

1). Consider the fourth Maclaurin polynomial of  $f(x) = e^x$ :

$$T_4(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

a). Give an upper bound for the error  $R_4(x)$  on  $[-4, 4]$ .

Want to use Taylor's Inequality to approximate  $R_4(x)$

$\Rightarrow$  must find an upper bound for  $f^{(5)}(x)$ .

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = e^x \Rightarrow |f^{(5)}(x)| = e^x \leq e^4 \text{ on } x \in [-4, 4]$$

$\approx |x| \leq 4 \quad \begin{matrix} a=0 \\ d=4 \end{matrix}$

$$\Rightarrow |R_4(x)| = |f(x) - T_4(x)| \leq \frac{e^4}{5!} |x|^5 \text{ for } |x| \leq 4.$$

$$\leq \frac{e^4}{5!} 4^5$$

$|R_4(x)| \leq \frac{e^4}{5!} 4^5 \text{ for } |x| \leq 4$

b). Find an interval  $[-a, a]$  on which:

$$|R_4(x)| \leq 0.001.$$

$$|f^{(5)}(x)| = e^x \leq e^a \text{ for } x \in [-a, a], \text{ or } |x| \leq a.$$

$\Rightarrow$  by Taylor's Inequality:

$$|R_4(x)| \leq \frac{e^a}{5!} |x|^5 \leq \frac{e^a}{5!} a^5 \text{ for } |x| \leq a.$$

To find <sup>an</sup>  $a$  such that  $|R_4(x)| \leq 0.001$  on  $x \in [-a, a]$ ,  
find  $a$  such that

$$\frac{e^a}{5!} a^5 \leq 0.001 = 10^{-3}$$

Suppose  $a < 1 \Rightarrow e^a < e$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^a}{5!} a^5 < \frac{e}{5!} a^5$$

$$\text{Put } \frac{e}{5!} a^5 \leq 0.001 \Rightarrow a \leq \sqrt[5]{\frac{5! \cdot 0.001}{e}}$$
$$= \left(\frac{12}{100e}\right)^{1/5} < 1$$

$\Rightarrow a = \sqrt[5]{\frac{12}{100e}}$  works.