

Recall: • Taylor Series of $f(x)$

Centered at $x=a$:

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

- Maclaurin series of $f(x)$ is the Taylor series centered at $x=0$.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)}{4!} x^4 + \dots$$

- $\log(1+x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad |x| < 1$

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

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

Ex: $f(x) = \cos x$. Since we know the Maclaurin series for $\sin x$, and $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$, we can differentiate the Maclaurin series of $\sin x$:

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

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \right)$$

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

$$= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

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

for all x .

Ex $f(x) = \arctan(x)$.

$$\text{Note } f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{1-(-x^2)}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n \quad | -x^2 | < 1$$

$\Leftrightarrow |x| < 1$

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

Find f by integrating!

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

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

for $|x| < 1$.

We know $\arctan(0) = 0$ so
plugging in $x=0$ gives

$$C + 0 = 0.$$

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

Ex Find the Maclaurin series

for $x \cos x$. We already know

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

so it suffices to multiply both
sides by x .

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

Binomial Series

Let k be some real number and try to find the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = (1+x)^k$.

Derivatives & values at $x=0$:

$$f(x) = (1+x)^k, \quad f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = k(1+x)^{k-1}, \quad f'(0) = k$$

$$f''(x) = k(k-1)(1+x)^{k-2}, \quad f''(0) = k(k-1)$$

⋮

$$f^{(N)}(x) = k \cdot (k-1) \cdots (k-N+1) (1+x)^{k-N}$$

$$f^{(N)}(0) = k \cdot (k-1) \cdots (k-N+1)$$

So the Maclaurin series for $f(x)$ is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{k \cdot (k-1) \cdot \dots \cdot (k-n+1)}{n!} x^n.$$

BINOMIAL SERIES

The coefficients are called binomial coefficients

$$\binom{k}{n} = \begin{cases} \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-n+1)}{n!} \\ 0 \end{cases} \quad n > k$$

$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n, \quad |x| < 1$$