

We are starting "Taylor Series" and the department has its own notes on this topic called the "[Taylor Notes](#)"

Entry Task (skills needed for TN 1-3):

From Fall 2011 Final

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

- Find $f'(x)$, $f''(x)$, and $f'''(x)$.
- On the interval $\frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{5}{4}$, give the global maximum of $f''(x)$ and $f'''(x)$

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

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

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

$$y = 8 - \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{5}{4}$$

$$8 - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2} = 6.22$$

$$8 - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2} = 7.36$$

$$\left| 8 - \frac{1}{x^2} \right| \leq 7.36 \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Always} \\ \text{true} \\ \text{on} \\ \text{interval} \end{array}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{x^3} \quad \frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\frac{2}{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3} = 4.74$$

$$\left| \frac{2}{x^3} \right| \leq 4.74 \quad \leftarrow \text{Bound}$$

Visual: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/kawbzhu5ri>

Visual: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/njwskv7izh>

on the next pages we will use this...

Taylor Notes 1 (TN 1):

Quick Example and Definitions

Def'n: For a given function $y = f(x)$ at a given point $x = b$, we define

1st Taylor Polynomial

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

1st Taylor Poly. Error Bound

If $|f''(x)| \leq M$ for all x , then

$$|f(x) - T_1(x)| \leq \frac{M}{2} |x - b|^2.$$

Example:

Let $f(x) = 4x^2 - 5x + \ln(x)$ at $x=1$

Give the 1st Taylor Polynomial and give a bound on the error if you use it on the

interval $\frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{5}{4}$.

Curviness + distance
from start effect
error

$$f(x) = 4x^2 - 5x + \ln(x) \approx T_1(x)$$

$$\approx \underbrace{f(1)}_{-1} + \underbrace{f'(1)}_4 (x-1)$$

$$\approx \boxed{1 + 4(x-1)}$$

→ approximately the same
as $4x^2 - 5x + \ln(x)$

analysis tool!

$$|f''(x)| = \left| 8 - \frac{1}{x^2} \right| \leq 7.36$$

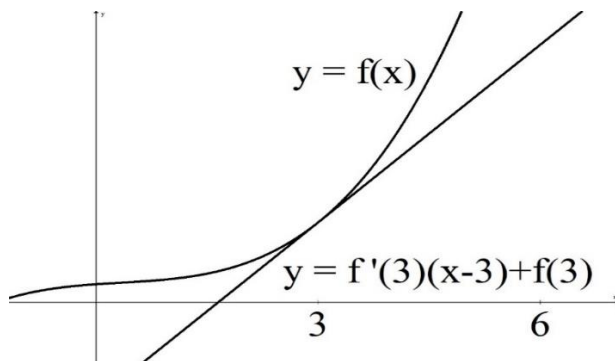
$$|f(x) - T_1(x)| \leq \frac{7.36}{2} |x-1|^2$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{5}{4} \quad \frac{5}{4} - 1 \quad \frac{3}{4} - 1$$

$$\text{error} \leq \frac{7.36}{2} \left(\frac{5}{4} - 1 \right)^2 = \boxed{0.23}$$

Visual: www.desmos.com/calculator/ymzw8fyys5

More Details



Tangent Linear Error Bound Thm

If $|f''(x)| \leq M$ for all x values between a and b , then

$$\text{ERROR} = |f(x) - T_1(x)| \leq \frac{M}{2} |x - b|^2.$$

Note:

M = some upper bound on $f''(x)$

$|x - b|$ = distance x is away from b .

To use the Tangent Line Error Bound:

1. Find $f''(t)$.
2. Find upper bound for $|f''(t)|$.
3. Use the theorem.

Example:

Let $f(x) = x^{1/3}$ and $b = 8$.

- (a) Find the 1st Taylor polynomial.
- (b) Use it to approximate $\sqrt[3]{9}$.
- (c) Give a bound on the error over the interval $J = [7, 9]$.

$$x^{1/3} \approx 2 + \frac{1}{12}(x-8)$$

$$f(x) = x^{1/3}$$

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

$$(9)^{1/3} \approx 2 + \frac{1}{12}(9-8) = 2.083$$

$$x^{1/3} - \left[2 + \frac{1}{12}(x-8)\right] \leq$$

$$|f''(x)| = \frac{2}{9x^{5/3}} \leq \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{(7)^{5/3}}$$

$$\text{error} \leq \frac{1}{2} |x-8| \cdot 0.00867$$

9 or 7

$$\text{error} \leq 0.0043$$

Proof sketch for $x > b$:

Start with $f(x) - f(b) = \int_b^x f'(t) dt$.

Integration by-parts in a clever way

(with $u = f'(t)$, $dv = dt$,

$$du = f''(t), \quad v = t - x)$$

$$f(x) - f(b) = f'(b)(x - b) - \int_b^x (t - x)f''(t) dt$$

$$f(x) - f(b) - f'(b)(x - b) = - \int_b^x (t - x)f''(t) dt$$

Thus, ERROR:

$$\underline{|f(x) - T_1(x)| = \left| \int_b^x (x - t)f''(t) dt \right|}$$

$$\left| \int_b^x (x - t)f''(t) dt \right| \leq \int_b^x (x - t)|f''(t)| dt \leq M \int_b^x (x - t) dt \leq \frac{M}{2} (x - b)^2$$

Example: $f(x) = \ln(x)$ at $b = 1$.

- (a) Find the 1st Taylor polynomial.
- (b) Use the error bound formula to find a bound on the error over the interval $J = [1/2, 3/2]$
- (c) Find an interval around $b = 1$ where the error is less than 0.01.

x	$f(x)$	$T_1(x)$	$ f(x) - T_1(x) $
1	0	0	0
1.2	0.1823	0.2	0.01768
1.5	0.4055	0.5	0.09453
0.9	-0.1053	-0.1	0.00536
0.5	-0.6931	-0.5	0.19314

Note about "Bounds":

An **upper bound**, M , is a number that is *always* bigger than the function.

The smallest possible upper bound is sometimes called a **tight bound**.

Examples: Find any **upper bound** (if it is easy to do so, find a *tight* upper bound).

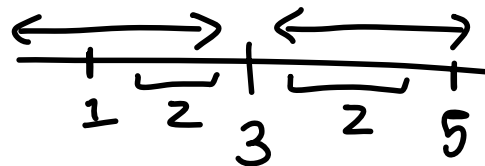
1. $|\sin(5x)|$ on $[0, 2\pi]$

biggest sin
can be is 1

$$|\sin(5x)| \leq 1$$

2. $|x - 3|$ on $[1, 5]$

$$|x - 3| \leq 2$$



3. $\left| \frac{1}{(2-x)^3} \right|$ on $[-1, 1]$

$$\left| \frac{1}{(2-x)^3} \right| \leq 1$$

4. $|\sin(x) + \cos(x)|$ on $[0, 2\pi]$

$$|\sin(x) + \cos(x)| \leq 2$$

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

5. $\left| \cos(2x) + e^{2x} + \frac{6}{x} \right|$ on $[1, 4]$

$$\leq 1 + e^8 + 6$$

HW
 $y = e^x \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$|f(x) - T_1(x)| \leq \frac{2}{e}$$

$\frac{0}{2}$
 $\bullet \frac{e}{2}$
 $\bullet \frac{3}{2}$

TN 2: Quadratic Approximations

2nd Taylor Polynomial

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

2nd Taylor Poly. Error Bound

If $|f'''(x)| \leq M$ for all x , then

$$|f(x) - T_2(x)| \leq \frac{M}{6}|x - b|^3.$$

Example (you do):

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

Give the 2nd Taylor Polynomial and give a bound on the error if you use it on the

interval $\frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{5}{4}$.

Example (from that same old exam)

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

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.

Taylor Approximation Idea:

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

To explain, let's compare derivatives of $f(x)$ and $T_2(x)$ at b .

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

$$T_2'(x) = 0 + f'(b) + \frac{1}{2}f''(b)2(x - b)$$

$$T_2''(x) = 0 + 0 + f''(b)$$

$$T_2'''(x) = 0$$

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

What do you see?

Why did we need a $\frac{1}{2}$?

What would $T_3(x)$ look like?

