

Power series centered at a :

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$$

How to represent functions as power series?

→ Use known power series representation and substitution (for special examples):

Ex. Find power series representation of

$$\frac{x^3}{2+x}$$

1) Write $\frac{1}{2} x^3 \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{x}{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} x^3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1 - \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)} \right)$

2) Know $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ for $|x| < 1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1 - \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^n$ for $\left|-\frac{x}{2}\right| < 1$
i.e., $|x| < 2$

3) Put everything together:

$$\frac{x^3}{2+x} = \frac{1}{2} x^3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^n = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} x^{n+3} \text{ for } |x| < 2}$$

Differentiation and integration of power series

Suppose $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ on some interval centered at a .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} f(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} (c_n (x-a)^n) \quad ? \end{aligned}$$

$$\int f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int c_n (x-a)^n dx \quad ?$$

Thm. If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n \end{aligned}$$

is continuous and differentiable on $(a-R, a+R)$ with

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad f'(x) &= c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + 3c_3(x-a)^2 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n (x-a)^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \int f(x) dx = C + c_0(x-a) + c_1 \frac{(x-a)^2}{2} + c_2 \frac{(x-a)^3}{3} + \dots$$

$$= C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

Both series in (i) and (ii) have radius of convergence R .

Remark: Radius of convergence stays the same, but interval of convergence may change!

Ex. Find power series representation for

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

1) Know $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{1-x} \right)$

and

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

$$= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$2) \text{ So, } \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} x^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1}$$

for $|x| < 1$.

Ex. Find power series representation
for $-\ln(1-x)$.

$$1) \text{ Know } -\ln(1-x) = \int \frac{1}{1-x} dx$$

and

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \text{ for } |x| < 1.$$
$$= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow -\ln(1-x) = \int \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right) dx$$

$$\int (1 + x + x^2 + \dots)$$

$$= x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\int x^n dx \right)$$

$$= C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$= C + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n} \text{ for } |x| < 1$$

2) Take $x = 0$

$$0 = -\ln(1) = C + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(-\ln(1-x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1 \right)$$

Ques: What is $-\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$?

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{8 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{16 \cdot 4} \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

What to do in general?

Taylor and Maclaurin series (12.10)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } f(x) &= c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n \end{aligned}$$

for $|x-a| < R$.

Main question: What are c_n ?

$$\boxed{n=0!} \quad f(a) = c_0 + c_1 \cancel{(a-a)}^0 + c_2 \cancel{(a-a)^2}^0 + \dots \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c_0 = f(a)}$$

$$\boxed{n=1!} \quad f'(x) = 0 + c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + 3c_3(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$$f'(a) = c_1 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = f'(a)}$$

$$\boxed{n=2:} \quad f''(x) = 2c_2 + 3 \cdot 2 c_3 (x-a) \\ + 4 \cdot 3 c_4 (x-a)^2 \\ + \dots$$

$$f''(a) = 2c_2 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = \frac{f''(a)}{2}}$$

In general, \swarrow nth derivative of f

$$\boxed{c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}}$$

Thm. (Taylor series of f at a)

If f has a power series representation (expansion) at a with radius of convergence R , then it must be

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \\ = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots$$

for $|x-a| < R$.

When $a=0$, this is called a Maclaurin series.

Ex. Suppose that $f(x) = e^x$ has a power series representation at 0. What is it?

$$f(x) = e^x \qquad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = e^0 = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

where does it converge?

Ratio test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right|$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x}{n+1} \right| = 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \text{for all } x$$

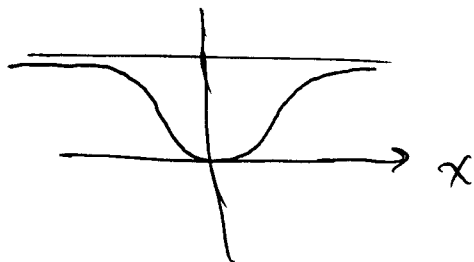
(i.e., $R = +\infty$)

if e^x has a power series representation at a .

Warning: Theorem only says that when f can be represented by a power series at a , it must be equal to the sum of its Taylor series.

Doesn't tell you f has power series representation!

Ex. $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$



$f^{(n)}(0) ?$

Question: How to determine if function has power series representation?

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i}_{T_n(x)}$$

$$T_n(x) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$$

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nth degree polynomial.

$R_n(x) = f(x) - T_n(x)$ be the remainder. ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~

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Thm. If $f(x) = T_n(x) + R_n(x)$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ for $|x-a| < R$,

then f has power series representation

at a and is equal to the sum

of its Taylor series for $|x-a| < R$.

How to show $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$?

Usually can try to use Taylor's inequality:

If $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ for $|x-a| \leq d$

then $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1}$

for $|x-a| \leq d$

Ex. e^x , $\sin x$, $\cos x$, ...

If f has a power series representation at a , it must be the Taylor series (called Maclaurin series if $a=0$)

$$f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \quad \text{with radius of convergence } R.$$

(1) Find n th - degree Taylor polynomial

$$T_n(x), \quad \text{where } T_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i$$

(2a) To quantify error between f and T_n we look at the remainder

$$R_n(x) = \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i = f(x) - T_n(x)$$

for $|x-a| < R$.

(2b) To prove $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x)$ we must show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ for $|x-a| < R$.

Usually done by using Taylor's inequality:

Show $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ for $|x-a| < d$.

$$\Rightarrow |R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1} \text{ for } |x-a| < d$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

(since $\sum \frac{b^n}{n!}$ converges for any constant b)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b^n}{n!} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Ex. 1) Find Maclaurin series of $f(x) = \sin x$ and its radius of convergence

2) Prove that $\sin x$ equals its Maclaurin series within radius of convergence.

1) $a=0$.

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x$$

$$f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f''(0) = 0$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos x$$

$$f'''(0) = -1$$

Maclaurin series for $\sin(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& 0 + \frac{1}{1!} x + 0 + \frac{-1}{3!} x^3 \\
& + \frac{0}{5!} x^5 + \frac{1}{5!} x^5 + 0 + \frac{-1}{7!} x^7 + \dots \\
& = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \\
& = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}, \text{ for all } x
\end{aligned}$$

Ratio test :

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)!} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!}{x^{2n+1}} \right| \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x^2| \cdot \frac{1}{(2n+3)(2n+2)} \\
&= 0 \text{ for all } x.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = +\infty.$$

2) To prove this equals $\sin(x)$, use

Taylor's ineq.

$$f^{(n+1)}(x) = \frac{d^{n+1}}{dx^{n+1}} \sin x = \begin{cases} \pm \sin x \\ \pm \cos x \end{cases}$$

So, $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ for all x .

$$\Rightarrow |R_n(x)| \leq \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \quad \text{for all } x$$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

So, ~~Maclaurin~~ $f(x) = \sin(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x) =$ ~~the Maclaurin series~~

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x) &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \text{for all } x. \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 1) Find Maclaurin series for $\cos x$ and show that these are equal.

By differentiating both sides of box above,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x) &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \end{aligned}$$

2) Find an n th order polynomial that approximates $\cos x$ in the interval $(-1, 1)$ with error less than 10^{-3} .

Know $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq 1 \overset{M}{\leftarrow}$ for all x

Taylor inequality: $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$

Find a ^{smallest} n s.t. $|R_n(x)| \leq 10^{-3}$ for $-1 < x < 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \leq 10^{-3} \Rightarrow n \geq 7.$$

$$\cos(x) \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cancel{O(x^7)}$$

for $-1 < x < 1$, with error $\leq 10^{-3}$

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - T_n(x)$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Find Maclaurin series.

$$f'(x) = \frac{2e^{-1/x^2}}{x^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= \frac{2}{x^3} \left(\frac{2e^{-1/x^2}}{x^3} \right) + e^{-1/x^2} \left(\frac{-6}{x^4} \right) \\ &= e^{-1/x^2} \left(\frac{4}{x^6} - \frac{6}{x^4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

n th derivative looks like $\frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x^k}$ for some k .

$$\Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \quad \text{for all } n.$$

\Rightarrow Maclaurin series is

$$0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = 0.$$

f is not 0 in any neighborhood of $x=0$
i.e., $|R_n(x)| = e^{-1/x^2} \not\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Multiplication and division of Taylor series

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are equal to their Taylor series in $|x-a| < R$, then

$$(i) \quad f(x)g(x) = \left(f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}x + \dots \right) \cdot \left(g(a) + \frac{g'(a)}{1!}x + \dots \right)$$

for $|x-a| < R$.

(ii) Similarly for $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ provided $g(a) \neq 0$ and $|x-a|$ small ~~enough~~ enough.

Ex. Evaluate $\int_0^1 e^x \cos x \, dx$ using a fourth-order expansion for the integrand.

$$e^x \cos x = \left(1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots \right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \right)$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \left(\frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^2}{2!} \right) + \left(\frac{x^3}{3!} - \frac{x^3}{2!} \right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^4}{2!2!} \right)$$

$$= 1 + x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{6}$$

(to do this, we multiplied the fourth-order Taylor polynomials of e^x and $\cos x$ and then kept only terms to fourth order).

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 e^x \cos x \, dx \approx \int_0^1 \left(1 + x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{6} \right) dx$$

$$= \left[x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{12} - \frac{x^5}{30} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{30}$$

$$= \boxed{1.383}$$

This is a good approx to the true answer, which is 1.378...

List of important Taylor expansions (at a , with radius of convergence R):

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots, \quad a=0, R=1$$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots, \quad a=0, R=+\infty$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots, \quad a=0, R=+\infty$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots, \quad a=0, R=+\infty$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots, \quad a=0, R=1.$$

$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots, \quad a=0, R=1$$

$\binom{k}{n}$ is called binomial coefficient.

$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots, \quad a=0, R=1.$$