

**May 14 Lecture Schedule**

Taylor's theorem ([1] p.40 Theorem 11, [2] p.83-84, [3] p.132 Theorem 3.14)  
 $t$  that exists between  $a$  and  $x$  satisfies

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + f''(a)\frac{(x-a)^2}{2} + f^{(3)}(a)\frac{(x-a)^3}{3!} + \dots \\ + f^{(n)}(a)\frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} + f^{(n+1)}(t)\frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

Proof. Consider a case for  $x \geq a$ . We take

$$F(x) = f(x) - \left( f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + f''(a)\frac{(x-a)^2}{2} + \dots + f^{(n)}(a)\frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} \right)$$

Knowing that  $F(a) = F'(a) = \dots = F^{(n)}(a) = 0$ ,  $F^{(n+1)}(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ , we repeat generalization of the mean-value theorem and repeat applying it to find  $x \geq x_1 \geq x_2 \dots x_{n+1} = t \geq a$  that satisfies

$$\frac{F(x)}{(x-a)^{n+1}} = \frac{F'(x_1)}{(n+1)(x_1-a)^n} = \frac{F^{(2)}(x_2)}{(n+1)n(x_2-a)^{n-2}} = \dots \\ = \frac{F^{(n)}(x_n)}{(n+1)!(x_n-a)} = \frac{F^{(n+1)}(x_{n+1})}{(n+1)!} = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{(n+1)!}$$

Before we go to the final step, we take the limit of  $x \rightarrow a$ , and which gives us

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{F(x)}{(x-a)^{n+1}} = \frac{F^{(n+1)}(a)}{(n+1)!} = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(a)}{(n+1)!}$$

Rewrite the above by replacing  $n+1$  with  $n$ , we obtain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - \left( f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + f''(a)\frac{(x-a)^2}{2} + \dots + f^{(n)}(a)\frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} \right)}{(x-a)^n} = 0$$

For example,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - \left( x - \frac{x^3}{6} \right)}{x^4} = 0$$

This can be also expressed as

$$\sin x - \left( x - \frac{x^3}{6} \right) = o(x^4)$$

Interpretations of the Taylor's rule.

$f(x)$  : true value

$f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + f''(a)\frac{(x-a)^2}{2} + \dots + f^{(n)}(a)\frac{(x-a)^n}{n!}$  : approximate value  
 $f^{(n+1)}(t)\frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$  : error

For example,

$$e - \left(1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right) = \frac{e^t}{(n+1)!} \leq \frac{e}{(n+1)!}.$$

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}
 e - \left(1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right) &= \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \\
 &< \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \frac{1}{1 - 1/(n+2)} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

The integral form of remainder terms ([2] p.85)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= f(a) + \int_a^x f'(t)dt \\
 &= f(a) - [(x-t)f'(t)]_a^x + \int_a^x (x-t)f''(t)dt \\
 &= f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) - \left[\frac{(x-t)^2}{2}f^{(2)}(t)\right]_a^x + \int_a^x \frac{(x-t)^2}{2}f^{(3)}(t)dt \\
 &\dots \\
 &= f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + f''(a)\frac{(x-a)^2}{2} + \dots + f^{(n)}(a)\frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} \\
 &\quad + \int_a^x \frac{(x-t)^n}{n!}f^{(n+1)}(t)dt
 \end{aligned}$$