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Note Title

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Taylor's Series

Let

$$f(x) = C_0 + C_1(x-a) + C_2(x-a)^2 + C_3(x-a)^3 + \dots$$
$$|x-a| < R$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = C_1 + 2C_2(x-a) + 3C_3(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$$f''(x) = 2C_2 + 2 \cdot 3C_3(x-a) + 3 \cdot 4C_4(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$$f'''(x) = 2 \cdot 3C_3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4C_4(x-a) + 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5C_5(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

\vdots

If we let $x=a$ then $f'(a) = C_1$

$$f''(a) = 2C_2$$

$$f'''(a) = 2 \cdot 3C_3$$

\vdots

$$f^{(n)}(a) = n! \cdot C_n$$

Solve this for C_n we get

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

Then

If f has a power series expansion of

$$f(x) = \sum C_n(x-a)^n \quad |x-a| < R$$

then its coefficients are

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

This gives The Taylor Series of f at a .

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

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

A special case of the Taylor Series is when $a=0$ then we get

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x^3 + \dots$$

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

this special case is called the Maclaurin series

(ex) find Taylor Series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ centered at 1. Use this to find $f(\frac{1}{2})$.

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

$$f(1) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = -x^{-2}$$

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

$$f''(x) = 2x^{-3}$$

$$f''(1) = 2$$

$$f'''(x) = -6x^{-4} = -2 \cdot 3x^{-4}$$

$$f'''(1) = -6 \cdot 1$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 24x^{-5} = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4x^{-5}$$

$$f^{(4)}(1) = 24 \cdot 1$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = -120x^{-6} = -2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5x^{-6}$$

$$f^{(5)}(1) = -120 \cdot 1$$

\vdots

\vdots

$$f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n n!$$

So Taylor Series is

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

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

$$= 1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 - (x-1)^3 + \dots$$

$$= \sum \frac{(-1)^n n!}{n!} (x-1)^n$$

$$f(x) = \sum (-1)^n (x-1)^n$$

To find $f(1/2)$

$$f(1/2) = \sum (-1)^n (1/2 - 1)^n = \sum (-1)^n (-1/2)^n$$

$$= \sum (1/2)^n$$

this is a geometric series with $a=1$ and $r=1/2$

$$\text{So } = \frac{1}{1-1/2} = \frac{1}{1/2} = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Remember Maclaurin series centered at 0.

Some important Maclaurin Series

(for proofs see book)

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

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

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

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

$$\tan^{-1} x = \sum (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

Useful fact!

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Multiplying/Dividing Power Series

Just like polynomials but we only care about the first few terms.

(ex) find first three nonzero terms of Maclaurin series of $y = e^x \frac{1}{1-x}$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow e^x \frac{1}{1-x} = \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots\right) (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 1 + x + x^2 + \dots \leftarrow 1 + (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \\ x + x^2 + \dots \leftarrow x * (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \\ + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots \leftarrow \frac{x^2}{2} * (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \\ \hline 1 + 2x + 2.5x^2 + \dots \end{array} \end{array}$$

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(ex.) find Maclaurin series for e^{2x}

$$\text{from above } e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \Rightarrow e^{2x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n!}$$