

1. Find the fourth-degree Maclaurin Polynomial for  $e^{4x}$ .

$$P_4(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2} + \frac{f'''(0)x^3}{3!} + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)x^4}{4!}$$

$$f(x) = e^{4x}$$

$$f'(x) = 4e^{4x}$$

$$f''(x) = 16e^{4x}$$

$$f'''(x) = 64e^{4x}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 256e^{4x}$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(0) = 4$$

$$f''(0) = 16$$

$$f'''(0) = 64$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 256$$

$$P_4(x) = 1 + 4x + \frac{16x^2}{2} + \frac{64x^3}{3!} + \frac{256x^4}{4!}$$

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$$P_4(x) = 1 + 4x + 8x^2 + \frac{32}{3}x^3 + \frac{32}{3}x^4$$

2. Find the fifth-degree Maclaurin Polynomial for the function  $f(x) = \sin x$ .

$$P_5(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2} + \frac{f'''(0)x^3}{3!} + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)x^4}{4!} + \frac{f^{(5)}(0)x^5}{5!}$$

$$f = \sin x$$

$$f' = \cos x$$

$$f'' = -\sin x$$

$$f''' = -\cos x$$

$$f^{(4)} = \sin x$$

$$f^{(5)} = \cos x$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = 1$$

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

$$f'''(0) = -1$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(5)}(0) = 1$$

$$P_5(x) = 0 + 1 \cdot x + 0x^2 + \frac{-1}{3!}x^3 + 0x^4 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5$$

$$P_5(x) = x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{120}x^5$$

3. Find the third-degree Taylor Polynomial for  $f(x) = \ln(2x)$  about  $x = 1$ .

$$P_3(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{f'''(1)(x-1)^3}{3!}$$

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

$$f(1) = \ln 2$$

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

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

$$f'(1) = 1$$

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

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

$$f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$$

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

Simplified  
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$$P_3(x) = \ln 2 + x - 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3$$

4. Find the third-degree Taylor Polynomial about  $x = 0$  for  $\ln(1-x)$ .

$$P_3(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x-0) + \frac{f''(0)(x-0)^2}{2} + \frac{f'''(0)(x-0)^3}{3!}$$

$$f(x) = \ln(1-x)$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

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

$$f'(0) = -1$$

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

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

$$f''(0) = -1$$

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

$$f'''(0) = -2$$

$$P_3(x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3}$$

5. Find the third-degree Taylor Polynomial about  $x = 4$  of  $\sqrt{x}$ .

$$P_3(x) = f(4) + f'(4)(x-4) + \frac{f''(4)(x-4)^2}{2} + \frac{f'''(4)(x-4)^3}{3!}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$f(4) = 2$$

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

$$f'(4) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P_3(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-4) + \frac{(-\frac{1}{32})(\frac{1}{2})(x-4)^2}{2} + \frac{(\frac{3}{256})(\frac{1}{6})(x-4)^3}{3!}$$

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

$$f''(4) = -\frac{1}{32}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{3}{8x^{5/2}}$$

$$f'''(4) = \frac{3}{256}$$

$$P_3(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-4) - \frac{1}{64}(x-4)^2 + \frac{1}{512}(x-4)^3$$

6. The function  $f$  has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers with  $f(1) = -1$ ,  $f'(1) = 4$ ,  $f''(1) = 6$ , and  $f'''(1) = 12$ . Using the third-degree polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 1$ , what is the approximation of  $f(1.1)$ ?

$$P_3(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{f'''(1)(x-1)^3}{3!}$$

$$P_3(x) = -1 + 4(x-1) + \frac{6(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{12(x-1)^3}{6}$$

$$f(1.1) \approx P_3(1.1) = -0.568$$

7. A function  $f$  has a Maclaurin series given by  $3 + 4x + 2x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \dots$ , and the series converges to  $f(x)$  for all real numbers  $x$ . If  $g$  is the function defined by  $g(x) = e^{f(x)}$ , what is the coefficient of  $x$  in the Maclaurin series for  $g$ ?

$$P_n(x) = g(0) + \underbrace{g'(0)}_{f'(0)} x + g''(0) \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$g'(x) = f'(x) e^{f(x)}$$

$$g'(0) = f'(0) e^{f(0)}$$

$$4e^3$$

8. Let  $f$  be a function with third derivative  $f'''(x) = (7x + 2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . What is the coefficient of  $(x - 2)^4$  in the fourth-degree Taylor Polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 2$ ?

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 7 (7x + 2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f^{(4)}(2) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 7 \sqrt{16} = 42$$

$$\frac{f^{(4)}(2)(x-2)^4}{4!}$$

$$\frac{42}{24} = \frac{7}{4}$$

9. Let  $P(x) = 4x^2 - 6x^3 + 8x^4 + 4x^5$  be the fifth-degree Taylor Polynomial for the function  $f$  about  $x = 0$ . What is the value of  $f'''(0)$ ?

$$\frac{f'''(0)}{3!} = -6$$

$$f'''(0) = -36$$

10. Let  $P$  be the second-degree Taylor Polynomial for  $f(x) = e^{-3x}$  about  $x = 3$ . What is the slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $P$  at  $x = 3$ ?

At  $x = 3$ , the slope of  $P$  and the slope of  $f$  are the same!

$$P'(3) = f'(3)$$

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

$$f'(3) = -3e^{-9}$$

11. Let  $f$  be a function with  $f(4) = 2$ ,  $f'(4) = -1$ ,  $f''(4) = 6$ , and  $f'''(4) = 12$ . What is the third-degree Taylor Polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 4$ ?

$$P_3(x) = f(4) + f'(4)(x-4) + \frac{f''(4)(x-4)^2}{2} + \frac{f'''(4)(x-4)^3}{3!}$$

$$P_3(x) = 2 + (-1)(x-4) + \frac{6}{2}(x-4)^2 + \frac{12}{3!}(x-4)^3$$

$$P_3(x) = 2 - (x-4) + 3(x-4)^2 + 2(x-4)^3$$

12. Let  $f$  be a function that has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. Assume  $f(1) = 3$ ,  $f'(1) = -2$ ,  $f''(1) = 2$ , and  $f'''(1) = 4$ . Use a second-degree Taylor Polynomial to approximate  $f(0.7)$ .

$$P_2(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)(x-1)^2}{2}$$

$$P_2(x) = 3 - 2(x-1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2}$$

$$f(0.7) \approx P_2(0.7) = \boxed{3.690}$$

13. The function  $f$  has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers with  $f(0) = 4$ ,  $f'(0) = -3$ ,  $f''(0) = 3$ , and  $f'''(0) = 2$ . Let  $g$  be the function given by  $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ . Find the third-degree Taylor Polynomial for  $g$  about  $x = 0$ .

$$P_3(x) = g(0) + g'(0)x + \frac{g''(0)x^2}{2} + \frac{g'''(0)x^3}{3!}$$

$$g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

$$g(0) = 0$$

$$P_3(x) = 0 + 4x + \frac{-3}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{3!}x^3$$

$$g'(x) = f(x)$$

$$g'(0) = 4$$

$$g''(x) = f'(x)$$

$$g''(0) = -3$$

$$P_3(x) = 4x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^3$$

$$g'''(x) = f''(x)$$

$$g'''(0) = 3$$

14.

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$f''(x)$	$f'''(x)$
-4	1	-2	-4	2

Selected values for  $f(x)$  and its first three derivatives are shown in the table above. What is the approximation for the value of  $f(-3)$  about  $x = -4$  obtained using the third-degree Taylor Polynomial for  $f$ .

$$P_3(x) = f(-4) + f'(-4)(x+4) + \frac{f''(-4)}{2}(x+4)^2 + \frac{f'''(-4)}{3!}(x+4)^3$$

$$P_3(x) = 1 - 2(x+4) + \frac{-4}{2}(x+4)^2 + \frac{2}{6}(x+4)^3$$

$$f(-3) \approx P_3(-3) = \boxed{-\frac{8}{3}}$$

## 10.11 Taylor Polynomial Approximations

## Test Prep

15. Which of the following polynomial approximations is the best for  $\cos(3x)$  near  $x = 0$ ?

$$f(x) = \cos(3x)$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$P(x) = 1 + 0x + \frac{-9}{2}x^2$$

$$f'(x) = -3\sin(3x)$$

$$f'(0) = 0$$

$$f''(x) = -9\cos(3x)$$

$$f''(0) = -9$$

(A)  $1 + \frac{3}{2}x$

(B)  $1 - \frac{9}{2}x^2$

(C)  $1 + x$

(D)  $1 - \frac{9}{2}x + x^2$

16. Consider the logistic differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{6}(4 - y)$ . Let  $y = f(t)$  be the particular solution to the differential equation with  $f(0) = 6$ .

a. Write the second-degree Taylor Polynomial for  $f$  about  $t = 0$ .

$$f(0) = 6$$

$$f'(0) = \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{6}{6}(4-6) = -2$$

$$f''(0) = \left. \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{4}{6} \frac{dy}{dt} - \frac{2}{6} y \frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}(-2) - \frac{1}{3}(6)(-2)$$

$$= -\frac{4}{3} + 4 = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$P_2(t) = f(0) + f'(0)t + \frac{f''(0)}{2}t^2$$

$$P_2(t) = 6 + (-2)t + \frac{\frac{8}{3}}{2}t^2$$

$$P_2(t) = 6 - 2t + \frac{4}{3}t^2$$

b. Use the results from part a to approximate  $f(1)$ .

$$f(1) \approx P_2(1) = 6 - 2 + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{16}{3}$$

$t$ (seconds)	0	4	10
$x'(t)$ meters per second	5.0	5.8	4.0

17. The position of a particle moving along a straight line is modeled by  $x(t)$ . Selected values of  $x'(t)$  are shown in the table above and the position of the particle at time  $t = 10$  is  $x(10) = 8$ .

a. Approximate  $x''(8)$  using the average rate of change of  $x'(t)$  over the interval  $4 \leq t \leq 10$ . Show computations that lead to your answer.

$$\frac{x'(10) - x'(4)}{10 - 4} = \frac{4.0 - 5.8}{10 - 4} = \frac{-1.8}{6} = -0.3$$

b. Using correct units, explain the meaning of  $x''(8)$  in the context of the problem.

$x''(8)$  is the rate of change of the rate of change of the position of the particle, in meters per second per second, at time  $t = 8$  seconds.

c. Use a right Riemann sum with two subintervals to approximate  $\int_0^{10} |x'(t)| dt$ .

$$(4)(5.8) + (6)(4.0) = 47.2$$

Both positive. Abs. value does not change anything.

d. Let  $s$  be a function such that the third derivative of  $s$  with respect to  $t$  is  $(t - 3)^7$ . Write the fourth-degree term of the fourth-degree Taylor Polynomial for  $s$  about  $t = 1$ .

$$s^{(4)}(x) = 7(t-3)^6$$

$$s^{(4)}(1) = 7(-2)^6 = 448$$

$$\frac{448(t-1)^4}{4!} = \frac{56}{3}(t-1)^4$$