

## 11.11 Apps of Taylor series

Goal: We want to approx a function w/ a Taylor polynomial of degree  $m$ .

$$\underline{\text{ex:}} \quad e^x \approx 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}, \quad m=4$$

$$\sin x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}, \quad m=5$$

We want this to have a given/know accuracy on a specified interval.

$$\underline{\text{ex:}} \quad \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \pm 0.0005 \text{ on } |x| < 0.82$$

↑  
Given

Scenario 1: Given degree 5, find interval  $|x| < 0.82$

Scenario 2: Give interval  $|x| < 0.82$ , find degree 5.

Tools:

### Alt. Series Estimation Theorem

If  $s = \sum (-1)^{n+1} b_n$  is the sum of an alternating series that satisfies

$$(i) \quad b_{n+1} \leq b_n$$

$$(ii) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$$

then  $|R_p| = |s - s_p| \leq b_{p+1}$

### Taylor's Inequality

If  $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$  for  $|x-a| \leq d$ ,

Then the remainder  $R_n(x)$  of the Taylor Series satisfies the inequality

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1} \text{ for } |x-a| \leq d$$

Ex: Use Taylor's Inequality to determine the degree  $m$  s.t.  $f(x) = e^x = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x^n}{n!} \pm 0.00005$  on  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$

↑  
Given max error

1st: Find  $M$ .

$$|f^{(n+1)}(x)| = |e^x| = e^x$$

The max of  $e^x$  on  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$  is  $M = e^2$ .

2nd: Set up compound inequality

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{e^2}{(n+1)!} |x - 0|^{n+1} \leq 0.00005 \text{ on } |x| \leq 2$$

MacLaurin series      Given

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^2}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1} \leq 0.00005 \text{ on } |x| \leq 2$$

3rd: Solve worst case scenario (usually w/ table),

$$\frac{e^2}{(n+1)!} 2^{n+1} \leq 0.00005$$

$$\underline{n = 12}$$

Calculator table	
$n$	$\frac{e^2 2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$
11	$6.3 \times 10^{-5}$
12	$9.7 \times 10^{-6}$
13	$1.4 \times 10^{-6}$

4th: State conclusion

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^{12}}{12!} \pm 5 \times 10^{-6}$$

on  $|x| \leq 2$ .

ex: Use the Alt. series Estimation Thm to determine the degree of the MacLaurin series approx to  $f(x) = \sin x$  or  $|x| \leq -\frac{\pi}{2}$  that is accurate w/in 0.00005.

1st: recognize the alternating series & ID  $b_{n+1}$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \text{w/ } b_{n+1} = \frac{|x|^{2(n+1)+1}}{(2(n+1)+1)!}$$

$$= \frac{|x|^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)!}$$

2nd: set up compound inequality

$$|R_n| \leq \frac{|x|^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)!} \leq 0.00005$$

3rd: solve worst case scenario (w/table)

$$\frac{\left|\frac{\pi}{2}\right|^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)!} \leq 0.00005$$

4th: state conclusion

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!}$$

Calculator table	
$n$	$\frac{(\pi/2)^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)!}$
3	$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$
4	$3.6 \times 10^{-6}$
5	$5.7 \times 10^{-8}$