

# CH 4 *Series*

- Sequences  $\{a_n\}$

- Series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

- Power Series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$

- Taylor Series of  $f$

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots,$$

$$s_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + \dots \\ + c_n(x-a)^n + \dots$$

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

# Sequences

- A *sequence* of real numbers  $\{a_n\}$  :

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$$

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(i)  $a_n = n - 1 \rightarrow 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1, \dots$

(ii)  $a_n = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots$

(iii)  $a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \rightarrow 1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$

# *Limits* of *Sequences*

A number  $L$  is called the limit of a sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , if we can make the term  $a_n$  as close to  $L$  as we like by taking  $n$  sufficiently large, i. e.,  $a_n$  tends to  $L$  as  $n$  becomes larger and larger.

**Write**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$$

or

$$a_n \rightarrow L$$

Here  $L$  is a real number

# *Convergent* or *divergent*

♣ The *limit* of  $\{a_n\}$ , if it *exists*, is *unique*.

☺ If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ , we say that  $\{a_n\}$  is *convergent*,  
&  $\{a_n\}$  *converges to*  $L$ .

☹ If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  *doesn't exist*, we say that  $\{a_n\}$   
is *divergent*.

Here  $L$  is a real number

**Ex**

(i)  $a_n = n - 1$   
 $0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1, \dots$

**D**

Although  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$   
but  $\infty$  is NOT a real number

(ii)  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$   
 $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots$

**C**

$$a_n \rightarrow 0$$

(iii)  $a_n = (-1)^{n+1}(\frac{1}{n})$   
 $1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$

**C**

$$a_n \rightarrow 0$$

(iv)  $a_n = \frac{n-1}{n}$   
 $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots$

**C**

$$a_n \rightarrow 1$$

(v)  $\{a_n\} = \{1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots\}$

**D**

The sequence  
does not tend to  
A FIXED VALUE

# 4.1 *Infinite Series*

## 4.1.1 *Definition*

Given a sequence of numbers  $\{a_n\}$ , an expression of the form

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots$$

is called an infinite series.

The term  $a_n$  is the  $n$ th term of the series.

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{64} + \cdots$$

is an infinite series whose  $n$ th term is  $\frac{1}{2^n}$ .

$$\textcircled{Q} \quad 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots = ?$$

Which of the following is **true**?

(i)  $(1 - 1) + (1 - 1) + (1 - 1) + (1 - 1) + \dots$   
 $= 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = 0.$

(ii)  $1 + (-1 + 1) + (-1 + 1) + (-1 + 1) + \dots$   
 $= 1 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = 1.$

(iii) Because of (i) & (ii), the answer should be '1/2'.

[**Grandi** (1671-1742)]



What does  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots$  mean?

The sequence  $\{s_n\}$  defined by

$$s_1 = a_1$$

$$s_2 = a_1 + a_2$$

$$s_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$s_n = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

is called the sequence of partial sums of the series.

$s_n$  is called the  $n$ th partial sum.



☺ If  $s_n \rightarrow L$ ,

we say that

(i) the *series*  $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots$   
is *convergent* &

(ii) its *sum* is  $L$ ; & write

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (= \Sigma a_n) = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots = L.$$

☹ If  $\{s_n\}$  is *divergent*, we say that the *series*

$$a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots$$

is *divergent*.

## Answer to the *Q*

What is

$$1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots?$$

The *sequence* of *partial sums*:

$$1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots,$$

is *divergent* and so the *series*

$$1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$$

is *divergent*.

## 4.1.2 *Geometric* Series

- *Geometric* series:

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$$

$a$  ( $\neq 0$ ) the 1<sup>st</sup> *term*,  $r$  the *common ratio*.

*Q* What are the *values* of ' $r$ ' for which the series is *convergent* ?

# Formula of the *n*th partial sum

$$s_n = a + \cancel{ar} + \cancel{ar^2} + \cdots + \cancel{ar^{n-1}}$$

$$rs_n = \cancel{ar} + \cancel{ar^2} + \cancel{ar^3} + \cdots + \cancel{ar^{n-1}} + ar^n.$$

Thus  $s_n - rs_n = a - ar^n$ ,

and

$$s_n = a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}, \quad r \neq 1.$$

## *Discussion (4 cases)*

(i)  $r = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } s_n &= a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} \\ &= na \rightarrow \infty \text{ (or } -\infty\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

i.e., the series is *divergent*.

(ii)  $r = -1$

Then  $\{s_n\}$  is

$$a, 0, a, 0, \dots, \quad (a - a + a - a + \dots)$$

& the series is *divergent*.

# Discussion

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + \dots$$

(iii) If  $|r| > 1$ , the series diverges.

Try  $r = 2$ ,  $r = -3$  consider seq  $r^n$

$2^n \rightarrow \infty$  Divergent

$\{(-3)^n\} = \{(-1)^n 3^n\} = \{-3, 9, -27, 81, \dots\}$

Divergent

(iv) If  $|r| < 1$ , then  $r^n \rightarrow 0$ . Thus

$$s_n \rightarrow \frac{a}{1-r},$$

and the sum of the series is  $\frac{a}{1-r}$ .

$$s_n = a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

### 4.1.3 Convergence of *geometric* series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ \text{diverges if } |r| \geq 1. \end{array} \right.$$

#### 4.1.4 Example

$$(i) \quad \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81} + \dots = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$(a = \frac{1}{9}, r = \frac{1}{3})$$

$$(ii) \quad 4 - 2 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \dots \\ = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$(a = 4, r = -\frac{1}{2})$$

## 4.1.5 *Rules* on *Series*

If  $\sum a_n = A$ , and  $\sum b_n = B$ , then

(1) Sum rule.  $\sum(a_n + b_n) = A + B.$

(2) Difference rule.  $\sum(a_n - b_n) = A - B.$

(3) Constant multiple rule.  $\sum(ka_n) = kA.$



## 4.1.6 *Ratio Test*

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series, and let

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \rho.$$

Then

the *series*

*converges*

if  $\rho < 1$

*diverges*

if  $\rho > 1$

*No conclusion* can be drawn if  $\rho = 1$



$$\sum \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}$$

4.1.7 Example

convergent

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \frac{(n+1)!(n+1)!}{(2n+2)!} \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+1)}{(2n+2)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1+1/n)}{(2+1/n)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$



$$\sum \frac{3^n}{2^n + 5}$$

divergent

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{3^{n+1}}{2^{n+1} + 5} \frac{2^n + 5}{3^n} = 3 \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{5}{2^n}}{2 + \frac{5}{2^n}} \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}.$$

$$\rho = 1$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{n}$$

Divergent

Proof omitted  
see next slide

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{n}{n+1} \rightarrow 1.$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Convergent

Proof omitted  
see next slide

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2} \rightarrow 1.$$

We cannot draw conclusion from ratio test  
for the case  $\rho = 1$

# Another Important Series

- *p-series*

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^p} \begin{cases} \textit{diverges} & 0 \leq p \leq 1 \\ \textit{converges} & p > 1 \end{cases}$$

## 4.2 *Power Series*

$$\boxed{\sum a_n} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum f_n(x)}$$

### 4.2.1 Power series about $x = 0$

is of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \cdots + c_n x^n + \cdots$$

where  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n, \dots$  are constants

A *power series* is regarded as a *function* of  $x$  where it *converges*

## 4.2.2 Example

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n + \cdots$$

*Geometric* Series  
(a=1,r=x)

converges to  $\frac{1}{1-x}$  when  $|x| < 1$ .

We state

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n + \cdots, \quad -1 < x < 1.$$

## 4.2.3 *Power series* about $x = a$

is of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x - a)^n$$

$$= c_0 + c_1(x - a) + c_2(x - a)^2 + \dots$$

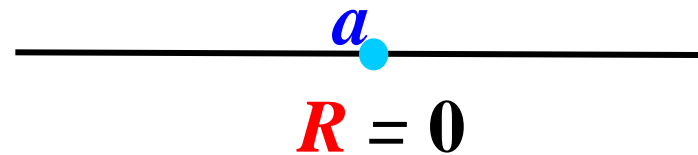
$$+ c_n(x - a)^n + \dots .$$

‘ $a$ ’ is called the *centre* of the *power series*.

## 4.2.4 Convergence of $\sum c_n (x-a)^n$

### 4.2.5 *Radius* of convergence (*R*)

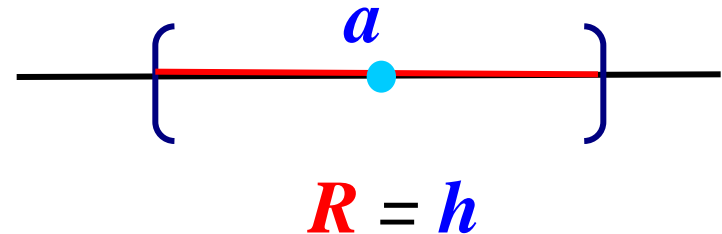
(1) *Converges only* at '*a*'



(2) *Converges* in (*a-h*, *a+h*)

but *diverges* outside

[*a-h*, *a+h*] (the series *may*  
converge at '*a-h*' or '*a+h*') )



(3) *Converges* at *every x*

$$R = \infty$$



Find the radius of convergence of the power series  
by *Ratio Test*



### 4.2.6 Example

(i) Find the radius of convergence of the power series

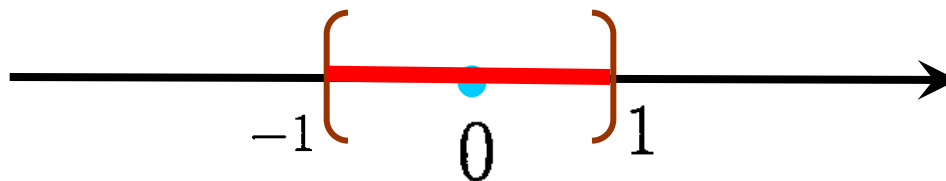
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

We apply ratio test to the series with  $u_n = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$ .

$$\left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \frac{n}{n+1} |x| \rightarrow |x| \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The series *converges* if  $|x| < 1$ ; *diverges* if  $|x| > 1$ .

Thus,  $R = 1$ .



$$(ii) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \frac{|x|}{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

for **any**  $x$ , the limit always 0, which is less than 1

Therefore, the series **converges** for **any**  $x$ .

Thus,  **$R$**  =  $\infty$ .

$$(iii) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n!x^n = 1+x+2!x^2+3!x^3+\dots$$

$$\left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(n+1)!x^{n+1}}{n!x^n} \right| = (n+1)|x|$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

(*unless*  $x = 0$ )

The series *diverges* for any  $x$  *except*  $x = 0$ .

Thus,  $R = 0$ .

## 4.2.7 Differentiation and Integration of Power Series

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x - a)^n, \quad a - h < x < a + h$$

where  $h$  is the *radius* of convergence.

Then for  $a - h < x < a + h$ ,

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n (x - a)^{n-1},$$
$$f''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n (x - a)^{n-2}, \dots$$

# *Integration* of Power Series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n, \quad a-h < x < a+h$$

For  $a - h < x < a + h$ ,

$$\int f(x) dx = \sum_0^{\infty} c_n \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} + c.$$

♣  $\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots, \quad -1 < x < 1$

$$\ln(1+x) = \int \frac{dx}{1+x}$$

$$= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \quad -1 < x < 1$$

## 4.3 *Taylor* & *Maclaurin* Series

From previous slides

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n + \cdots, \quad -1 < x < 1.$$

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

♣ Can a function  $f$  be expressed as  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$  ?

♣ If ‘yes’, what is the *relation* between  $f(x)$  &  $c_n$  ?

## 4.3.1 *Definition* of *Taylor Series*

- Let  $f$  be a function s.t. the *derivatives* of *all* orders exist for all  $x$  in an open interval containing ' $a$ '.

The **Taylor series** of  $f$  at  $a$  is

$$f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x - a)^n + \cdots$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!}(x - a)^k \quad (1)$$

### 4.3.2 Example

♣ Let  $f(x) = e^x$ . Then  $f'(x) = f''(x) = \dots = e^x$   
&  $f(0) = f'(0) = f''(0) = \dots = 1$ .

Thus, the **Taylor** series of  $e^x$  at  $x = 0$  is

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

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

The radius of convergence of this series is  $\infty$ .

**Note** The **Taylor** series of  $f$  at '0' is called the **Maclaurin** series of  $f$ .





***Taylor*** (1685 – 1731)

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



***Maclaurin*** (1698 – 1746)

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

### 4.3.3-4.3.6 *Example*

♣  $f(x) = \sin x.$

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

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

$$f'(x) = \cos x \qquad f'(0) = 1$$

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

$$f^{(3)}(x) = -\cos x \qquad f^{(3)}(0) = -1$$

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

$$\vdots$$
$$\vdots$$

$$f^{(2k)}(0) = 0 \qquad \& \qquad f^{(2k+1)}(0) = (-1)^k$$

The *Maclaurin* series of  **$\sin x$**  is

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

*Maclaurin* series

●  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + \dots, \quad -1 < x < 1.$

●  $\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots, \quad -1 < x < 1$

●  $\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots \quad -1 < x < 1$

●  $\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + -\dots, \quad -1 < x < 1$

●  $\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots \quad -\infty < x < \infty$

●  $\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots \quad -\infty < x < \infty$

♣ An application – *Evaluate*  $\int_0^1 \sin(x^2) dx$   
(This integral arises in the study of light diffraction.)

$$\sin t = t - \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^5}{5!} - \frac{t^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\sin(x^2) = x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} - \frac{x^{14}}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \sin(x^2) dx &= \int_0^1 \left( x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} - \frac{x^{14}}{7!} + \dots \right) dx \\&= \left( \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^7}{7 \cdot 3!} + \frac{x^{11}}{11 \cdot 5!} - \frac{x^{15}}{15 \cdot 7!} + \dots \right) \Big|_0^1 \\&= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{7 \cdot 3!} + \frac{1}{11 \cdot 5!} - \frac{1}{15 \cdot 7!} + \dots \\&\approx 0.31026.\end{aligned}$$

# *Taylor* series of $\frac{1}{2x+1}$ at $x = -2$

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

♣ 
$$\frac{1}{1 - x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n + \cdots, \quad -1 < x < 1.$$

$$\frac{1}{2x+1} = \frac{q}{1 - p(x+2)} \quad ?$$

# *Taylor* series of $\frac{1}{2x+1}$ at $x = -2$

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

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{3}(x+2)}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}(x+2)\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{2^n}{3^{n+1}}\right) (x+2)^n$$

$$\left|\frac{2}{3}(x+2)\right| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x+2| < \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{q}{1 - p(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n + \cdots, \quad -1 < x < 1$$

$$R = \frac{3}{2}$$

## 4.3.7 *Taylor* Polynomials

The *n*th order *Taylor polynomial* of  $f$  at ' $a$ ':

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(x) &= f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x - a)^n \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!}(x - a)^k \end{aligned}$$

It gives a good *polynomial approximation* of order  $n$ .

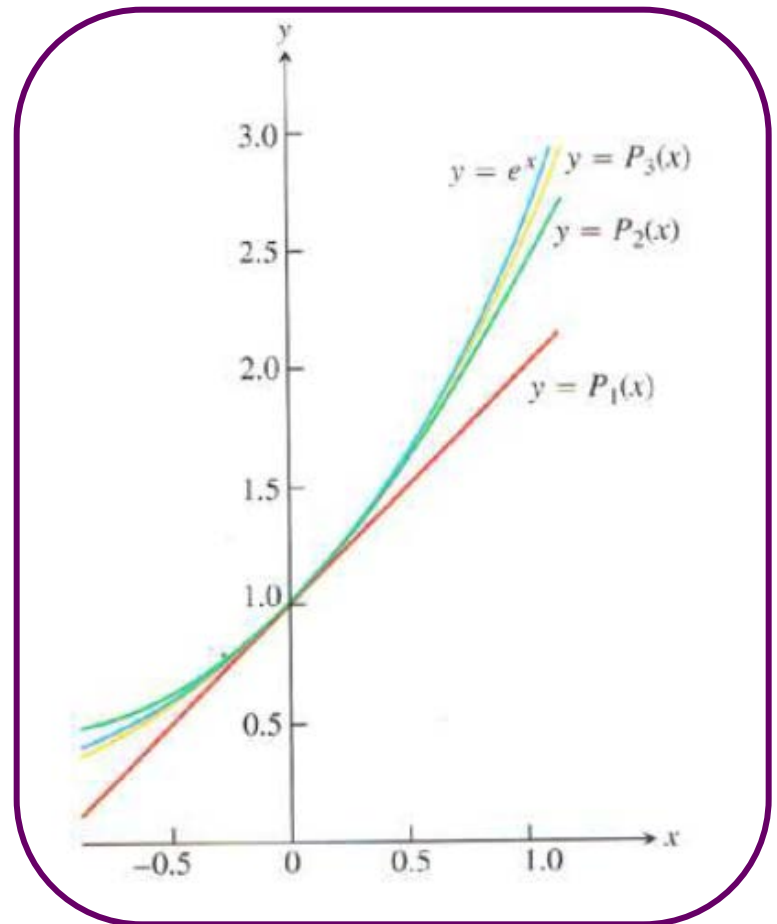
## 4.3.8 Example

The Taylor polynomials of  $e^x$  at  $x = 0$  of order 1, 2 and 3 :

$$P_1(x) = 1 + x$$

$$P_2(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!}$$

$$P_3(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!}$$





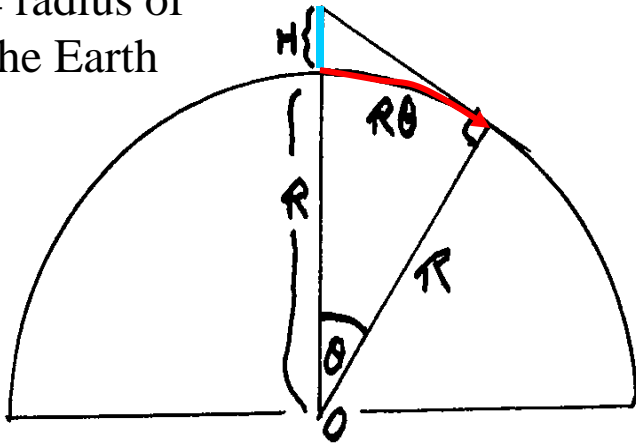
## 4.3.9 *Application*

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

You are at the top of a lighthouse, height  $H$  above sea level. How far out to sea can you see ?

To find:  $R\theta$

$R$  = radius of the Earth



$$\cos \theta = \frac{R}{R+H} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{H}{R}}$$

$$1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} \approx 1 - \frac{H}{R}$$

$$R^2 \theta^2 \approx 2RH$$

$$R\theta \approx \sqrt{2RH}$$

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

## 4.3.10 *Taylor's Theorem*

Let  $P_n(x)$  be the  $n$ th order Taylor poly of  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$

Then  $f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x)$

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

for some  $c$  between  $a$  and  $x$

$R_n(x)$  called remainder of order  $n$  or error term

### 4.3.11 *Example*

Let  $f(x) = e^x$

Error term for the approximation of  $f(x)$  by  $P_n(x)$  at  $x=0$  is

$$R_n(x) = \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \quad (*)$$

for some  $c$  between 0 and  $x$

We can use  $(*)$  to estimate the error

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + R_5(x)$$

$$e = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{5!} + R_5(1)$$

$$R_5(1) = \frac{e^c}{6!}(1)^6 \text{ where } 0 < c < 1$$

$$0 < R_5(1) = \frac{e^c}{6!}(1)^6 < \frac{3}{6!} \approx 4.166 \times 10^{-3} < 0.005$$

If we use  $1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{5!}$  to estimate  $e$

then the error is less than 0.005

# Appendix

## Another way

$$\frac{1}{1+t} = 1 - t + t^2 - t^3 + \dots, \quad -1 < t < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(1+x) &= \int_0^x \frac{dt}{1+t} \\ &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots, \\ &\quad -1 < x < 1. \end{aligned}$$

# The *Maclaurin* series of $\arctan x$

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

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

$$\tan^{-1} x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \int_0^x \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^{2n} \right) dt$$

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

♣ Let  $f(x) = \ln(1 + x + x^2)$  & be the Taylor series of  $f$  at  $x = 0$ .

Find  $c_{2010} + c_{2011}$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \ln(1 + x + x^2) = \ln\left(\frac{1-x^3}{1-x}\right) \\ &= \ln(1 - x^3) - \ln(1 - x) \\ &= \ln(1 + (-x^3)) - \ln(1 + (-x)) \\ &= (-x^3) - \frac{(-x^3)^2}{2} + \frac{(-x^3)^3}{3} - \dots \\ &\quad - \left( (-x) - \frac{(-x)^2}{2} + \frac{(-x)^3}{3} - \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(1+x) &= \\ x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \\ -1 < x < 1 \end{aligned}$$

- $$= - \left( x^3 + \frac{x^6}{2} + \frac{x^9}{3} + \dots \right) \\ + \left( x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots \right).$$

Note that  $2010 = 3 \cdot 670.$

Thus,

$$c_{2010} + c_{2011} \\ = -\frac{1}{670} + \frac{1}{2010} + \frac{1}{2011}.$$



# Final Exam (08/09, Sem 1)

## Question 2 (b) [5 marks]

A car is moving with speed  $20 \text{ m/s}$  and acceleration  $k \text{ m/s}^2$  at a given instant. The car is observed to have moved a distance of  $29 \text{ m}$  in the next second. Using a second degree Taylor polynomial, estimate the value of  $k$ .

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We may assume that the car is at the origin  
with  $t=0$  when  $v=20$  m/s and acceleration  $=k$  m/s<sup>2</sup>.

Let  $x$  = distance from origin at time  $t$ .

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt}(0) = 20, \quad \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}(0) = k$$

$$\therefore x \approx 0 + 20t + \frac{k}{2!} t^2 = 20t + \frac{k}{2} t^2$$

$$x=29 \text{ when } t=1 \Rightarrow 29 = 20 + \frac{k}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{k=18}}$$

## More Examples

9. Evaluate the sum

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

(Hint: Integrate the Taylor series of  $xe^{-x}$ .)

10. Find the radius of convergence of the power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{3^n + (-2)^n} \right) \frac{x^n}{(n+1)}.$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{n}$$

Harmonic series

$$\sum \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}\right) + \dots$$

$$> 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \dots$$

Divergent !