

**Problem.**

- i) Calculate the third-degree Taylor polynomial about  $x_0 = 0$  for  $f(x) = 1/(1+x)$ .
- ii) Use the polynomial in part (i) to approximate 1.1 and find a bound for the error involved.
- iii) Use the polynomial in part (i) to approximate  $\int_0^{1.0} f(x) dx$ .

**Solution:**

The question is incorrectly formatted, so we suppose that we have function  $f(x)$  and point  $x_0$ .

i) The third third-degree Taylor polynomial about  $x_0$  equals

$$P(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{3!}(x - x_0)^3.$$

ii) The approximation of  $f(x)$  by the polynomial  $P(x)$  in the point  $a$  equals

$$P(a) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(a - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(a - x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{3!}(a - x_0)^3$$

The error equals  $R_3(a) = \frac{f^{(4)}(c)}{4!}(a - x_0)^4$ , where  $c$  is constant between  $x_0$  and  $a$ . Hence to find to find error we need to find maximum and minimum value of the function  $\frac{f^{(4)}(c)}{4!}(a - x_0)^4$  ( $c$  is variable) on between  $x_0$  and  $a$ .

iii) The  $\int f(x)dx$  could be approximate with

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b P(x)dx &= \int_a^b \left( f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{3!}(x - x_0)^3 \right) d(x - x_0) \\ &= f(x_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 + \frac{f''(x_0)}{3!}(x - x_0)^3 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{4!}(x - x_0)^4 \Big|_a^b \\ &= f(x_0)(b - x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{2!}(b - x_0)^2 + \frac{f''(x_0)}{3!}(b - x_0)^3 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{4!}(b - x_0)^4 \\ &\quad - \left( f(x_0)(a - x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{2!}(a - x_0)^2 + \frac{f''(x_0)}{3!}(a - x_0)^3 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{4!}(a - x_0)^4 \right). \end{aligned}$$