

1. Determine the degree of the Taylor polynomial $P_n(x)$ expanded about $c = 1$ that should be used to approximate $\ln(1.2)$ so that the error is less than 0.0005.

(a) Find the first four derivatives for $f(z) = \ln(z)$

(b) Find a formula for $|f^{(n+1)}(z)|$ where $z > 0$.

(c) We are approximating the function $f(x) = \ln(x)$ at $x = 1.2$ using a Taylor polynomial centered at $c = 1$. If

$$|f^{(n+1)}(z)| \leq M$$

for all z in the interval $1 \leq z \leq 1.2$. Then we wish to find the upper bound M . To do this find

$$\frac{d}{dz} (|f^{(n+1)}(z)|).$$

- i. Does $|f^{(n+1)}(z)|$ have any critical points on $1 \leq z \leq 1.2$?
- ii. Is $|f^{(n+1)}(z)|$ increasing or decreasing on $1 \leq z \leq 1.2$?

- (d) Use part (c) to identify a good upper bound M for $|f^{(n+1)}(z)|$ on the interval $1 \leq z \leq 1.2$. (Notice that M will depend on n .)

- (e) Make use of the inequality

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x - c|^{n+1} < 0.0005$$

to find an appropriate value for n that gives accuracy within 0.0005.

- (f) Finally approximate $\ln(1.2)$ using the n th-degree Taylor polynomial centered at $c = 1$ with the n you found in part (e).