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Taylor and Maclaurin Series

In 9.9 we found power series representations of functions by "manipulating" the geometric power series representation of $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ using $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$.

Can we find power series representations for any functions? Which functions? How can we do this?

Theorem 9.22: The Form of a Convergent Power Series

If f is represented by a power series $f(x) = \sum a_n(x-c)^n$ for all x in a open interval I containing c , then

$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \frac{f'''(c)}{3!}(x-c)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n + \dots$$

Definition of Taylor & Maclaurin Series:

If a function f has derivatives of all orders at $x=c$, then the series

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-c)^n$ is called the Taylor series for $f(x)$ at c . If $c=0$, the series is called the Maclaurin series for $f(x)$.

Example: Find a Maclaurin Series for $f(x) = \sin x$ and determine the interval of convergence.

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c=0

$f(x) = \sin x$	$f(0) = \sin 0 = 0$
$f'(x) = \cos x$	$f'(0) = \cos 0 = 1$
$f''(x) = -\sin x$	$f''(0) = -\sin 0 = 0$
$f'''(x) = -\cos x$	$f'''(0) = -\cos 0 = -1$
$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x$	$f^{(4)}(0) = \sin 0 = 0$
\vdots	

So $\sin(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}(x-0) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x-0)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)}{4!}(x-0)^4 + \dots$

$\sin(x) = 0 + x + \frac{0}{2}(x^2) + \frac{(-1)}{3!}(x)^3 + \frac{0}{4!}(x^4) + \dots$

$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \frac{x^{11}}{11!} + \dots$

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

Find the interval of convergence. $u_n = \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$

consider: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2(n+1)+1}}{[2(n+1)+1]!} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!}{x^{2n+1}} \right|$

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

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

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

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

$= |x^2| \cdot 0 = 0 \rightarrow$ Interval of convergence is $(-\infty, \infty)$

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Question: If $f(x)$ is a function that has derivatives of all orders, when is it true that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-c)^n \quad ?$$

We know from Theorem 9.19, for each n ,

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n + R_n(x)$$

where

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x-c)^{n+1}$$

← we know z depends on both x & n .

If $R_n \rightarrow 0$, then we'll know that the Taylor series converges to $f(x)$ for all $x \in I$, the interval of convergence.

Theorem 9.23: Convergence of Taylor Series

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = 0$ for all x in the interval I , then the Taylor series for f converges to and equals $f(x)$.

So,

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

Back to Example 1: Show that the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \sin(x)$ converges to $\sin(x)$ for all x .

We'll show

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

is true for all x .

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That is, we can show $R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x-c)^{n+1} \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{we have } R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z) x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

Since $f^{(n+1)}(x) = \pm \sin(x)$ or $f^{(n+1)}(x) = \pm \cos(x)$

we know that $|f^{(n+1)}(z)| \leq 1$ for any real number z .

Therefore, for any fixed x , we can use Theorem 9.19

$$|R_n(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z) x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right| \leq \frac{|1 \cdot x^{n+1}|}{(n+1)!} = \frac{|x^{n+1}|}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\text{So, for all } x, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = 0.$$

By Theorem 9.23, we can see that the Maclaurin series for $\sin x$ converges to $\sin x$ for all x .

Main Series

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$\cos(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

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

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

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

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

Interval of Convergence

$$(-\infty, \infty)$$

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$$(-1, 1)$$

$$(-1, 1)$$

$$[-1, 1]$$

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we can make use of substitution, differentiation, and integration to create series that represent many other functions.

Example: If $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$, find its Maclaurin Series.

We know

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

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

$$\sin(x^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{4n+2}}{(2n+1)!}$$

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$$g(x) = e^{-3x}$$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$e^{-3x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3x)^n}{n!}$$

$$e^{-3x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3^n x^n}{n!}$$

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$$h(x) = x \cos(x)$$

$$x \cos(x) = x \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

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

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$$g(x) = e^x \cos x$$

$$g(x) = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{2n!} \right)$$

$$g(x) = \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots$$

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^6}{720} + \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & + & x & + & \frac{x^2}{2} & + & \frac{x^3}{6} & + & \frac{x^4}{24} & + & \dots \\ & & & & - & \frac{x^2}{2} & & & + & \frac{x^4}{24} & & & & & - & \frac{x^6}{720} & + & \dots \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & & & & & & + & \frac{x^4}{24} & + & \frac{x^5}{24} & + & \dots \end{array}$$

$$g(x) = 1 + x + \left(\frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{3x^3}{6} \right) + \left(\frac{2x^4}{24} - \frac{6x^4}{24} \right) + \left(\frac{x^5}{120} - \frac{x^5}{120} + \frac{5x^5}{240} \right) + \dots$$

$$g(x) = 1 + x + \left(\frac{-2x^3}{6} \right) + \left(\frac{-4x^4}{24} \right) + \left(\frac{-4x^5}{120} \right)$$

$$g(x) = 1 + x - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{6} - \frac{x^5}{30} + \dots$$

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$\int_0^{1/2} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx$ Use a power series to approximate the value of this integral with an error less than 0.0001.

$$\text{Use } \arctan(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

0! = 1
1! = 1
2! = 1 · 2 = 2
3! = 1 · 2 · 3 = 6
4! = 1 · 2 · 3 · 4 = 24
5! = 24 · 5 = 120

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

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

So

$$\int_0^{1/2} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx = \int_0^{1/2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{2n+1} \right) dx$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1) \cdot (2n+1)} \Big|_0^{1/2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)^2} \Big|_0^{1/2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)^2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(0)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)^2}$$

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

The "error" is less than or equal to "the first omitted term"

$$|R_N| \leq a_{N+1}$$

$$a_{N+1} < 0.0001$$

$$\frac{1}{[(2(N+1)+1)^2 2^{2(N+1)+1}] < \frac{1}{10,000}$$

$$\frac{1}{(2N+3)^2 2^{2N+3}} < \frac{1}{10,000}$$

Solve for n. $10,000 < (2N+3)^2 2^{2N+3}$

If $n=3$, we have

$$10,000 < 9^2 \cdot 2^9$$

$$10,000 < 41,472$$

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So,

$$\int_0^{1/2} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx \approx \sum_{n=0}^3 \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)^2 2^{n+1}}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3^2 2^3} + \frac{1}{5^2 2^5} - \frac{1}{7^2 2^7}$$

$$\approx 0.487201672336$$

From the calculator, we get

$$\int_0^{1/2} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx \approx 0.487222358295$$

So, we really have our "error" within 0.0001.