

Q.No. → State and Prove Taylor's Theorem with Lagrange's form of remainder.

Ans. → Statement: - Let f be a real valued function on $[a, a+h]$ such that

- (i) All the derivatives up to $(n-1)$ are continuous in closed interval $[a, a+h]$
- (ii) $f^{(n)}(x)$ exists in open interval $]a, a+h[$

then,

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(a) + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a+\theta h)$$

where, $0 < \theta < 1$

Proof: - To prove this theorem, let us consider a function "F" defined by

$$F(x) = f(x) + (a+h-x)f'(x) + \frac{(a+h-x)^2}{2!} f''(x) + \dots + \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(x) + \frac{A}{n!} (a+h-x)^n$$

where, A is const. to be determined. To determine A, we choose

A such that,

$$F(a) = F(a+h)$$

$$\text{or, } f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(a) + \frac{A}{n!} h^n = f(a+h)$$

$$\frac{A}{n!} h^n = f(a+h) - \left[f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(a) \right] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, from hypothesis (i)

$f, f', f'', \dots, f^{(n-1)}$ are differentiable in $]a, a+h[$

Also, $(a+h-x)$, $\frac{(a+h-x)^2}{2!}$, \dots , $\frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$

are all diff- in $]a, a+h[$

Hence, from above, we can say that F is also differentiable in $]a, a+h[$

$$F'(x) = f'(x) - f'(x) + (a+h-x)f''(x) - \frac{(a+h-x)^2}{2!} f'''(x) + \dots - \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} f^{(n-1)}(x) + \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(x) - \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} A$$

on simplification

$$F'(x) = \frac{(a+h-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} [f^{(n)}(x) - A] \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

Hence, F satisfies all the conditions of Rolle's theorem.

$$\therefore F'(a+\theta h) = 0 \quad \text{--- (c)} \quad [0 < \theta < 1]$$

from (b), it is clear

on putting $x = a + \theta h$ in (b),

we have

$$F'(a+\theta h) = \frac{(a+h-a-\theta h)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} [f^{(n)}(a+\theta h) - A] \quad \text{--- (d)}$$

from (c) & (d)

$$0 = \frac{(1-\theta)^{n-1} \cdot h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} [f^{(n)}(a+\theta h) - A]$$

$$\therefore \frac{(1-\theta)^{n-1} \cdot h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \neq 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } A = f^n(a + \theta h)$$

Now, putting the value of A in eqn. (a), we have,

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + h f'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(a) + \frac{h^n}{n!} \times f^n(a + \theta h)$$

Hence, $(n+1)$ th term

$$= \frac{h^n}{n!} f^n(a + \theta h)$$

is known as Lagrange's form of remainder.