

Math 551

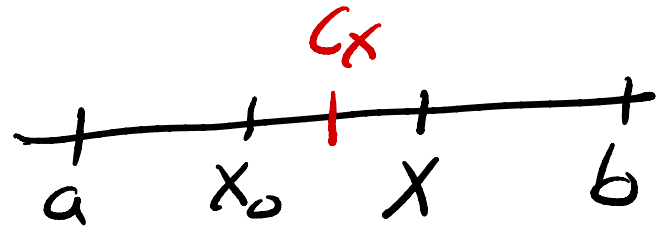
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Today:

- ① Taylor's Thm ("Fundamental" Thm of Numerical Analysis)
- ② Derive a Finite Difference (FD) approximation to $f'(x_0)$, with an Error Term!
- ③ MATLAB code to implement our method from ②.

Taylor's Thm: $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ for some $n \geq 0$,
 and let $x_0, x \in [a, b]$. Then there exists C_x
 between x_0 and x such that

$$f(x) = \underbrace{P_n(x)}_{\substack{n^{\text{th}} \text{ degree} \\ \text{Taylor Poly}}} + \underbrace{R_n(x)}_{\substack{\text{Remainder} \\ \text{or Error Term}}}$$



$$= \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x-x_0)^k}_{\text{Taylor Poly}} + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(C_x)}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)^{n+1}$$

$$P_n(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!} (x-x_0)^1 + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!} (x-x_0)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x-x_0)^n$$

Poly of degree AT MOST n .

Finite Difference Approximation to $f'(x_0)$

$$y = f(x), x_0$$

$$m_{\text{tan}} \approx m_{\text{sec}}$$

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

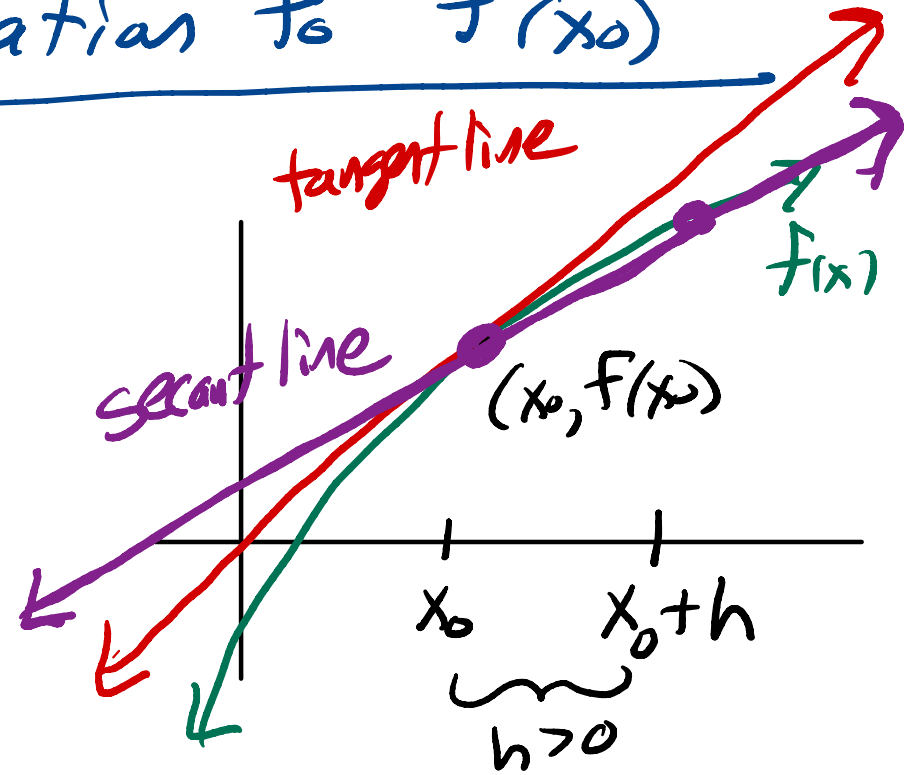
Definition of the Derivative

Approximation is then:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

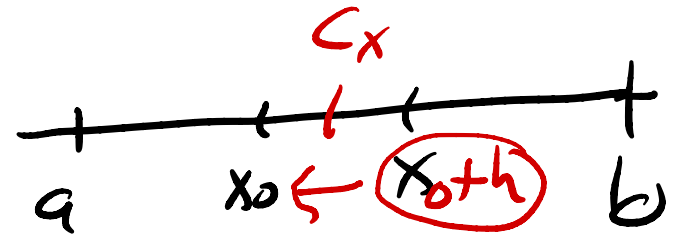
for h "small"

Q: How GOOD/ACCURATE is this approximation?



Derivation of FD Approximation to $f'(x_0)$

Taylor's Thm with $n=1$



$$\underbrace{f(x)}_{x_0+h} = P_1(x) + R_1(x)$$
$$= \underbrace{f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0)}_{P_1(x)} + \underbrace{\frac{f''(c_x)}{2!}(x-x_0)^2}_{R_1(x)}$$

$h \rightarrow 0$
 $c_x \rightarrow x_0$

$$\begin{aligned} a \quad & [f(x_0) = f(x_0)] \\ b \quad & [f(x_0+h) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)h + \frac{f''(c_x)}{2!}h^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \quad \hline a f(x_0) + b f(x_0+h) = \underbrace{(a+b)}_0 f(x_0) + \underbrace{bh}_1 f'(x_0) + \underbrace{\frac{bh^2}{2}}_{\frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{h^2}{2} = \frac{h}{2}} f''(c_x)$$

Choose a, b

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} a+b &= 0 \\ bh &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} a &= -1/h \\ b &= 1/h \end{aligned}$$

Method of
Undetermined
Coefficients

$$-\frac{1}{h} f(x_0) + \frac{1}{h} f(x_0+h) = f'(x_0) + \frac{h}{2} f''(c_x)$$

$$\text{or } f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} - \underbrace{\frac{h}{2} f''(c_x)}_{\text{Error}}$$

FD Approximation

1st Order Approximation

$$O(h) : (h)^1 \rightarrow \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^1 = \frac{1}{2} h$$

$$O(h^2) : (h)^2 \rightarrow \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} h^2$$

or

$$\boxed{E(h) = -\frac{h}{2} f''(c_x)}$$

Behaves as $C \cdot h^1$

Ex: $f(x) = e^x$ $x_0 = 1$

$$f'(1) \approx \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$$

or

$$f'(1) \approx \frac{e^{1+h} - e^1}{h}$$

$$\parallel$$
$$e^2$$

