

More examples of finding Taylor series.

Name: Taylor series at $x=0$

$$(T_{\infty}(x) \approx f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots)$$

Also known as Maclaurin series ($x=0$ Taylor expansion).

Examples

Find the Taylor series of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ @ $x=-2$.

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

$$f'(x) = (-1)x^{-2} \xrightarrow{x=-2} (-1)(-2)^{-2} = -\frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{2^2} = -\frac{1!}{2^2}$$

$$f''(x) = (-1)(-2)x^{-3} \xrightarrow{x=-2} (-1)(-2)(-2)^{-3} = -\frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{2^2} = -\frac{2!}{2^3}$$

$$f'''(x) = (-1)(-2)(-3)x^{-4} \xrightarrow{x=-2} (-1)(-2)(-3)(-2)^{-4} = -\frac{3!}{2^4}$$

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

Taylor series @ $x=-2$

$$T_{\infty}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(-2)}{k!} (x+2)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-k!}{2^{k+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{k!} \right) (x+2)^k$$

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

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

A ~~iterates~~ way to get the last answer:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \text{ near } x = -2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)-2} = \frac{1}{2-(x+2)} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{(x+2)}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \left(\frac{x+2}{2}\right)}$$

← geometric series formula

$$a = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$r = \frac{x+2}{2}$$

geometric

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

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

same as calculated above.

This equals the function
(the series converges to the function as long
as $|r| < 1 \Leftrightarrow \left|\frac{x+2}{2}\right| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x+2| < 2$
 $\Leftrightarrow -2 < x+2 < 2$
 $\Leftrightarrow -4 < x < 0$)

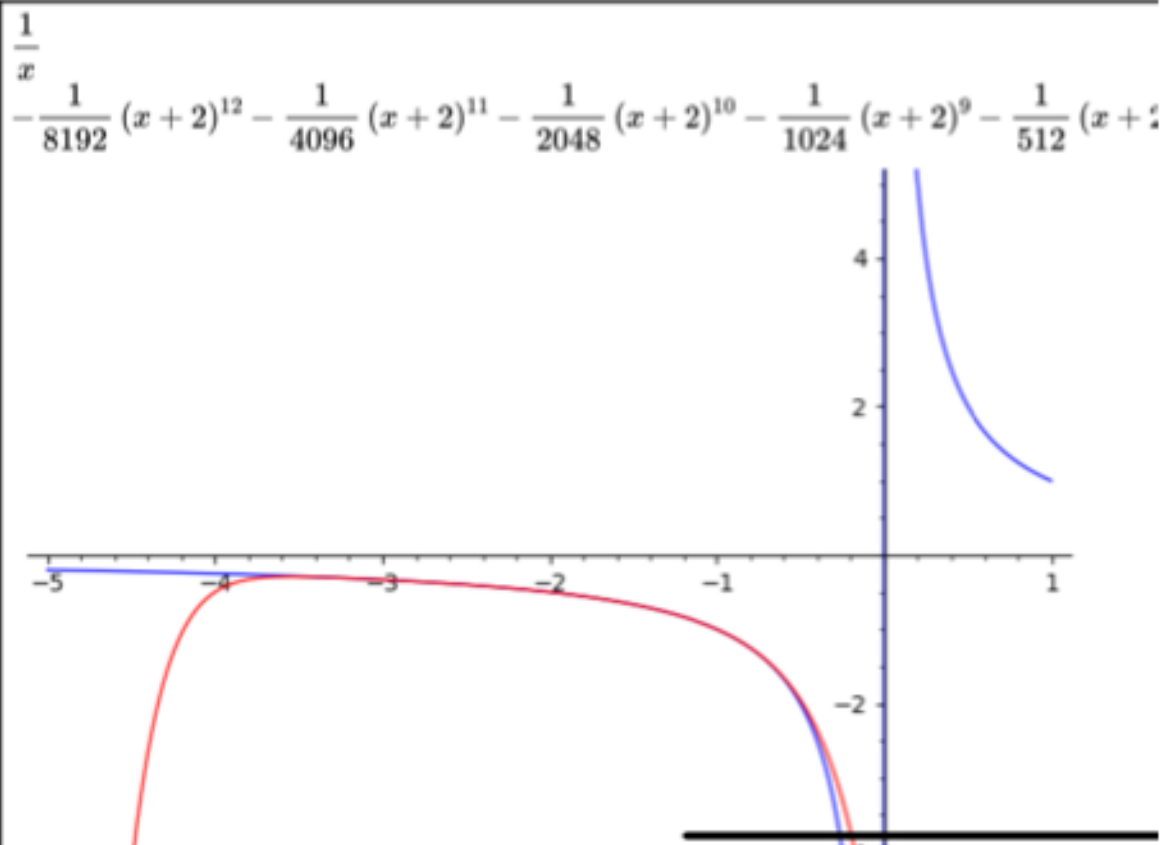
So the Taylor series for $\frac{1}{x}$ @ $x = -2$ converges to $\frac{1}{x}$ as long as $-4 < x < 0$.

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1 f(x)=1/x
2 g(x)=taylor(f(x),x,-2,12)
3 show(f(x))
4 show(g(x))
5 a=plot(f(x),(x,-5,1),ymin=-5,ymax=5)
6 b=plot(g(x),(x,-5,1),ymin=-5,ymax=5,color="red")
7 show(a+b)

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Evaluate



This tells us: we can use the geometric series to help us find Taylor series without taking general derivatives at a point.

Example) Let's compute the Taylor series of $f(x) = \arctan(x)$ @ $x=0$. Where does it converge to $f(x)$?

Taylor series:

$$f(x) = \arctan(x) \stackrel{x=0}{=} 0$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} = (1+x^2)^{-1} \stackrel{x=0}{=} 1$$

$$f''(x) = (-1)(1+x^2)^{-2} \cdot (2x) \stackrel{x=0}{=} 0$$

$$f'''(x) = \text{ouch}$$



Taylor polynomial of degree 2:

$$T_2(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2$$

$$T_2(x) = 0 + x + 0x^2$$

$$\boxed{T_2(x) = x}$$

another approach:

$$(\arctan(x))' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

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

geometric $a=1$
 $r=-x^2$

$$(\arctan(x))' = \frac{a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots}{1 + (-x^2) + (-x^2)^2 + (-x^2)^3 + \dots}$$

$$= 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8$$

converges if $|r| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |-x^2| < 1$
 $|x|^2 < 1 \quad |x| < 1$

$$\Rightarrow \arctan(x) + C = \int (\arctan(x))' dx$$

$$\arctan(x) + C = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

anti-derivative

converges if $|x| < 1$.
 $-1 < x < 1$.

What's C?

Plug in $x=0$

$$\arctan(0) + C = 0 - 0 + 0 - \dots$$

$$0 + C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$\arctan(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

converges for $-1 < x < 1$

$$x = -1$$

$$-1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} = -\infty$$

diverges

$$x = 1$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \rightarrow \text{actually converges.}$$

Some more fun Taylor polynomials & series.

Easy ones:

• $y = e^x$ @ $x=0$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= e^x \stackrel{x=0}{=} 1 \\ f'(x) &= e^x = 1 \\ f''(x) &= e^x = 1 \\ f'''(x) &= e^x = 1 \end{aligned}$$
$$T_{\infty}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$$
$$= 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

• $y = \sin(x)$ @ $x=0$

$$f(x) = \sin(x) \stackrel{x=0}{=} 0$$

$$f'(x) = \cos(x) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin(x) = 0$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos(x) \stackrel{x=0}{=} -1$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin(x) = 0$$

$$T_{\infty}(x) = 0 + \frac{1}{1!}x + 0$$

$$- \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + 0 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 + 0 + \dots$$

$$T_{\infty}(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

• $y = \cos(x)$ @ $x=0$

$$f(x) = \cos(x) \stackrel{x=0}{=} 1 \quad T_{\infty}(x) = 1 + 0 + \frac{-1}{2!}x^2$$

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

$$f''(x) = -\cos(x) = -1 \quad T_{\infty}(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$f'''(x) = \sin(x) = 0$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \cos(x) = 1$$

Consider: $e^{i\theta}$ Using Taylor

Series formula:

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

$$e^{i\theta} = 1 + i\theta + \frac{(i\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(i\theta)^3}{3!} + \frac{(i\theta)^4}{4!} + \frac{(i\theta)^5}{5!} + \frac{(i\theta)^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + i\theta + \frac{-\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{-i\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \frac{i\theta^5}{5!} + \frac{-\theta^6}{6!} - \frac{i\theta^7}{7!} + \frac{\theta^8}{8!} + \frac{i\theta^9}{9!} + \dots$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \dots \right) \\ + i \left(\theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots \right)$$

$$= \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \boxed{e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta}$$

Example:

$$e^{2i\theta} = (e^{i\theta})^2 = e^{i(2\theta)}$$

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^2 = \cos(2\theta) + i \sin(2\theta)$$

$$\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta i \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) + i (2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)$$

$$= \cos(2\theta) + i \sin(2\theta)$$

Can find new Taylor series
from old ones:

(Ex) Find the Taylor series of
 $F(x) = x^2 e^{x^5}$ centered at $x=0$.

$$F(0) = 0$$

$$F'(x) = 2xe^{x^5} + 5x^6 e^{x^5} = 0$$

$\therefore$ such.

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$e^{x^5} = 1 + x^5 + \frac{x^{10}}{2!} + \frac{x^{15}}{3!} + \dots$$

$$x^2 e^{x^5} = x^2 + x^7 + \frac{x^{12}}{2!} + \frac{x^{17}}{3!} + \dots$$

$$e^{x^5} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x^5)^n}{n!}$$

$$x^2 e^{x^5} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^2 (x^5)^n}{n!}$$

$$x^2 e^{x^5} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{5n+2}}{n!}$$

☆ How do we know if a Taylor series converges to the function, and where?

(We know the answer for
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$
 converges to the function
 $\Leftrightarrow |x| < 1$.)

How do we tell for any function?

The Taylor-Lagrange Remainder formula tells us how accurate a Taylor polynomial is.

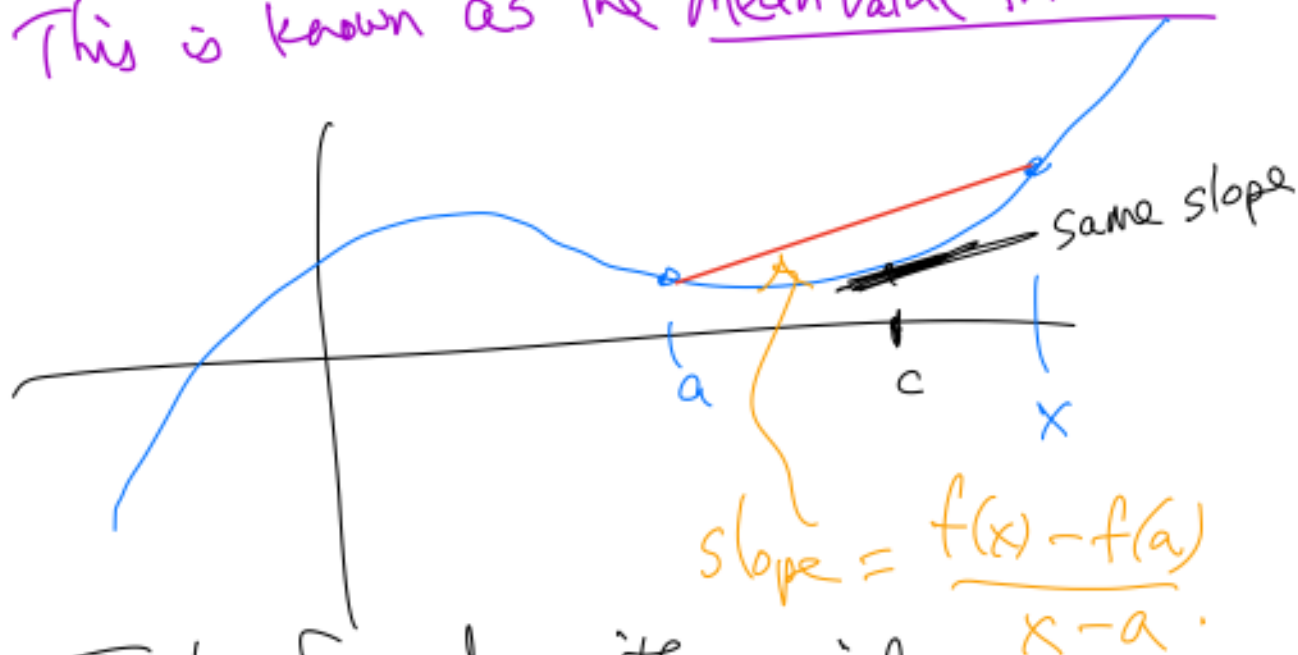
Examples

① 0th degree Taylor polynomial:
 $f(x) \approx f(a)$

$$f(x) - f(a) = f'(c)(x-a)$$

$$\text{ie. } f'(c) = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x-a}$$

where c is a number between a & x .
This is known as the Mean Value Theorem.



Taylor Formula with remainder for
 $f(x) \approx f(a)$ 0th degree Taylor polynomial
is $f(x) = f(a) + f'(c)(x-a)$

(c is a point between a & x.)
exact equals sign (as long as
f is differentiable).

More general Taylor polynomial

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

Taylor formula with Lagrange Remainder:

$$f(x) = T_n(x) + \underbrace{R_n(x)}_{\text{remainder}}$$

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + \underbrace{\frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}(x-a)^{n+1}}_{R_n(x)}$$

where

c is between a & x.

↪ There exists at least one value of c to make this true.

A function is = to its
Taylor series $T_{\infty}(x)$ iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0.$$

Example: for which x does
the Taylor series of e^x converge to
 e^x ?

Taylor Lagrange formula

$$e^x = \underbrace{1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}}_{T_n(x)} + \underbrace{\frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1}}_{R_n(x)}.$$

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$f^{(n+1)}(x) = e^x \Rightarrow f^{(n+1)}(c) = e^c$$

$$R_n(x) = \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \quad \text{where } c \text{ is between } 0 \text{ \& } x.$$

Taylor series converges at x

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^c x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{e^c x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right| \leq \frac{e^{|x|} |x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \quad c \text{ between } 0 \text{ \& } x.$$

if $n \rightarrow \infty$, is this going to 0?

Both numerator & denominator are going to ∞ — hard to tell.

$|x|$ is fixed, and $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\text{eg } |x| = 7 \quad \frac{e^7 7^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$n=1 \quad \frac{e^7 \cdot 7^1}{1 \cdot 2}, \quad n=2 \quad \frac{e^7 \cdot 7^2}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}, \quad \frac{e^7 \cdot 7^3}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4},$$

$$\dots, \quad \frac{e^7 \cdot 7^7}{7!}, \quad \frac{e^7 \cdot 7^8}{\cancel{8!} \cdot 8},$$

$$\frac{e^7 \cdot 7^9 \cdot 7 \cdot 7}{7! \cdot 8 \cdot 9}, \quad \frac{e^7 \cdot 7^7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7}{7! \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10},$$

eventually the denominator
wins the contest, and the

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0.$$

This example was for $|x| = 7$, but
the same thing happens for any
value of $|x|$. Eventually,

$$(n+1)! \gg |x|^{n+1}.$$

Thus for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\boxed{e^x = T_{\infty}(x)} .$$

Similarly, the Taylor series for $\sin(x)$ & $\cos(x)$ converge to the function for all values of x .
