

CPSC 303 Jan 8, 2024

"In mathematics you don't understand things. You just get used to them."

- John von Neumann

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My alternate form:

"In mathematics it takes time for ideas and examples to sink in."

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Course website:

<https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~jfv/courses/303.S2024/index.html>

CPSC 303:

Parts of Ch 10-12, 14-16 of  
textbook by Ascher & Greif,  
(available online for free).

Topics:

Ch 10-12 Interpolation,  
Approximation

Ch 14-16 Differentiation,  
Integration, ODE's [PDE's]

Discussion! please post to piazza page.

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Grading:

$(10\%) \max(h, m, f) +$

$(35\%) \max(m, f) + (55\%) f$  ,

$h = \text{homework}$ ,  $m = \text{midterm}$ ,  $f = \text{final}$

Use: [canvas.ubc.ca](https://canvas.ubc.ca) for  
piazza and gradescope

Homework: Set Th 11:59 pm,  
due Th 11:59 pm.

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Individual Homework: You must write  
up your own solution

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Group Homework: You can make a  
group submission, groups  $\leq 4$  people

Start: Intro to ODE's

§ 1.2, § 4.2 (norms)

§ 14.2 differentiation

§ 16.1, 2 ODE's

Heading towards  
Ordinary Differential Equations  
(Ch 16 [A&G])  
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Absolute vs. Relative Error!

if  $v \in \mathbb{R}$  is an approx to

$w \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

absolute error (in  $v$ ) (as an  
approximation to  $w$ ) is

$$|w - v|$$

$$\text{relative error} \quad \frac{|u-v|}{|u|}$$

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The same works in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{u}\|_2 &= \|(u_1, \dots, u_n)\|_2 \\ &= \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Also use

$$\|\vec{u}\|_1 = |u_1| + \dots + |u_n|$$

$$\|\vec{u}\|_{\max} = \|\vec{u}\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |u_i|$$

abs error in  $\vec{v}$  as an approx

to  $\vec{u}$  is  $\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|_p$

rel error  $\frac{\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|_p}{\|\vec{u}\|_p}$

where  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ .



Taylor's Theorem: (p.5)

$$f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (a < b, a, b \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(a, b) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x < b \}$$

$$f = f(x), \quad \text{for } a < x < b$$

$$f(x) \in \mathbb{R} = \{ \text{real numbers} \}$$

Assume  $f$  has  $k+1$  derivatives

in  $(a, b)$ :

$f(x)$  is  $f$

$f'(x)$  is  $\frac{df}{dx}$  or  $f'(x)$

$f''(x)$  is  $(f'(x))' = f''$

$$f'''(x) = f^{(3)}(x)$$

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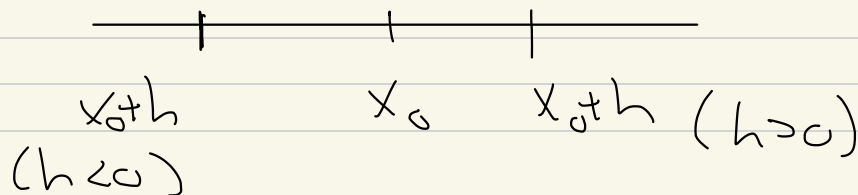
$$f^{(k)}(x) = k^{\text{th}} \text{ der of } f \text{ at } x$$

So  $f^{(k+1)}(x)$  exists in  $(a, b)$

We have  $x_0, h \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t. [such that]

$x_0, x_0+h$  lie in  $(a, b)$

(remark  $h$  can be negative)



$$f(x_0+h) = f(x_0) + h f'(x_0)$$

$$+ \frac{h^2}{2} f''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(x_0)$$

+ error

$$\text{error} = \frac{h^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k+1)}(\xi)$$

where  $\xi$  is between  $x_0$  and  $x_0+h$