







$$\begin{aligned} & \text{geometric series :} \\ & \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots, \qquad |x| < 1 \\ & \text{exp onential series :} \\ & \exp(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots, \qquad all \ x \\ & \text{trigonomet ric functions :} \\ & \cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots, \qquad all \ x \\ & \sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots, \qquad all \ x \end{aligned}$$

## Taylor's Theorem (MM2)

**Theorem 1.1 (Taylor's Theorem).** If f(x) has derivatives of order 0, 1, 2, ..., n+1 on the closed interval [a, b], then for any x and c in this interval

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

where  $\xi$  is some number between x and c, and  $f^k(x)$  is the k<sup>th</sup> derivative of f at x.

We will use this theorem again and again in this class. The main usage is to approximate a function by the first few terms of its Taylor's series expansion; the theorem then tells us the approximation is "as good" as the final term, also known as the *error term*. That is, we can make the following manipulation:

$$\left| f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^{(k)}(c) (x-c)^{k}}{k!} \right| = \frac{\left| f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \right| |x-c|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \le M |x-c|^{n+1}.$$

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## Question One:

Regarding to the function f(x) = cos(x),

- Derive the Taylor expansion of it up to 5th order at the point x = 0;
- Use the above polynomial to approximate cos(-0.2) and
- Evaluate the approximation error using Taylor's Theorem.

## Question Two:

(Exercise 3.2.2 and 3.2.2, page 60) Function ln(1 + x) can be approximated by a power series as

$$ln(1+x) = -\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} x^{k+1}}{k+1} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \cdots$$
(1)

- Write a Matlab m-file to approximate ln(1.25) using the first 6 terms of equation (1);
- How many terms of the series (1) are needed to approximate ln(1.25) with error smaller than  $10^{-6}$ ?
- Use Matlab's built-in function log() to verify that the error of the above second analysis is indeed within the tolerance. 10

Question Three:

The function erf(x) is defined as

$$erf(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{0}^{x} e^{-t^2} dt.$$
 (2)

This function is often used in the probabilistic analysis of normalized stochastic variable.

- Derive the series approximation of function  $e^x$  up to 9th order at point x = 0;
- Use the series approximation obtained in last step to approximate  $e^{t^2}$  and thereby prove that the series approximation of function erf looks like

$$\widehat{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{k=0}^{9} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)k!}.$$
(3)

- Write a Matlab m-file to realize the approximation  $\widehat{erf}(x)$  and plot this approximation within interval [-2, 2] and [0, 4], respectively;
- Use the Matlab's built-in function erf() and plot the difference (errors) between this function and approximation  $\widehat{erf}(x)$  within interval [-2, 2] and [0, 4], respectively;
- How to evaluate the approximation errors? Use the Matlab function norm(x, p) to evaluate the  $L_1$ -norm,  $L_2$ -norm and  $L_{\infty}$ -norm of the errors within interval [-2, 2] and [0, 4], respectively.

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## Convergence Theorem for Function Iteration

Suppose that function g(x) is differentiable on [a,b] and that

(1)  $g(x) \in [a,b]$  for any  $x \in [a,b]$ , and

(2) 
$$\left|\frac{dg(x)}{dx}\right| \le K < 1$$
 for all  $x \in [a,b]$ ;

Then, the equation x = g(x) has a unique solution in the interval [a,b]and the iterative sequence defined by

$$x_0 \in [a,b], x_n = g(x_{n-1}), n = 1, 2, \cdots$$

converge to this solution

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