

Taylor's theorem  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  open interval (i.e. connected open set)

$f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $n$ -times differentiable. Fix  $a \in U$ . For any  $x \in U$

$\exists c = c(a, x)$  between  $x$  and  $a$  so that

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-a)^n.$$

Remark if  $n=1$  this says:  $\exists c$  between  $a$  and  $x$  s.t.

$$f(x) = \underbrace{\frac{f(a)}{1!}}_{=1} (x-a)^0 + \frac{f'(c)}{1!} (x-a)^1$$

i.e.  $\exists c$  s.t.  $f'(c) = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a}$ , which is MVT.

Proof of Taylor's theorem No loss of generality to assume  $0 \in U$

and  $a=0$ . Fix  $n > 1$ ,  $x \in U \setminus \{0\}$ .

Let

$$E = \left( f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k \right) \frac{n!}{x^n}.$$

We want to show:  $\exists c$  between 0 and  $x$  s.t.

$$f^{(n)}(c) = E$$

Let

$$g(t) = f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} t^k - E \cdot \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

Then

$$g(0) = f(0) - \left( \frac{f(0)}{0!} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} 0^k - \frac{E}{n!} \cdot 0 \right) = f(0) - f(0) = 0$$

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$$g'(0) = f'(0) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} k t^{k-1} \Big|_{t=0} - \frac{E}{n!} n \cdot t^{n-1} \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= f'(0) - f'(0) = 0$$

Similarly,  $g''(0) = g^{(3)}(0) = \dots = g^{(n-1)}(0) = 0$ ,  
while

$$g^{(n)}(t) = f^{(n)}(t) - E.$$

Thus if  $g^{(n)}(c) = 0$  for some  $c$  between 0 and  $x$ , then

$$0 = f^{(n)}(c) - E, \text{ i.e. } E = f^{(n)}(c),$$

which is what we want to prove.

We consider the case  $x > 0$  (the case  $x < 0$  is similar).

Since  $g(0) = 0 = g(x)$ , Rolle's theorem implies

$$\exists c_1 \in (0, x) \text{ s.t. } g'(c_1) = 0.$$

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$\vdots$

$$\exists c \in (0, c_{n-1}) \text{ s.t. } g^{(n)}(c) = 0.$$

And we're done.



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Corollary 19.1 Suppose  $f \in C^\infty(-a, a)$  and  $\exists M, C > 0$  s.t.  
 $|f^{(k)}(x)| \leq M \cdot C^k \quad \forall k \quad \forall x \in (-a, a)$

Then  $\forall x \in (-a, a)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$$

In fact  $S_N(x) := \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $(-a, a)$ .

Remark We can replace  $(-a, a)$  with  $(x_0 - a, x_0 + a)$ . Then

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k.$$

Proof By Taylor's Theorem

$$f(x) - S_N(x) \equiv f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} x^k = \frac{f^{(N+1)}(c)}{(N+1)!} x^{N+1}$$

for some  $c$  between 0 and  $x$ .

By assumption

$$|f(x) - S_N(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(N+1)}(c)}{(N+1)!} \right| |x|^{N+1} \leq \frac{M \cdot c^{N+1}}{(N+1)!} a^{N+1}$$

Claim  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M c^{N+1}}{(N+1)!} a^{N+1} = 0$

Proof of claim Let  $b_N = \frac{M c^N a^N}{N!}$ . Note  $b_N \geq 0$

$$\text{Then } \frac{b_{N+1}}{b_N} = \frac{N!}{(N+1)!} \frac{M(c a)^{N+1}}{M(c a)^N} = \frac{c a}{N+1} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists N_0 \text{ st for } \forall n \geq N_0 \quad \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \leq \frac{1}{2}, \text{ i.e. } b_{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{2} b_n$$

$\Rightarrow \forall k$

$$b_{n+k} \leq \frac{1}{2} b_{n+(k-1)} \leq \dots \leq \frac{1}{2^k} b_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} b_N = 0$$

Note: Claim implies  $S_N(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  uniformly, so we're done.  $\square$

Ex  $f(x) = \cos x$  since  $|f^{(k)}(x)| \leq 1 \quad \forall k$

Corollary applies.  $\Rightarrow$

$$\cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n}}{(2n)!} x^{2n}$$

for all  $x$ .

Definition A function  $f$  is real analytic on an open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

if  $f$  is infinitely differentiable on  $U$  and  $\forall a \in U \quad \exists \delta > 0$

$$\text{st } f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k \quad \forall x \in (a-\delta, a+\delta)$$

$f(x) = \sin(x)$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $e^x$ , polynomials are real analytic on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{is not real analytic at } 0$$

since  $f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \forall n$  but  $f(x) \neq 0$  for  $x$  near 0.

A function  $f \in C^\infty(U)$  with the property that  $f^{(k)}(a) = 0 \forall k$  ( $a \in U$  fixed) is called flat at  $a$ .

Ex  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$  is real analytic on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ .

Proof Recall that  $(q-1)(1+q+\dots+q^n) = q^{n+1} - 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n q^k = \frac{q^{n+1} - 1}{q - 1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1-q} \quad \text{if } |q| < 1.$$

$$\text{Thus for } q \text{ with } |q| < 1 \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k = \frac{1}{1-q} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^n = \frac{1}{1+q}$$

Now, for  $a \neq -1$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1}{1+a + x-a} = \frac{1}{1+a} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x-a}{a+1}} = \frac{1}{1+a} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-a)^n}{(a+1)^n}$$

if  $|\frac{x-a}{a+1}| < 1$

Thus  $\forall a$ ,  $\forall x$  with  $|x-a| < |a+1|$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(1+a)^{n+1}} (x-a)^n$$

And one can show that  $f^{(k)}(a) = \frac{(-1)^k}{(1+a)^{k+1}} k! \dots$