

# Review of Calculus

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① Limits & Continuity  $\rightarrow$  basis for NA techniques analysis.

**Def 1** A function  $f$  defined on a set  $X$  of real numbers has the limit  $L$  at  $x_0 \in X$ ,  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$ , if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0$   
(for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ) (there exists  $\delta > 0$ )

s.t.  $\forall x \in X$  w/  $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow$   
(such that)  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$  ("  $\in$  " = "belongs to", or "in")

$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ : "expected value of  $f$  at  $x_0$ "

**Def 2** A function  $f$  defined on a set  $X$  of real numbers is continuous at  $x_0 \in X$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

-  $f$  is continuous on  $X$  if it is continuous  $\forall x \in X$ .

-  $C(X)$  denotes a set of all functions, continuous on  $X$ .

-  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$

**Def 3** (Limit of a sequence)

Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be an infinite sequence of real numbers. Then  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges

to  $x_0$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  s.t.  $|x_n - x_0| < \epsilon$

whenever  $n > N$ . We write:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$

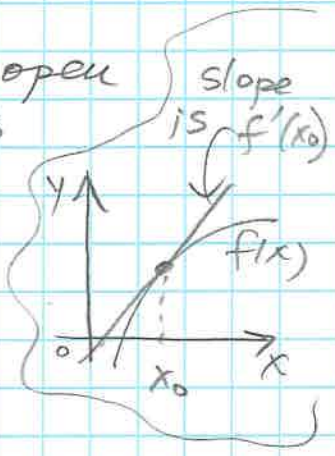
Example:  $\{r^n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n = \begin{cases} 0, & |r| < 1 \\ 1, & r = 1 \end{cases}$$

**Def 4** (Differentiability)

Let  $f$  be a function defined on an open interval containing  $x_0$ . Then  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$  if

$f'(x_0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$  exists.  
derivative



- $f$  is differentiable on  $X$  if  $f'(x)$  exists for any  $x \in X$ .
- If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0 \Rightarrow f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ .

Calculus Theorems Used in NA

• Mean Value Theorem (MVT)

If  $f \in C[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$   
( $f$  is cont. on  $[a, b]$ )

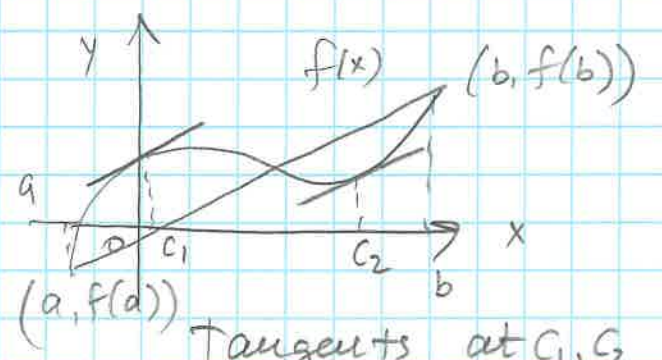
then there exists a number  $c \in (a, b)$  s.t.

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

If  $f(a) = f(b)$



Rolle's Thm.



Tangents at  $c_1, c_2$  are parallel to the secant line  $(a, f(a))$  to  $(b, f(b))$

• Extreme Values:

Critical pts:  $x$ 's where  $f'(x) = 0$

If  $f \in C[a,b] \Rightarrow f$  must attain its abs. max & min values; need to check values of  $f$  at the endpoints and critical points.

Example:  $f(x) = 2 - e^x + 2x$  on  $[0,1]$  ( $f \in C[0,1]$ )

$f'(x) = -e^x + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow e^x = 2 \Leftrightarrow x = \ln 2 \approx 0.69$

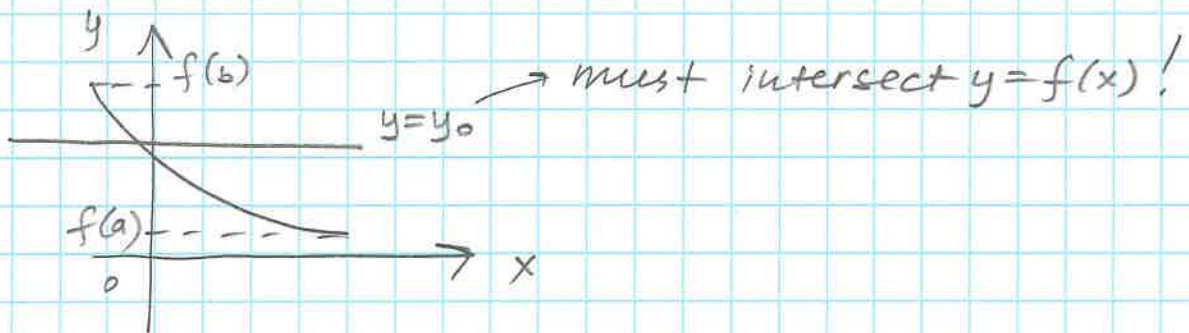
So,  $f(0) = 1 \leftarrow$  abs. min

$f(1) = 4 - e \approx 1.28$

$f(\ln 2) = 2 \ln 2 \approx 1.39 \leftarrow$  abs. max.

• Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT)

If  $f \in C[a,b]$  and  $y_0$  lies between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there exists  $x \in (a,b)$  s.t.  $f(x) = y_0$

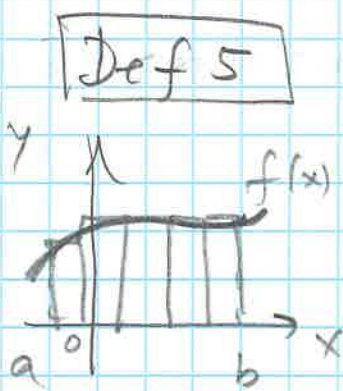


Example: We can use the IVT to show that a function has root(s) in  $[a,b]$

$p(x) = x^5 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 1 = 0, [0,1]$  ( $p$ -continuous)

Since  $p(0) = -1 < 0$  and  $p(1) = 1 > 0$ , then for  $y_0 = 0$  ( $-1 < 0 < 1$ ), by the IVT, there exists  $x^* \in (0,1)$ , s.t.  $p(x^*) = 0$ .

The IVT is used in bisection method. (Chapter 4) ④



$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\max(\Delta x_k) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=1}^n f(c_k) \Delta x_k$$

$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b$   
 $\Delta x_k = x_k - x_{k-1}, \quad c_k \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]$

→ the (Riemann) definite integral.

- Continuous functions are integrable.
- Taylor Polynomials & Series  
(used extensively in NA)

Taylor's Thm.

Suppose  $f \in C^n[a, b]$  (i.e.,  $f$  has continuous derivatives up to the order  $n$  on  $[a, b]$ ) and  $f^{(n+1)}$  exists on  $[a, b]$ . Let  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ . Then,

for every  $x \in [a, b]$ , there exists a number  $\xi(x)$  between  $x_0$  &  $x$  with  $f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x)$

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 $n$ th Taylor polynomial

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remainder or truncation error

Where

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)(x-x_0)^k}{k!} \quad \text{and}$$

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x-x_0)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \quad \left( \xi \text{ is not to be determined explicitly} \right)$$

in NA: looking for a realistic bound (5)  
for  $f^{(n+1)}(\xi)$ . (provided  $|x-x_0|$  is bounded)

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the limit of  $P_n(x)$  is an infinite series called the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x_0$ . If  $x_0 = 0$  then it is called the Maclauren series:  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$ .

Example:  $f(x) = \cos x$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ . Determine:

(a)  $P_2(x)$  for  $f$  about  $x_0$

(b)  $P_3(x)$  for  $f$  about  $x_0$

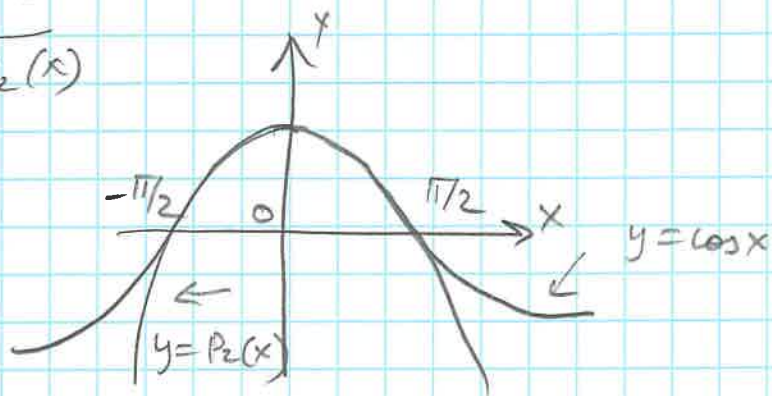
Solution:  $f(x) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$

$$f' = -\sin x, f'' = -\cos x, f''' = \sin x, f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x = f(x) \text{ and } f(0) = 1, f'(0) = 0, f''(0) = -1, f'''(0) = 0.$$

(a)  $n=2$

$$\cos x = \underbrace{f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2}_{P_2(x)} + \underbrace{\frac{f'''(\xi)}{3!}x^3}_{R_2(x)}$$
$$= \underbrace{1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2}_{P_2(x)} + \underbrace{\frac{x^3}{6} \sin \xi}_{R_2(x)} \quad \xi \text{ between } 0 \text{ \& } x.$$

So,  $\cos x \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$   
near 0.



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Note: if we pick  $x = 0.01$ , then

$$\cos(0.01) = \underbrace{1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.01)^2}_{0.99995} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{6}(0.01)^3 \sin \xi}_{\text{error}}$$

$$0 < \xi < 0.01$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(0.01) \approx 0.99995 \text{ w/ error}$$

$$|\cos(0.01) - 0.99995| \leq 0.1\bar{6} \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\left( |\sin \xi| \leq 1 \right)$$

Note: the actual error is smaller:

since  $|\sin \xi| \leq |\xi| \leq 0.01$  then the new (better) bound is  $0.1\bar{6} \times 10^{-8}$ .

(b)  $n=3$ .

$$f'''(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \overset{0}{\sin''} + \frac{1}{24} x^4 \cos \eta$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2(x) = P_3(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \quad \eta \text{ between } 0 \text{ \& } x$$

but the error for  $\cos(0.01)$  now is

$$\left| \frac{1}{24} x^4 \cos \eta \right| \leq \frac{1}{24} (0.01)^4 (1) \approx 4.2 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{or } |\cos(0.01) - 0.99995| \leq 4.2 \times 10^{-10} \Rightarrow$$

$P_2(x)$  &  $P_3(x)$  provide the same approximation, but  $P_3(x)$  gives a better bound!

We can also use the Taylor polynomials to give approximations to integrals:

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$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{0.1} \cos x \, dx &= \int_0^{0.1} \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)}_{P_2(x) = P_3(x)} \, dx + \int_0^{0.1} \underbrace{\frac{x^4}{24} \cos \eta}_{\text{error } R_3(x)} \, dx \\ &= \left[ x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 \right]_0^{0.1} + \frac{1}{24} \int_0^{0.1} x^4 \cos \eta \, dx \\ &= 0.1 - \frac{0.01^3}{6} + \text{error} \Rightarrow \int_0^{0.1} \cos x \, dx \approx 0.1 - \frac{0.01^3}{6} \\ &= 0.0998\bar{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Error} &= \frac{1}{24} \left| \int_0^{0.1} x^4 \cos \eta \, dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{24} \int_0^{0.1} x^4 \underbrace{|\cos \eta|}_{\leq 1} \, dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{24} \int_0^{0.1} x^4 \, dx = \frac{1}{24} \frac{(0.1)^5}{5} = 8.\bar{3} \times 10^{-8} \end{aligned}$$

(The true value  $\int_0^{0.1} \cos x \, dx = \sin x \Big|_0^{0.1} = \sin 0.1$   
 $\approx 0.09983416647$  & actual error is  $8.3314 \times 10^{-8}$ .)