

## TN 2 & 3: Higher order approx.

Recall: height slope

$$T_1(x) = f(b) + f'(b)(x - b)$$

$$T_2(x) = \underbrace{f(b)} + \underbrace{f'(b)(x - b)} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{f''(b)(x - b)^2}_{\text{concavity}}$$

Error Bounds

- On interval  $[a, b]$ , if  $|f''(x)| \leq M$ ,  
then  $|f(x) - T_1(x)| \leq \frac{M}{2} |x - b|^2$ .

- On interval  $[a, b]$ , if  $|f'''(x)| \leq M$ ,  
then  $|f(x) - T_2(x)| \leq \frac{M}{6} |x - b|^3$ .

$$f(x) = 4x^2 - 5x + \ln(x)$$

↳  $f(1) = -1$

$$f'(x) = 8x - 5 + \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow f'(1) = 4$$

$$f''(x) = 8 - \frac{1}{x^2} \rightarrow f''(1) = 7$$

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

## Entry Task (continuing from last class)

Let  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 5x + \ln(x)$ .

- Find the second Taylor polynomial, based at  $b = 1$ .
- Give a bound on the error over the interval  $0.75 \leq x \leq 1.25$ .

$$T_2(x) = -1 + 4(x-1) + \frac{7}{2}(x-1)^2$$

①  $|f'''(x)| = \left| \frac{2}{x^3} \right| \leq \frac{2}{0.75^3} \rightarrow 4.74$   
 Find a maximum  $\uparrow$   $M$   
 $0.75 \leq x \leq 1.25$

②  $|f(x) - T_2(x)| \leq \frac{4.74}{6} |x-1|^3$

③  $|f(x) - T_2(x)| \leq \frac{4.74}{6} |0.25|^3$

$$|f(x) - T_2(x)| \leq 0.01234$$

↳ more accurate than first Taylor polynomial

**Example:**

**Given an error, find the interval**

Again,  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 5x + \ln(x)$ .

Give a value of  $a$  so that the error bound on the interval

$$1 - a \leq x \leq 1 + a$$

is less than or equal to 0.01.

$$\textcircled{1} |f'''(x)| = \left| \frac{2}{x^3} \right| \leq \frac{2}{(1-a)^3}$$

$$1-a \leq x \leq 1+a$$

$$\textcircled{2} |f(x) - T_2(x)| \leq \frac{(1-a)^3}{6} |x-1|^3$$

$$|f(x) - T_2(x)| \leq \frac{2}{(1-a)^3} |a|^3$$

$$|f(x) - T_2(x)| \leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{(1-a)^3} a^3$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \frac{a^3}{(1-a^3)} = 0.01$$

$$1 - 0.23706 \leq x \leq 1 + 0.23706$$

$$\frac{a^3}{(1-a^3)} = 0.03$$

$$\left( \frac{a}{1-a} \right)^3 = 0.03$$

$$\frac{a}{1-a} = (0.03)^{1/3}$$

$$a = (0.03)^{1/3} - a(0.03)^{1/3}$$

$$a + a(0.03)^{1/3} = (0.03)^{1/3}$$

$$a(1 + (0.03)^{1/3}) = (0.03)^{1/3}$$

$$a = \frac{(0.03)^{1/3}}{[1 + (0.03)^{1/3}]}$$

$$a = 0.23706$$

*Taylor Approximation Idea:*

If two functions have **all** the same derivative values, then they are the same function (up to a constant).

Let's compare derivatives of  $f(x)$  and  $T_2(x)$  at  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T_2(x) &= f(b) + f'(b)(x-b) + \frac{1}{2}f''(b)(x-b)^2 & T_2(b) &= f(b) \text{ height} \\ T_2'(x) &= 0 + f'(b) + f''(b)(x-b) & T_2'(b) &= f'(b) \text{ slope} \\ T_2''(x) &= 0 + 0 + f''(b) & T_2''(b) &= f''(b) \text{ concavity} \\ T_2'''(x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now plug in  $x = b$  to each of these.

- What do you see?
- Why did we need a  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(2x) = x$
- What would  $T_3(x)$  look like?  $+ \frac{1}{6} f'''(b)(x-b)^3$
- What would  $T_4(x)$  look like?  $+ \frac{1}{24} f^{(4)}(b)(x-b)^4$

$(T_5(x)?, T_6(x)?...)$

$\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{\text{factorial}}$  in front

## $n^{\text{th}}$ Taylor polynomial

$$f(b) + f'(b)(x-b) + \frac{1}{2}f''(b)(x-b)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}f'''(b)(x-b)^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}f^{(n)}(b)(x-b)^n$$

In sigma notation:  $0! = 1$

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(b)(x-b)^k$$

Example: Find the 9<sup>th</sup> Taylor polynomial for  $f(x) = e^x$  based at  $b = 0$ , and give an error bound on the interval  $[-2, 2]$ .

**Taylor's Inequality** (error bound):

on a given interval  $[a, b]$ ,  
if  $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ , then

$$|f(x) - T_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-b|^{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= e^x \\ f'(x) &= e^x \\ f''(x) &= e^x \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$T_9(x) = 1(x-0) + \frac{1}{2!} (x-0)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (x-0)^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{9!} (x-0)^9$$
$$e^x \approx 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{1}{4!} x^4 + \frac{1}{5!} x^5 + \frac{1}{6!} x^6 + \frac{1}{7!} x^7 + \frac{1}{8!} x^8 + \frac{1}{9!} x^9$$

$$\textcircled{1} |f^{(10)}(x)| = |e^x| \leq e^2$$

$-2 \leq x \leq 2$

$$\textcircled{2} |f(x) - T_9(x)| \leq \frac{e^2}{10!} |x-0|^{10}$$

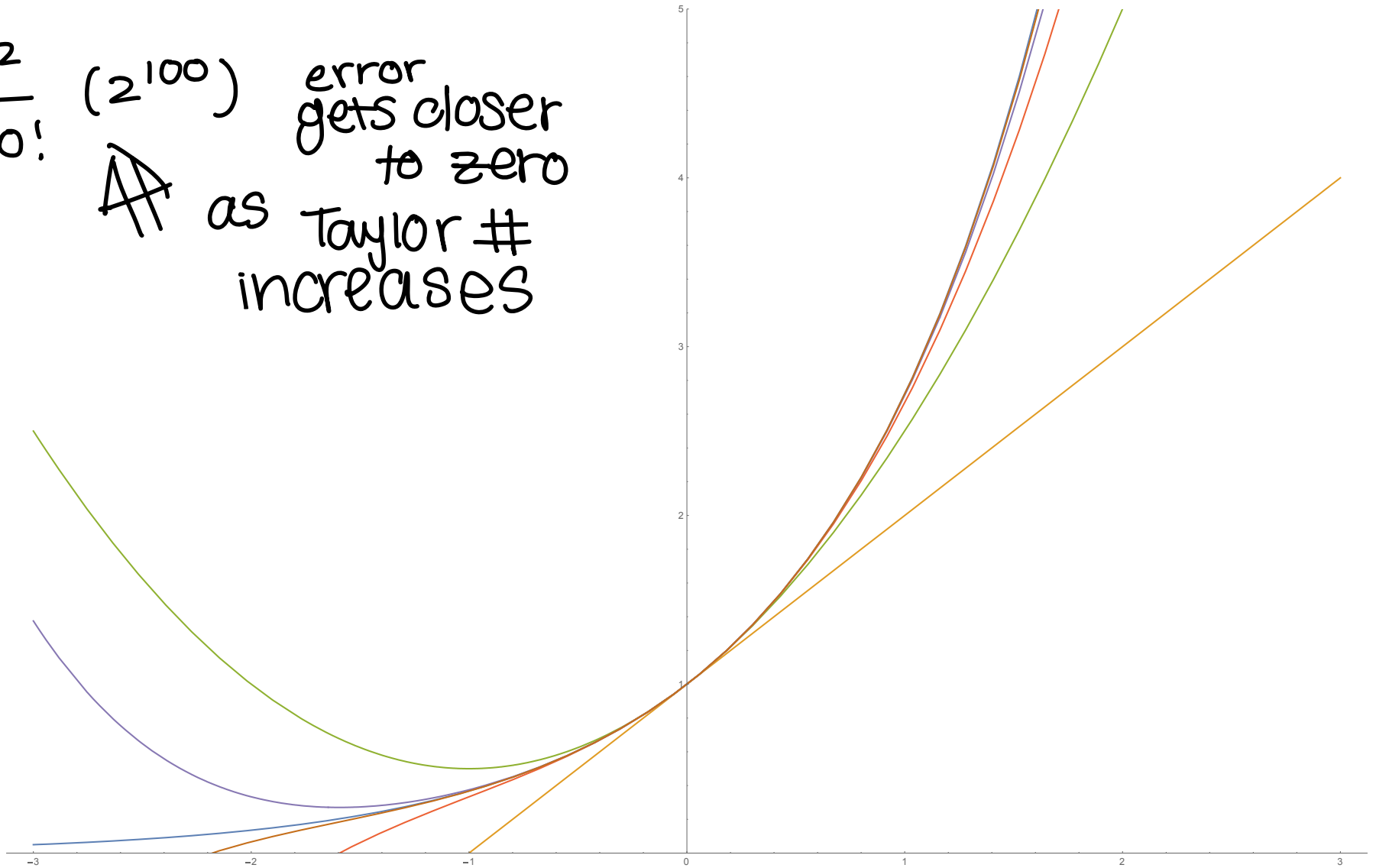
$$\textcircled{3} \frac{e^2}{10!} (2^{10}) = 0.002085 \leftarrow \text{error (accurate to 2 digits)}$$

# Pattern finding

$$f(x) = e^x \text{ and}$$

$$T_1(x), T_2(x), T_3(x), T_4(x), T_5(x)$$

$\frac{e^2}{100!}$  ( $2^{100}$ ) error gets closer to zero as Taylor # increases



Visuals:

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/cejghfouh>

*Example:* Again consider,

$$f(x) = e^x \text{ based at } b = 0$$

Find the first value of  $n$  when Taylor's inequality gives an error less than 0.0001 on  $[-2,2]$ .

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*Side Note:*

For a fixed constant,  $a$ , the expression  $\frac{a^k}{k!}$  goes to zero as  $k$  goes to infinity.

So the expression  $\frac{1}{(n+1)!} |x - b|^{n+1}$ , will always go to zero as  $n$  gets bigger.

Which means that the error goes to zero, unless something unusual is happening with  $M$ , which will see in examples later.

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*Another example:*

Find the 8<sup>th</sup> Taylor Polynomial and error bound on the interval  $[-1,1]$  for the following function

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