

# M: Power Series

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1.  $\sin x$  about  $\frac{\pi}{6}$   
Using Taylor's Theorem

$$f(x) \approx f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + (x-a)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} f''(a) + \frac{(x-a)^3}{6} f'''(a)$$

$$f(a) = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f'(a) = \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f''(a) = -\sin \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f'''(a) = -\cos \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

So:  $\sin$

$$\sin \frac{3\pi}{180} \approx \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{180} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \left(\frac{\pi}{180}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{4} - \left(\frac{\pi}{180}\right)^3 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + R_n$$

$$R_n = \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(\xi)$$

$$f^{(n)}(\xi) = \sin \xi$$

$$\leq 1$$

$$\therefore |R_n| \leq \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{180}\right)^4 \times \frac{1}{24}$$

This is small - and so the approximation is precise.

- 2.a) Using Taylor's Theorem:

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

$$f(x) = \arcsin x.$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

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

$$f^{(1)}(0) = 1$$

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

$$f^{(2)}(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = (1-x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 3x^2(1-x^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$f^{(3)}(0) = 1$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 9x(1-x^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + 15x^3(1-x^2)^{-\frac{7}{2}}$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = 9(1-x^2)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + 90x^2(1-x^2)^{-\frac{7}{2}} + 105x^4(1-x^2)^{-\frac{9}{2}}$$

$$f^{(5)}(0) = 9$$

So the first three nonzero terms are  $f^{(1)}(0)$ ;  $f^{(3)}(0)$ ;  $f^{(5)}(0)$

$$\therefore \arcsin x \approx x + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{9x^5}{120}$$

b)  $f(x) = \tan x$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(1)}(x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$f^{(1)}(0) = 1$$

$$f^{(2)}(x) = 2\sec^2 x \tan x$$

$$f^{(2)}(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = 2\sec^4 x + 4\sec^2 x \tan^2 x$$

$$f^{(3)}(0) = 2$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 16\sec^4 x \tan x + 8\sec^2 x \tan^3 x$$

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 16$$

$$\text{So: } \tan x \approx x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15}$$

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

$$f(0) = 1$$

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

$$f'(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{3}{4}(1+x)^{-\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$f''(0) = \frac{3}{4}$$

So the first three non-zero terms of the Taylor Series expansion of  $(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  about  $x=0$  is:

$$1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2$$

3.

$$\arctan x = \int \frac{d}{dx}(\arctan x) dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

The binomial expansion of  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$  is valid if  $|x| \leq 1$ .

The binomial expansion of  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$  is

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

$$\therefore \arctan x = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} dx \text{ for } |x| \leq 1$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \text{ for } |x| \leq 1$$

As required.

i) To calculate  $\pi$  to 10 d.p. this way; the last term in the expansion of  $4 \arctan x$  must be less than or equal to  $1 \times 10^{-10}$ .

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \leq 2.5 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$1 \leq -2.5 \times 10^{11} + 5 \times 10^{11} n$$

$$2 \times 10^{10} + \frac{1}{2} \leq n$$

So we need  $2 \times 10^{10} + 1$  terms to calculate  $\pi$  to 10 D.P. this way.

ii)

$$\arctan \frac{1}{2} + \arctan \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \arctan \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \arctan \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{\frac{5}{6}}$$

$$= \arctan 1$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ as required.}$$

$$\text{So: } \frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^n \right)$$

For the size of  $n$  we will consider:  $\left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^n < \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n$ .

$$\text{So: } \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \leq 2.5 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$n \geq \lceil \lg 4 \times 10^9 \rceil$$

$$n \geq 36$$

So we need 37 terms.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{iii)} \quad & 4 \arctan \frac{1}{5} - \arctan \frac{1}{239} \\
 & \quad \frac{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{25}} - \arctan \frac{1}{239} \\
 & = 2 \arctan \frac{5}{12} - \arctan \frac{1}{239} \\
 & \quad \frac{\frac{5}{12} + \frac{5}{12}}{1 - \frac{25}{144}} \\
 & = \arctan \frac{120}{119} - \arctan \frac{1}{239} \\
 & \quad \frac{\frac{120}{119} - \frac{1}{239}}{1 + \frac{120}{119} \times \frac{1}{239}} \\
 & = \arctan \left( \frac{120 \times 239 - 119}{119 \times 239 + 120} \right) \\
 & = \arctan \left( \frac{120 \times 239 - 119}{120 \times 239 + 119} \right) \\
 & = \arctan 1 \\
 & = \frac{\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

For the  $n$  we will consider:  $\left(\frac{1}{239}\right)^n < \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$ .

So to calculate  $\pi$  to 10 d.p.

$$16 \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n \leq 1 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$1.6 \times 10^{-11} \leq \frac{1}{5}^n$$

$$\lceil \log_5 1.6 \times 10^{-11} \rceil \leq n$$

$$\therefore n \geq 17$$

So we need 18 terms (since  $n=0$  is a term)

## Nº Approximation

1. a)

$$\frac{x^3 + x}{x + 2}$$

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

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

b)

$$\frac{\cos x - 1}{x^2}$$

$$\approx \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + O(x^6) - 1}{x^2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\frac{1}{24}x^4 + O(x^6)}{x^2}$$

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

2.

$$\frac{1 + 2x + 2x^2}{3x + 3}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{3x + 3}$$

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

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

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

$$= x \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) \right)$$

$$= x \left( \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{8} \right) \left( \frac{1}{x^2} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) \right)$$

$$= x \left( -\frac{1}{6x} + \frac{1}{72x^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{72x} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

as required.

$$4. V = L(L+1)(L+2)$$

$$= L^3 + 3L^2 + 2L$$

$$V^{\frac{1}{3}} = L \left( 1 + \left( \frac{3}{L} + \frac{2}{L^2} \right) \right)$$

$$A = 2(L(L+1) + L(L+2) + (L+1)(L+2))$$

$$= 6L^2 + 12L + 4$$

$$\left( \frac{A}{6} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = L \left( 1 + \frac{2}{L} + \frac{2}{3L^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$V^{\frac{1}{3}} - \left( \frac{A}{6} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = L \left( \left( 1 + \left( \frac{3}{L} + \frac{2}{L^2} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \left( 1 + \left( \frac{2}{L} + \frac{2}{3L^2} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$= L \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{3}{L} + \frac{2}{L^2} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{3}{L} + \frac{2}{L^2} \right)^2 - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2}{L} + \frac{2}{3L^2} \right) + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{2}{L} + \frac{2}{3L^2} \right)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{L^3}\right) \right)$$

$$= L \left( (1-1) + \left( \frac{1}{L} - \frac{1}{L} \right) + \left( \frac{2}{3L^2} - \frac{1}{L^2} + \frac{1}{3L^2} + \frac{1}{2L^2} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{L^3}\right) \right)$$

$$= L \left( -\frac{1}{6L^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{L^3}\right) \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6L} + O\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right)$$

as  $L \rightarrow \infty$   
as required.

○: Newton-Raphson root finding

1. The Taylor series for a function  $f$  evaluated at  $x+h$  is:

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(x) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x)$$

Take a first order approximation:

$$x_0 = x+h$$

$$x_0 - x = h$$

$$f(x_0) \approx f(x) + hf'(x)$$

$$f(x_0) \approx hf'(x) \quad \text{since } f(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x)} \approx x_0 - x$$

$$x \approx x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x)}$$



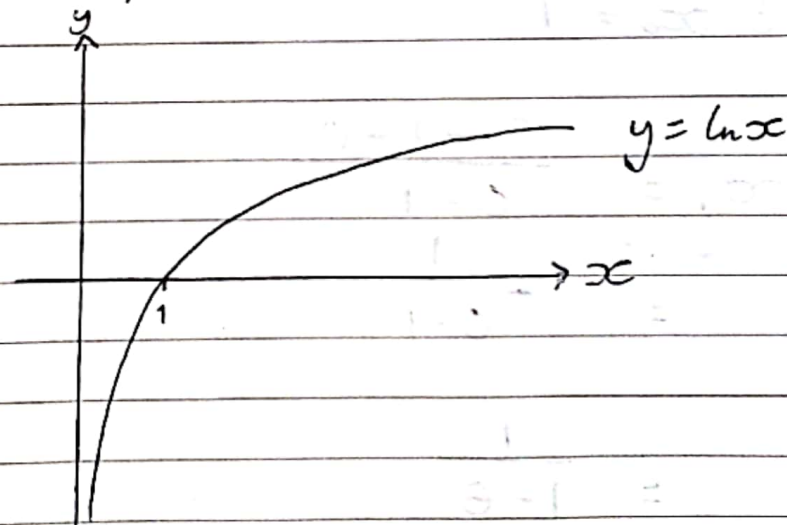
Since  $x_0$  is close to  $x$ ; in general  $f'(x_0) \approx f'(x)$ .

So :

$$x \approx x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

So, in general  $x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$  is a better approximation to  $x$  than  $x_0$

when  $f(x) = 0$  and  $x_0$  is an approximate solution.  
as required.



$$\ln x = Ex$$

$$0 = Ex - \ln x$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = Ex - \ln x$$

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

$$\frac{f(x)}{x - f'(x)}$$

$$= x - \frac{e^x - \ln x}{e - \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= x - \frac{e x^2 - x \ln x}{e x - 1}$$

$$= \frac{e x - 1 - e x^2 + x \ln x}{e x - 1}$$

$$\text{So } x_{n+1} = \frac{e x - 1 - e x^2 + x \ln x}{e x - 1}$$

$$\text{Let } x_0 = 1$$

$$\text{So } x_1 = \frac{e - 1 - e}{e - 1}$$

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

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

$$x_2 = \frac{e \times \frac{1}{1-e} - 1 - \frac{e}{(1-e)^2} + \frac{1}{1-e} \ln \frac{1}{1-e}}{\frac{e}{1-e} - 1}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{e - 1 + e - \frac{e}{1-e} + \ln \frac{1}{1-e}}{e - 1 + e}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2e-1 - \frac{e}{1-e} + \ln \frac{1}{1-e}}{2e-1}$$

$$x_2 = 1 + \frac{e}{(e-1)(2e-1)} + \frac{\ln \frac{1}{1-e}}{2e-1}$$

$$x_2 \approx 1 + \frac{e}{(e-1)(2e-1)} + \frac{\frac{e}{1-e}}{2e-1}$$

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

$$= 1 + \frac{2}{e-1} - \frac{2}{2e-1}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{2}{1-e} + \frac{2}{1-2e}$$

$$= 1 - 2(1+e+e^2+O(e^3)) + 2(1+2e+4e^2+O(e^3))$$

$$= 1 - 2 - 2e - 2e^2 + O(e^3) + 2 + 4e + 8e^2$$

$$= 1 + 2e + 6e^2 + O(e^3)$$

