

6.4. Working with Taylor Series and Maclaurin

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Function	Maclaurin Series	I. O. C
$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$	$-1 < x < 1$
$f(x) = e^x$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$f(x) = \sin x$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$f(x) = \cos x$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$f(x) = \arctan(x)$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$	$-1 < x < 1$

* Find the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$.

$$\ln(1+x) = \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx$$

→ this has a nice series representation

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1}{1 - \boxed{(-x)}} = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n}; \text{ converges when}$$

$$|-x| < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x| < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -1 < x < 1$$

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

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

Plug $x=0$ into both the function and the series:

$$\ln(1) = C \rightarrow C = 0$$

$$\boxed{\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} ; -1 < x < 1}$$

→ Find Maclaurin series for functions of the form

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{\boxed{r}} \text{ where } r \text{ is a real number}$$

E.g. $f(x) = (1+x)^{1/2} = \sqrt{1+x}$

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{3/7} = \sqrt[7]{(1+x)^3}$$

The series for these functions are called the binomial series.

Binomial Series Formula:

binomial coefficients

$$(1+x)^R = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \boxed{\binom{R}{n}} x^n; \text{ converges for } -1 < x < 1$$

Here $\binom{R}{n}$ (read as R choose n) are the binomial coefficients whose formula is:

$$\binom{R}{n} = \frac{R(R-1)(R-2)\dots(R-n+1)}{n!}$$

→ coeff. of series

So, we have:

$$(1+x)^R = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \boxed{\frac{R(R-1)(R-2)\dots(R-n+1)}{n!}} x^n \quad ; -1 < x < 1$$

$$= 1 + R \cdot x + \frac{R(R-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{R(R-1)(R-2)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{R(R-1)(R-2)(R-3)}{4!} x^4 + \dots$$

E.g. $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x} = (1+x)^{1/2}$.

① Find the binomial series for f . Write down the series (with coeffrs.) up to x^4 .

② Find the 3rd degree Maclaurin polynomial $P_3(x)$ for f . Use it to estimate $f(0.5) = \sqrt{1.5}$.

③ Use the Taylor's Remainder Theorem from last time to find an upper bound for the error.

① $\frac{1}{2}$ $\rightarrow R = \frac{1}{2}$

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

$$= 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16} - \frac{5x^4}{128} + \dots$$

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n} x^n$$

② $P_3(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16}$

$$P_3(0.5) = 1 + \frac{0.5}{2} - \frac{(0.5)^2}{8} + \frac{(0.5)^3}{16} \approx 1.2266$$

$\rightarrow$ approx. for $f(0.5) = \sqrt{1.5}$

$$\textcircled{3} R_3(x) = f(x) - p_3(x)$$

Taylor's Remainder Theorem

$$|R_3(x)| \leq \frac{M}{4!} |x-a|^4; \quad a=0$$

M is an upper bound for $f^{(4)}(x)$
on $I = (0, 0.5)$

→ find $f^{(4)}(x)$.

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{1/2}; \quad f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-1/2}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4}(1+x)^{-3/2}; \quad f'''(x) = \frac{3}{8}(1+x)^{-5/2}$$

$$|f^{(4)}(x)| = \left| -\frac{15}{16} \cdot (1+x)^{-7/2} \right| = \left| -\frac{15}{16(1+x)^{7/2}} \right|$$

→ upper bound of this on $(\boxed{0}, 0.5)$

$$\boxed{M = \frac{15}{16}} \rightarrow |R_3(x)| \leq \frac{\frac{15}{16} \cdot (0.5)^4}{4!}$$

$$\approx 0.00244$$

* Derive Maclaurin Series for new functions using known series.

E.g. Find the Maclaurin series for the function:

$$f(x) = e^{x+3}.$$

Find I.O.C.

We already know: $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}; -\infty < x < \infty$

Rewrite $f(x)$ as: $f(x) = e^{x+3} = \boxed{e^3} \cdot \boxed{e^x}$
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constant

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) = e^{x+3} = e^3 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^3}{n!} \right) x^n$$

I.O.C: $-\infty < x < \infty$

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 coeffs.
 for the
 series.