

9. Taylor-polynomial, approximation

PROBLEM 1

Determine the n -th order Taylor-polynomial of the function $f(x)$ around the given point x_0 , and use it for the approximation of the given value of $f(x)$!

a) $f(x) = e^{1-x}$, $n=3$, $x_0=1$; $f(0.7) \approx ?$

b) $f(x) = 3 - \ln(1-x)^3$, $n=4$, $x_0=0$; $f(0.2) \approx ?$

c) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^3}$, $n=4$, $x_0=1$; $f(0.6) \approx ?$

d) $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+2}$, $n=3$, $x_0=1$; $f(1.4) \approx ?$

e) $f(x) = \sin x$, $n=4$, $x_0=\pi$; $f(\pi-0.3) \approx ?$

f) $f(x) = 6 \sin^2 x$, $n=4$, $x_0=\frac{\pi}{2}$; $f(\frac{\pi}{2} + 0.01) \approx ?$

g) $f(x) = \operatorname{tg} x$, $n=3$, $x_0=\frac{\pi}{4}$; $f(\frac{\pi}{4} + 0.03) \approx ?$

h) $f(x) = \operatorname{tg} x^2$, $n=2$, $x_0=0$; $f(-0.1) \approx ?$

i) $f(x) = 1.5(e^x + e^{-x})$, $n=4$, $x_0=0$; $f(0.01) \approx ?$

j) $f(x) = e^{-x^2/2}$, $n=3$, $x_0=0$; $f(0.1) \approx ?$

k) $f(x) = e^{1-\cos x}$, $n=3$, $x_0=0$; $f(0.1) \approx ?$

l) $f(x) = \ln(8 \sin^6 x)$, $n=3$, $x_0=\frac{\pi}{4}$; $f(\frac{\pi}{4} + 0.01) \approx ?$

SAMPLE SOLUTION:

c) $f(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$, $f(x_0) = f(1) = 1^{\frac{3}{2}} = 1$

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad f'(x_0) = f'(1) = \frac{3}{2} 1^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{3}{4} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad f''(x_0) = f''(1) = \frac{3}{4} 1^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\frac{3}{8} x^{-\frac{3}{2}}, \quad f'''(x_0) = f'''(1) = -\frac{3}{8} 1^{-\frac{3}{2}} = -\frac{3}{8}$$

$f''(x) = \frac{9}{16}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$, $f''(x_0) = f''(1) = \frac{9}{16}1^{-\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{9}{16}$, which, substituting into the Taylor–
formula, gives:

$$\begin{aligned} T_n(x) = T_4(x) &= f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}(x-x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{6}(x-x_0)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_0)}{24}(x-x_0)^4 = \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{2}(x-1) + \frac{3}{4}(x-1)^2 + \frac{-\frac{3}{8}}{6}(x-1)^3 + \frac{\frac{9}{16}}{24}(x-1)^4 \quad (\text{Here, we leave the powers of } (x-x_0)) \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{2}(x-1) + \frac{3}{8}(x-1)^2 - \frac{1}{16}(x-1)^3 + \frac{3}{128}(x-1)^4 \end{aligned}$$

as is and do not apply the raising to square, cube, etc. identities!)

Approximation at $x=0.6$: since $(x-x_0)=(x-1)=0.6-1=-0.4$, so:

$$0.6^{\frac{3}{2}} = f(0.6) \approx T_4(0.6) = 1 + \frac{3}{2}(-0.4) + \frac{3}{8}(-0.4)^2 - \frac{1}{16}(-0.4)^3 + \frac{3}{128}(-0.4)^4 =$$

$$T_4(0.6) = 1 - \frac{3}{2} \cdot 0.4 + \frac{3}{8} \cdot 0.16 + \frac{1}{16} \cdot 0.064 + \frac{3}{128} \cdot 0.0256 = 1 - 0.6 + 0.06 + 0.004 + 0.0006 = 0.4646.$$