

## Taylor / Maclaurin Polynomials

\* A polynomial can converge to a function.

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$P_7(x) = x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 - \frac{1}{7!}x^7$$

$$f(0) = \sin(0) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = \cos(0) = 1$$

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

$$f'''(0) = -\cos(0) = -1$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = \sin(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(5)}(0) = \cos(0) = 1$$

$$p(x) = 0 + 1x + \frac{1}{2}(0)x^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}(-1)x^3 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4}(0)x^4 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5}(1)x^5 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{6}(0)x^6 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{7}(-1)x^7$$

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★ we can build poly. that shares 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, ... derivs w/  $f(x)$  at  $x=c$

Build  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$

so that

$$p(0) = 1$$

$$p'(0) = 2$$

$$p''(0) = 3$$

$$p'''(0) = 4$$

$$p(0) = a_0 = a_0 = 1$$

$$p'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 \quad p'(0) = a_1 = 2$$

$$p''(x) = 2a_2 + 6a_3x$$

$$p''(0) = 3 \quad 3 = 2a_2$$

$$p'''(0) = 6a_3 \quad 6a_3 = 4$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$p(x) = 1 + \frac{2x}{1!} + \frac{3}{2!}x^2 + \frac{4}{3!}x^3$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^3 \frac{(x+1)x^n}{n!} \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{n=1}^4 \frac{n \cdot x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

Defn: Taylor Polynomial

- $n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor Polynomial (Maclaurin Polynomial) by  $f$  at  $x=0$

$$P_n(x) = \frac{f(0)}{0!} + \frac{f'(0)x}{1!} + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)x^n}{n!}$$

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$\leftarrow$   $n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor Polynomial for  $f$  centered @  $x=c$

$$P_n(x) = \frac{f(c)}{0!} + \frac{f'(c) \cdot (x-c)}{1!} + \frac{f''(c) (x-c)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c) (x-c)^n}{n!}$$

\* Notice the "Taylor Tripod"

- $n^{\text{th}}$  deriv @  $x=c$
- $n^{\text{th}}$  power of  $x=c$
- $n!$  in the denom.

Example: Write a 5<sup>th</sup> order **Mac lauren** Polynomial for  $f(x) = \cos x$  @  $x=0$  (Don't need to give this info)

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

$$P_5(x) = 1 + \frac{0x}{1!} - \frac{1x^2}{2!} + \frac{0x^3}{3!} + \frac{1x^4}{4!} + \frac{0x^5}{5!}$$

$$P_5(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

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

$$f''(0) = -\cos(0) = -1$$

$$f'''(0) = \sin(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = \cos(0) = 1$$

use to approx  $\cos(0.5)$   $P_5(0.5) = 1 - \frac{(0.5)^2}{2!} + \frac{(0.5)^4}{4!} \approx 0.877$

Ex: 3<sup>rd</sup> order Taylor Poly. for  $y = \sin x$  @  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$P_{(3)} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (x - \frac{\pi}{4}) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (x - \frac{\pi}{4})^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (x - \frac{\pi}{4})^3$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(\frac{\pi}{4}) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) &= \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x-\frac{\pi}{4})}{1!} - \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x-\frac{\pi}{4})^2}{2!} - \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x-\frac{\pi}{4})^3}{3!}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ f''(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ f'''(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

you try 3<sup>rd</sup> order Taylor Poly. for  $y=e^x$  centered @  $x=2$

$$P_3(x) = e^2 + \frac{e^2(x-2)}{1!} + \frac{e^2(x-2)^2}{2!} + \frac{e^2(x-2)^3}{3!}$$

Ex: 3<sup>rd</sup> order Taylor Polynomial  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$   
centered @  $x=1$ .  $f(x) = (1+x)^{-1}$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\frac{1}{4}(x-1)}{1!} + \frac{\frac{2}{8}(x-1)^2}{2!} - \frac{\frac{6}{16}(x-1)^3}{3!}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(1) = \frac{1}{2} \\ f'(x) = -(1+x)^{-2} \Rightarrow f'(1) = -\frac{1}{4} \\ f''(x) = 2(1+x)^{-3} \Rightarrow f''(1) = \frac{2}{8} \\ f'''(x) = -6(1+x)^{-4} \Rightarrow f'''(1) = -\frac{6}{16} \end{array} \right.$$