

BIG-O

TOE

motivation!

if we have a 4th-order MacLaurin polynomial:

$$1 - x^3 + \frac{1}{10}x^4$$

and find that the 5th-derivative is zero when x is zero,

we used to express this as

$$f(x) = 1 - x^3 + \frac{1}{10}x^4 + R_5(x)$$

Given two functions f and g ,

- if $\exists A \in \mathbb{Z}$, s.t. $|f(x)| \leq A|g(x)|$ on some interval near x_0 ,
- $f(x) = O(g(x))$ as $x \rightarrow x_0$

→ technically, we should use \in instead of $=$

$g(x - x_0)$ if Taylor

g^x if MacLaurin

* in CS, we let $n \rightarrow \infty$ instead of $x \rightarrow x_0$

Ex.

$$|x^3| \leq |x^2| \text{ for all } x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = O(x^2) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

also, since $|x^3| \leq |x|$,

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = O(x) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

however,

$$x^3 \neq O(x^4) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0, \text{ but}$$

$$x^3 = O(x^4) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

ex.

$$|\sin x| \leq |x|, \text{ so}$$

$$\sin x = O(x) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

alternative,

$$\left| \frac{\sin x}{x} \right| \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0.$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} = O(1) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

ex.

$$\frac{x^2}{8+x^3} \text{ on } [-1, 1]$$

$$\left| \frac{x^2}{8+x^3} \right| = \frac{1}{|8+x^3|} |x^2| \leq \frac{1}{7} |x^2|$$

$$\left| \frac{x^2}{8+x^3} \right| = O(x^2) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

BIG-O w/ TAYLOR'S INEQUALITY

$$\text{for } |R_n(x)| \leq \frac{k|x-x_0|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, \text{ where } |f^{(n+1)}(t)| \leq k \quad \forall t \in [x_0, x],$$

We can now say:

$$R_n(x) = O((x-x_0)^{n+1}) \text{ as } x \rightarrow x_0.$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - P_{n, x_0}(x) = O((x-x_0)^{n+1}) \text{ as } x \rightarrow x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = P_{n, x_0}(x) + O((x-x_0)^{n+1}) \text{ as } x \rightarrow x_0$$

ex

$$\therefore \sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + R_2(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + O(x^2) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore \sin x = 0 + x + 0 + R_3(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow = x + O(x^3) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{1+x} + \sin x = 1 + \frac{3}{2}x + O(x^2) + O(x^3), \quad x \rightarrow 0$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{2}x + O(x^2), \quad x \rightarrow 0$$

ex

$$\sin h x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\cancel{(1+x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + O(x^5))} \right.$$

$$\left. - \cancel{(1-x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + O(x^5))} \right]$$

$$= x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + O(x^5), \quad x \rightarrow 0$$

* we originally defined $\sin h$ as odd component of e^x and \cosh as even component of e^x

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

	$= \cosh(x)$
	$= \sin h(x)$

$$e^x = \sin h(x) + \cosh(x)$$

BIG-O PROPERTIES

properties

1. $KO(x^n) = O(x^n), \forall K \in \mathbb{R}$
2. $O(x^m) + O(x^n) = O(x^q), q = \min(m, n)$
3. $O(x^m) \cdot O(x^n) = O(x^{m+n})$
4. $[O(x^n)]^m = O(x^{mn})$
5. $\frac{O(x^n)}{x^k} = O(x^{n-k})$

↳ then is no rule for $\frac{O(x^n)}{O(x^k)}$ since $O(x^n)$ could be from $n \rightarrow \infty$

substitution

$$\sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} + O(x^2), x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{letting } x = u^4,$$

$$\sqrt{1+u^4} = 1 + \frac{u^4}{2} + O(u^4), u \rightarrow 0$$

multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} e^x \text{sh } x &= [1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + O(x^3)][x + O(x^3)] \\ &= x + x^2 + \cancel{\frac{x^3}{2}} + xO(x^3) + O(x^3) + xO(x^3) + \cancel{\frac{x^2}{2}O(x^3)} + \cancel{[O(x^3)]^2} \\ &\quad \cancel{O(x^3)} \quad \cancel{O(x^3)} \quad \cancel{O(x^3)} \\ &= x + x^2 + O(x^3), x \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Division

$$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} + O(x^7)}{1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} + O(x^6)}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + O(x^6) \overline{|} x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{120}x^5 + O(x^7)$$

$$-(x - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{24}x^5 + O(x^7))$$

$$\frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{30}x^5 + O(x^7)$$

$$-\left(\frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^5 + O(x^7)\right)$$

$$\frac{2}{15}x^5 + O(x^7)$$

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$$O(x^7)$$

$O(x^7)$ propagates think
of as collection of garbage
terms

$$\tan x = x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 + O(x^7)$$

USING BIG-O TO EVALUATE LIMITS

Ex

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x + O(x^3)}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 + O(x^2)$$

$$= 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \left[1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + O(x^4) \right] - \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + O(x^5) \right]}{x^3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \frac{x^3}{2!} + O(x^5) - x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + O(x^4)}{x^3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{1}{3}x^3 + O(x^5)}{x^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{3} + O(x^2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}$$