

Answer on Question #51405 – Math – Calculus

Question

Find the Taylor's Polynomial of degree n about $x = c$ and the remainder for the function f given

i) $f(x) = \sqrt{3-x}$ and $c=1$

ii) $f(x) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 6$, $n=3$ and $c=1$

iii) $f(x) = \cos x$ and $c=0$

Solution

A Taylor series is a series expansion of a function about a point. A one-dimensional Taylor series is an expansion of a real function $f(x)$ about a point $x=c$ is given by

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + \dots =$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n$$

i) $f(x) = \sqrt{3-x} = (3-x)^{1/2} \quad f(1) = \sqrt{2}$

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

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

$$f'''(x) = -\frac{3}{8}(3-x)^{-5/2} \quad f'''(1) = -\frac{3}{8}(2)^{-5/2}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{15}{16}(3-x)^{-7/2} \quad f^{(4)}(1) = -\frac{15}{16}(2)^{-7/2}$$

$$\sqrt{3-x} = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{f'''(1)}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \dots =$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n-1} (2n)!}{4^n n! (2n-1)} (3-c)^{\frac{2n-1}{2}} (x-1)^n$$

ii) $f(x) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 6 \quad f(1) = 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 = 20$

$$f'(x) = 8x^3 + 9x^2 + 8x + 5 \quad f'(1) = 8 + 9 + 8 + 5 = 30$$

$$f''(x) = 24x^2 + 18x + 8 \quad f''(1) = 24 + 18 + 8 = 50$$

$$f'''(x) = 48x + 18 \quad f'''(1) = 48 + 18 = 66$$

$$2x^4 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 6 = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{f'''(1)}{3!}(x-1)^3 =$$

$$= 20 + 30(x-1) + 25(x-1)^2 + 11(x-1)^3$$

iii) $\cos(x) = \cos(c) - \sin(c) \cdot (x - c) - \frac{1}{2}\cos(c) \cdot (x - c)^2 + \frac{1}{6}\sin(c) \cdot (x - c)^3 + \dots$

Since $c = 0$, $\sin 0 = 0$, $\cos 0 = 1$, so

$$\cos x = 1 - 0 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 0 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \dots = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^6}{720} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n}$$