

10.8 Taylor and Maclaurin Series

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Suppose f is a function which has a power series representation

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + c_3(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

for $|x-a| < R$

We can find the coefficients c_n in the following manner:

$$f(a) = c_0 + c_1 \underbrace{(a-a)}_0 + c_2 \underbrace{(a-a)^2}_0 + c_3 \underbrace{(a-a)^3}_0 + \dots \Rightarrow f(a) = c_0$$

Now let's take the derivative:

$$f'(x) = c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + 3c_3(x-a)^2 + 4c_4(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

$$f'(a) = c_1 + 2c_2 \underbrace{(a-a)}_0 + 3c_3 \underbrace{(a-a)^2}_0 + 4c_4 \underbrace{(a-a)^3}_0 + \dots \Rightarrow f'(a) = c_1$$

Now let's take the second derivative:

$$f''(x) = 2c_2 + 2 \cdot 3c_3(x-a) + 3 \cdot 4c_4(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$$f''(a) = 2c_2 + 2 \cdot 3c_3 \underbrace{(a-a)}_0 + 3 \cdot 4c_4 \underbrace{(a-a)^2}_0 + 4c_5 \underbrace{(a-a)^3}_0 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(a) = 2c_2$$

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

Finally let's take the third derivative:

$$f'''(x) = 2 \cdot 3c_3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4c_4(x-a) + 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5c_5(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$$f'''(a) = 2 \cdot 3c_3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4c_4(a-a) + 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5c_5(a-a)^2 + \dots \Rightarrow f'''(a) = 2 \cdot 3c_3$$

$$c_3 = \frac{f'''(a)}{2 \cdot 3}$$

Continuing in this manner, we'll obtain:

$$c_4 = \frac{f^{(4)}(a)}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} \quad c_5 = \frac{f^{(5)}(a)}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} \quad \dots \quad c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$$

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$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 + \dots$$

_____ series of the function f centered at a .

If $a = 0$, then we call the series the _____ series of the function f .

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} x^3 + \dots$$

Find the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = e^x$


$$\begin{array}{ll} f(x) = e^x & f(0) = 1 \\ f'(x) = e^x & f'(0) = 1 \\ f''(x) = e^x & f''(0) = 1 \\ f'''(x) = e^x & f'''(0) = 1 \\ f^{(4)}(x) = e^x & f^{(4)}(0) = 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{array}$$

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

$$\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n =$$

$$e^x = \quad , \text{ with } R = \infty$$

Find the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \sin x$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \sin x & f(0) &= \\
 f'(x) &= \cos x & f'(0) &= \\
 f''(x) &= -\sin x & f''(0) &= \\
 f'''(x) &= -\cos x & f'''(0) &= \\
 f^{(4)}(x) &= \sin x & f^{(4)}(0) &= \\
 f^{(5)}(x) &= \cos x & f^{(5)}(0) &=
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2n+1)!}{(2(n+1)+1)!} \cdot \frac{x^{2(n+1)+1}}{x^{2n+1}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\cancel{(2n+1)!}}{(2n+3)(2n+2) \cdot \cancel{(2n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{x^{2n+2} \cdot x^2}{x^{2n+1}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^2}{(2n+3)(2n+2)} \right| = 0 < 1 \text{ for all } x$$


$$\Rightarrow R = \infty$$

only odd powers so we should use $2n-1$ or $2n+1$ the first term (when $n=0$) is x^1 so we choose $2n+1$

$$\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n =$$

$\sin x =$, with $R = \infty$

List of important Maclaurin series :

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

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots \quad \text{with } R=1$$

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

$$\arctan x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad \text{with } R=1$$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad \text{with } R = \infty$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad \text{with } R = \infty$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad \text{with } R = \infty$$

Find the third degree Taylor polynomial for $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ centered at $x = 1$.

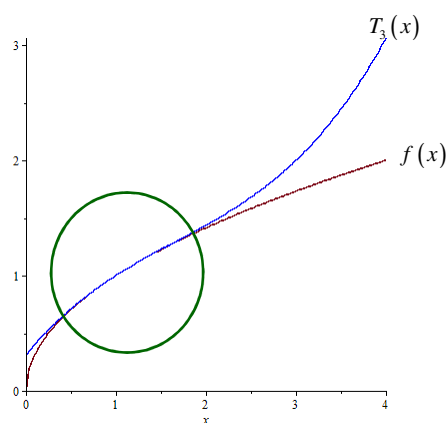
$$f(x) = x^{1/2}$$

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

$$f''(x) =$$

$$f'''(x) =$$

$$T_3(x) =$$

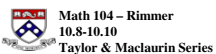


$$T_3(1.5) = 1.226562500$$

$$\sqrt{1.5} \approx 1.224744871$$

$$T_3(1.5) - \sqrt{1.5} = 0.001817629$$

10.9/10.10 Applications of Taylor and Maclaurin Series



Use a power series to integrate a function when there is no integration technique you could use.

Integrate and find the coefficient on x^{10}

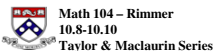
$$\int x^3 e^{-x^3} dx \quad e^x =$$

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Use a power series to evaluate a limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x + \frac{x^3}{6}}{x^5}$$

Use a power series to find the sum of a series.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^n}{n!} = 1 + \pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2!} + \frac{\pi^3}{3!} + \frac{\pi^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \pi^{2n+1}}{2^{2n+1} (2n+1)!} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{3! \cdot 8} + \frac{\pi^5}{5! \cdot 32} - \frac{\pi^7}{7! \cdot 128} + \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{13} - \frac{1}{15} + \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{13} - \frac{1}{15} + \dots \right) = \pi$$

$$\pi = 4 - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{5} - \frac{4}{7} + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{4}{11} + \frac{4}{13} - \frac{4}{15} + \dots$$

This is a series that sums to π but it does it very slowly.

$$S_{50} = 3.121594653$$

Find the first three non-zero terms of the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = e^x \ln(1-x)$ by _____ two series.

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots, \text{ with } R = \infty \text{ and } I = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\ln(1-x) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \dots, \text{ with } R = 1 \text{ and } I = |x| < 1$$

$$e^x \ln(1-x) =$$

Find the first three non-zero terms of the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \tan x$ by _____ two series.

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots}{1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots}$$

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^6}{720} + \dots \left) x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} - \frac{x^7}{5040} + \dots \quad \tan x =$$

$$-\frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^3}{2} = \frac{-1+3}{6}x^3 = \frac{x^3}{3}$$

$$\frac{x^5}{120} - \frac{x^5}{24} = \frac{1-5}{120}x^5 = -\frac{x^5}{30}$$

$$-\frac{x^7}{5040} + \frac{x^7}{720} = \frac{-1+7}{5040}x^7 = \frac{x^7}{840}$$

$$-\frac{x^5}{30} + \frac{x^5}{6} = \frac{-1+5}{30}x^5 = \frac{2x^5}{15}$$

$$\frac{x^7}{840} - \frac{x^7}{72} = \frac{3-35}{2520}x^7 = -\frac{4x^7}{315}$$