

Question 6

Question 0.1 Let f be a function that is k -times differentiable and whose k^{th} derivative is continuous on some open interval containing $a, a+h$ where $a, h \in \mathcal{R}$. Using the Rule for integration by parts show that

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a) + r_k(a, h)$$

$$\text{Where } r_k(a, h) = \frac{h^k}{(k-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} f^{(k)}(a+th) dt$$

Take the expression for $r_k(a, h)$ and work on it integrating by parts.

$$\int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} f^{(k)}(a+th) dt = \int_0^1 u dv$$

Where $u = f^{(k)}(a+th)$ and $du = h f^{(k+1)}(a+th) dt$

And $v = \frac{-1}{k} (1-t)^k$ and $dv = (1-t)^{k-1} dt$

note that $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$. Then

$$\int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} f^{(k)}(a+th) dt = [f^{(k)}(a+th) \frac{-1}{k} (1-t)^k]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{-1}{k} (1-t)^k h f^{(k+1)}(a+th) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} f^{(k)}(a) + \frac{h}{k} \int_0^1 (1-t)^k f^{(k+1)}(a+th) dt \quad (k > 0)$$

$$\implies r_k(a, h) = \frac{h^k}{(k-1)!} \left(\frac{1}{k} f^{(k)}(a) + \frac{h}{k} \int_0^1 (1-t)^k f^{(k+1)}(a+th) dt \right)$$

$$= \frac{h^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(a) + r_{k+1}(a, h)$$

$$\implies r_1(a, h) = h \int_0^1 f'(a+th) dt = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} (f(a+th)) dt = [f(a+th)]_0^1$$

$$\implies f(a+h) = f(a) + r_1(a, h)$$

The required formula follows exactly by induction on k ■