)$  ~~share~~ have their first  $n$  derivatives equal at  $x=0$

(can do the same for  $x=a$ )

ex

Find 3rd Taylor Polynomial of

$$xe^{3x} \text{ at } x=0$$

$$f(x) = xe^{3x}$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = e^{3x} + 3xe^{3x}$$

$$f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = 3e^{3x} + 3e^{3x} + 9xe^{3x}$$

$$f''(0) = 6$$

$$f'''(x) = 9e^{3x} + 9e^{3x} + 9e^{3x} + 27xe^{3x} \quad f'''(0) = 27$$

$$P_3(x) = 0 + \frac{1}{1!}(x-0) + \frac{6}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{27}{3!}(x-0)^3$$

$$= x + 3x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x^3$$

ex Use ~~the~~ The 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor polynomial of  $e^x$  centered at  $x=0$  to approximate  $e^{0.1}$

$$P_4(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

$$e^{0.1} \approx P_4(0.1)$$

$$e^{0.1} \approx 1 + 0.1 + \frac{0.1^2}{2!} + \frac{0.1^3}{3!} + \frac{0.1^4}{4!}$$

~~$$1 + 0.1 + \frac{(0.01)}{2} + \frac{1}{6}(0.001)$$~~

$$1 + 0.1 + \frac{0.01}{2} + \frac{0.001}{6} + \frac{0.0001}{24}$$

$$P_4(0.1) = 1.1051708\dots$$

$$e^{0.1} = 1.1051709\dots$$

agree up to the 6<sup>th</sup> decimal place!

ex

Find the 2<sup>nd</sup> T.P. of

$$f(x) = \ln(1+x^2) \quad \text{at } x=0 \quad \text{and}$$

Use it to approximate area under  $f$

between  $x=0$  and  $x=\frac{1}{2}$

$$f(x) = \ln(1+x^2)$$

$$f(0) = \ln(1) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \cdot 2x$$

$$f'(0) = 0$$

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

$$f''(0) = \frac{2-0}{1} = 2$$

$$p_2(x) = 0 + 0 \cdot x + \frac{2x^2}{2!}$$

$$\ln(1+x^2) \approx p_2(x) = x^2$$

So we can use  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2 dx$  to

approximate  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln(1+x^2) dx$

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln(1+x^2) dx \approx \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2 dx = \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{24}$$

ex Find 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor Polynomial of  $\ln(2-x)$  at  $x=1$  and use it to estimate  $\ln(.8)$

$$f(x) = \ln(2-x)$$

$$f(1) = 0$$

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

$$f'(1) = -1$$

$$f''(x) = (2-x)^{-2} (-1)$$

$$f''(1) = -1$$

$$f'''(x) = (-2)(-1)(2-x)^{-3} (-1)$$

$$f'''(1) = -2$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = (-2)(-3)(2-x)^{-4} (-1)$$

$$f^{(4)}(1) = -6$$

$$P_4(x) = 0 + \frac{-1}{1!}(x-1) + \frac{-1}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{-2}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \frac{-6}{4!}(x-1)^4$$

$$\ln(.8) = \ln(2-1.2) = f(1.2)$$

$$\text{so } x = 1.2$$

$$\ln(.8) \approx P_4(1.2) = -1(1.2-1) - \frac{1}{2}(1.2-1)^2 - \frac{2}{3!}(1.2-1)^3 - \frac{6}{4!}(1.2-1)^4$$

$$= \cancel{0} - .2 - \frac{(.2)^2}{2} - \frac{2}{6}(.2)^3 - \frac{6}{24}(.2)^4$$

ex Find the 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor Polynomial of

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 8 \quad \text{at } x = -1$$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 8 \quad f(-1) = 3 + 4 + 8 = 15$$

$$f'(x) = 6x - 4 \quad f'(-1) = -10$$

$$f''(x) = 6 \quad f''(-1) = 6$$

$$f'''(x) = 0 \quad f'''(-1) = 0$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 0 \quad f^{(4)}(-1) = 0$$

$$P_4(x) = 15 + \frac{-10}{1!}(x+1) + \frac{6}{2!}(x+1)^2$$

Clean it up:

$$P_4(x) = 15 - 10x - 10 + 3(x^2 + 2x + 1)$$

$$= 15 - 10x + 3x^2 + 6x + 3$$

$$= \boxed{3x^2 - 4x + 8} = f(x) \text{ exactly.}$$