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1 Limits

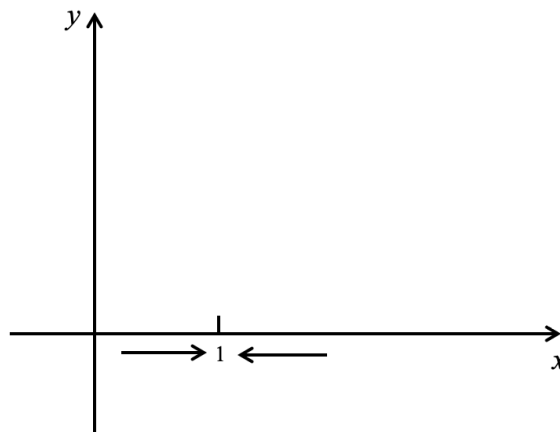
1. Limit

Example: 1.1

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = 2$$

when x is **approaching to** 1 (it never equals to 1), the value $\frac{x^2-1}{x-1}$ is approaching to 2.

- Left-hand and Right-hand Limit



Example: 1.2

The left-hand limit of $\frac{x^2-1}{x-1}$ when $x \rightarrow 1$ is

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = 2.$$

The right-hand limit of $\frac{x^2-1}{x-1}$ when $x \rightarrow 1$ is

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = 2.$$

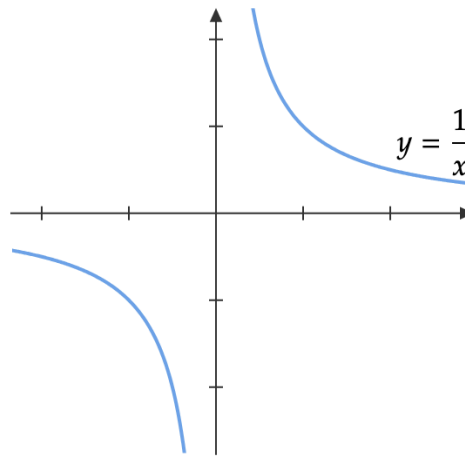
- Only when the left-hand limit and the right-hand limit exist and are the same at the point $x = a$, we say the limit of $f(x)$ exists on $x = a$.

$$\text{i.e., } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = c \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = c, \text{ } c \text{ is a constant } \in \mathbb{R}$$

Otherwise, the limit does not exist on $x = a$ (OR DNE.).

Example: 1.3

Does $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x}$ exist? How about $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x}$?



– $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x}$ does not exist.

$$\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \text{DNE.}$$

– $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x}$ exists.

$$\because \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \text{Limit exists.}$$

Definition 1: Horizontal Asymptote (H.A.):

$$y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = c$$

- Limit at ∞ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = c \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = c.$$

Note: $+\infty$ and $-\infty$ are not exact values; they should be regarded as a concept.

- Limit does not have to equal to the function value.
Limit and the function value do not have relationships.
- Generally speaking, if $a \in D_f$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$.

2. For a rational function $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ where $P(x) = a_0x^m + a_1x^{m-1} + \dots + a_{m-1}x + a_m$, and $Q(x) = b_0x^m + b_1x^{m-1} + \dots + b_{m-1}x + b_m$:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ as long as $Q(a) \neq 0$.
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_0x^m + a_1x^{m-1} + \dots + a_{m-1}x + a_m}{b_0x^n + b_1x^{n-1} + \dots + b_{n-1}x + b_n} \Rightarrow \text{H.A.}$
 - (a) If $m = n$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_0}{b_0} = \frac{a_0}{b_0}$.
 - (b) If $m > n$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ DNE.
 - (c) If $m < n$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$.

3. Continuity and Discontinuity

Definition 2:

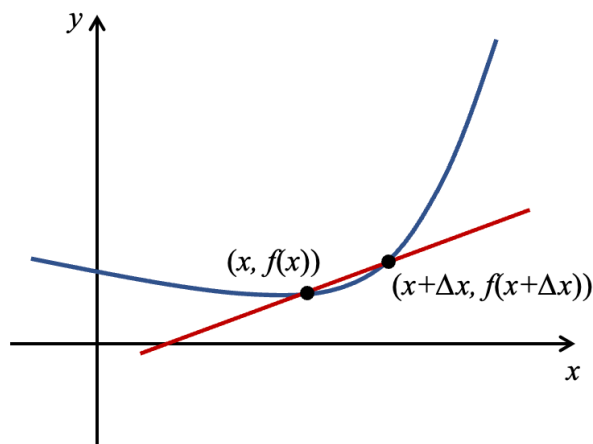
Continuity: If the graph of the function does not have any **breaks or holes** within a certain interval, then the function is continuous within that interval.

Theorem: 1.1 Continuity Test

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$, then the function f is **continuous** at $x = a$.

2 Differentiation and Derivatives

1. Gradient of Secant:



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$$\text{Slope } m = \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{x + \Delta x - x} = \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}.$$

Definition 3: Derivative of a function:

$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ is the derivative of a function, denoted as $\frac{dy}{dx}$ or $f'(x)$.

- The graphic meaning of derivative is the gradient of tangent of the function.

Example: 2.1

By definition, find the derivative of $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and hence find the gradient of the tangent line when $x = 3$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{[(x + \Delta x)^2 + 1] - (x^2 + 1)}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2 + 1 - x^2 - 1}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2}{\Delta x} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (2x + \Delta x) \\
 &= 2x.
 \end{aligned}$$

At $x = 3$, $f'(3) = 2 \times 3 = 6$. The gradient is 6.

2. Derivative of x^n **Theorem: 2.1 Power Rule**

If $f(x) = x^n$, then

$$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}, \text{ for any } n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Note: The derivative of any **constant** is 0.

Example: 2.2

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

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}};$$

$$f(x) = c = cx^0 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0 \times cx^{0-1} = 0.$$

3. Rules of Differentiation:

Name $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ as two functions with derivatives of $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$, respectively.

Then

$$(cf(x))' = cf'(x)$$

$$(f(x) \pm g(x))' = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$$

4. More Derivatives:

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
$\sin x$	$\cos x$
$\cos x$	$-\sin x$
$\tan x$	$\sec^2 x$
$\ln x$	$\frac{1}{x}$
e^x	e^x

5. Differentiability:

Definition 4:

A function has to be **continuous** and **no sharp turning point** to be **differentiable**.

Note: Smooth turning point on the graph is allowed.

6. More Rules of Differentiation:

Theroem: 2.2 Product Rule

Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be two functions with derivatives of $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$, respectively.

$$(f(x) \times g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x).$$

Theroem: 2.3 Quotient Rule

Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be two functions with derivatives of $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$, respectively.

$$\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}.$$

Theroem: 2.4 Chain Rule

For a composite function $f(g(x))$ or $(f \circ g)(x)$, the derivative will be

$$f'(g(x)) \times g'(x).$$

OR

If $y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}.$$

7. Higher Order Differentiation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, f''(x), f'''(x), f^{(4)}(x), f^{(5)}(x), \dots$$

3 Applications of Derivatives

1. Equation of Tangent Line:

Via the original functions, we could get the tangent point (x_0, y_0) . Then, the expression of the

tangent line is

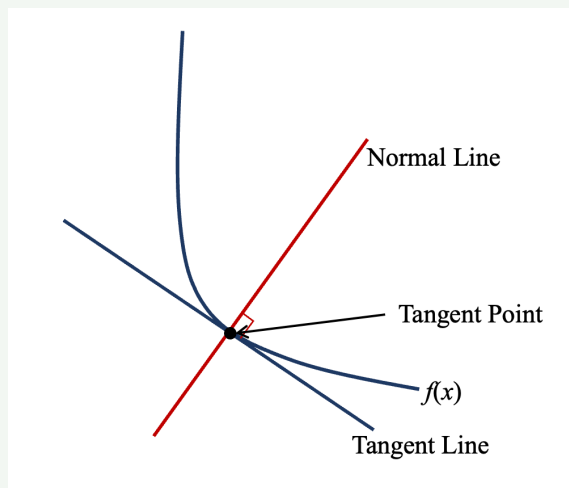
$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0),$$

where m is the derivative.

2. Normal and Tangent Lines:

Definition 5:

Normal is perpendicular to the tangent and passes through the same tangent point.



3. Increasing and Decreasing Function:

Definition 6:

Increasing Function: As x is getting larger, y is getting larger.

i.e.,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} > 0.$$

Decreasing Function: As x is getting larger, y is getting smaller.

i.e.,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} < 0.$$

4. Local Extrema: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ Stationary point

Global extrema is the maximum and the minimum points of the entire function.

$f''(x)$ is used to determine if the local extrema is maxima or minima.

- **Minima:** $f''(x) > 0$ Concave up.
- **Maxima:** $f''(x) < 0$ Concave down.
- **Point of Inflection** (the point that is changing from concaving up to concaving down, or vice versa): $f''(x) = 0$

5. With local extrema, x -intercepts, y -intercepts, concavity, and asymptotes, draw approximate diagrams of a function.

4 Implicit Differentiation

1. When differentiating something with y , multiply $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the end.
2. $(y^2)' = 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$.

Proof: 4.1

If $u = y^2$, then

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{du}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}. \quad [\text{Chain Rule}]$$

Example: 4.1

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 16$.

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2)' + (y^2)' &= (16)' \Rightarrow 2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{2x}{2y} = -\frac{x}{y}. \end{aligned}$$

Example: 4.2

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $e^x + x \sin y = \cos 2y$.

$$\begin{aligned} (e^x)' + (x \sin y)' &= (\cos 2y)' \\ e^x + \left(\sin y + x \cos y \frac{dy}{dx} \right) &= -2 \sin 2y \frac{dy}{dx} \\ (-x \cos y - 2 \sin 2y) \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^x + \sin y \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{e^x + \sin y}{-x \cos y - 2 \sin 2y}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Second Order Differentiation of Implicit functions*: Differentiate the first order differentiation.

Example: 4.3

Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ for the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 16$. (From Ex. 4.1: $2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x}{2y} = -\frac{x}{y}$.)

$$\begin{aligned} (2x)' + \left(2y \frac{dy}{dx} \right)' &= (0)' \Rightarrow 2 + \left((2y)' \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)' \right) = 0 \Rightarrow 2 + 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + 2y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{-2 - 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2}{2y} = \frac{-2 - 2 \left(-\frac{x}{y} \right)^2}{2y}. \end{aligned}$$

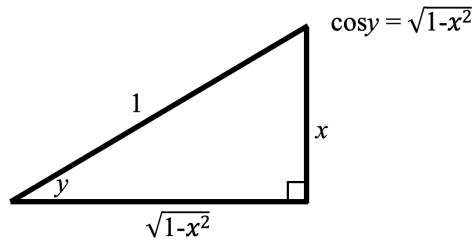
4. Derivative of Inverse Trigonometry Functions

Theroem: 4.1

$$y = \arcsin x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, \arcsin x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] (\cos y > 0).$$

Proof: 4.1

From $y = \arcsin x$, we get $\sin y = x$. This situation can be illustrated by the figure below:



$$\therefore (\sin y)' = (x)' \Rightarrow \cos y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

Theroem: 4.2

$$y = \arccos x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sin y} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, \arccos x \in [0, \pi] (\sin y > 0).$$

$$y = \arctan x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

Proof: 4.2

(Hint: Try to visualize a similar diagram as in proof 4.1.)

From $y = \arccos x$, we get $\cos y = x$.

$$\therefore (\cos y)' = (x)' \Rightarrow -\sin y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\sin y} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

From $y = \arctan x$, we get $\tan y = x$.

$$\therefore (\tan y)' = (x)' \Rightarrow \sec^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sec^2 y} = \cos^2 y = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

5 Related Rate of Change

1. When finding a rate of change of x , we are finding the $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Example: 5.1

Area of circle is increasing at a rate of 10π per second. When the radius is 2, what is the rate of change of radius?

Known: $\frac{dA}{dt} = 10\pi$, $r = 2$. Find: $\frac{dr}{dt}$.

$$A = \pi r^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi r \frac{dr}{dt} = 10\pi$$
$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{10\pi}{2\pi r} = \frac{5}{r}$$

$$\text{When } r = 2, \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{5}{2}.$$

Example: 5.2

A spherical balloon is expanding at a rate of 60π per second. How fast is the surface area of the balloon expanding when the radius is 4?

Known: $\frac{dV}{dt} = 60\pi$, $r = 4$. Find $\frac{dA}{dt}$.

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dt} = 3 \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$
$$\therefore 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt} = 60\pi \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{60\pi}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{15}{r^2}$$
$$A = 4\pi r^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} = 8\pi r \frac{dr}{dt} = 8\pi r \cdot \frac{15}{r^2} = \frac{120\pi}{r}.$$

$$\text{When } r = 4, \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{120\pi}{4} = 30\pi.$$

2. Kinematics:

- **Velocity**, **displacement**, and **acceleration** are vector variables that have a value and a direction.
- **Speed** only has a value and no direction. It is a scalar variable. **No sign should be reported in the answer.**
- If s is the displacement, v is the velocity, a is the acceleration:

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = v; \frac{dv}{dt} = a.$$

6 More Limits - L'Hopital's Rule

Theroem: 6.1 L'Hopital's Rule

When the limit is in the **indeterminant form** ($\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$),

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \right],$$

where $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$ are the first derivatives of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, respectively.

Example: 6.1

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec^2 x}{1} = 1$$

7 Indefinite Integration

1. Regard Integration as Anti-differentiation:

$$f'(x) = x \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C, \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant.}$$

$$f'(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C, \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant.}$$

$$f'(x) = x^n \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + C, \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant.}$$

Definition 7:

Anti-differentiation is also called **indefinited integration**. It is denoted by $\int dx$.

$$\text{e.g. } \int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + C.$$

2. General Rules of Integration.

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

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$$\int k dx = kx + C$$

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$$\int kf(x) dx = k \int f(x) dx$$

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$$\int f(x) \pm g(x) dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx$$

3. $\int f'(x) dx = f(x) + C$. Therefore, if we know the $f'(x)$ and a point on the $f(x)$, which is to determine the constant C , then we can deduce the original function $f(x)$.

4. More Rules of Integration:

Differentiation	Integration
$(e^x)' = e^x$	$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$
$(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x + C$
$(\sin x)' = \cos x$	$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$
$(\cos x)' = -\sin x$	$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$
$(\tan x)' = \sec^2 x$	$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C$
$(\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x$	$\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$
$(\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x$	$\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C$
$(\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x$	$\int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$

5. Anti-chain Rule in Integration: We must **divide** the chain rule factor.

Example: 7.1

$$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{1}{n+1} (ax+b)^{n+1} \right) + C$$

$$\int e^{(ax+b)} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax+b} + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(ax+b)} dx = \frac{1}{a} \ln(ax+b) + C$$

$$\int \sin(ax+b) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax+b) + C$$

$$\int \cos(ax+b) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax+b) + C$$

6. Integration Techniques: by Substitution and by Parts:

Theorem: 7.1 Integration By Substitution

Whenever we have an integration like: $\int g'(x) \times f(g(x)) dx$, we can always assume $u = g(x)$. Therefore, $du = g'(x) \cdot dx$. $(\Rightarrow u = g(x) \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = g'(x))$:

$$\int g'(x) \times f(g(x)) dx = \int f(u) du.$$

Theorem: 7.2 Integration By Parts

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two functions, and $f'(x)$ and $g'(x)$ are their derivatives, respectively, integration by parts can be written as following:

$$\int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx.$$

Example: 7.2

Find $\int 2x(x^2 + 3)^5 dx$.

Since $2x = (x^2 + 3)'$, we consider to use integration by substitution.

Assume $u = x^2 + 3$, then $\frac{du}{dx} = (x^2 + 3)' = 2x \Rightarrow du = 2x \cdot dx$.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \int 2x(x^2 + 3)^5 dx &= \int (x^2 + 3)^5 \cdot (2x \cdot dx) \\ &= \int u^5 du \\ &= \frac{1}{6}u^6 + C \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(x^2 + 3)^6 + C.\end{aligned}$$

7. Integration of Inverse Trigonometric Functions:

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$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \arcsin x + C$$

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

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$$\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx = \operatorname{arcsec} x + C$$

Example: 7.3

Find $\int \frac{dx}{x^2+4x+5}$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2+4x+5} = \frac{dx}{(x+2)^2+1}$$

$$\text{Assume } u = x+2, \frac{du}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow du = dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \int \frac{dx}{x^2+4x+5} &= \frac{du}{u^2+1} \\ &= \arctan u + C \\ &= \arctan(x+2) + C.\end{aligned}$$

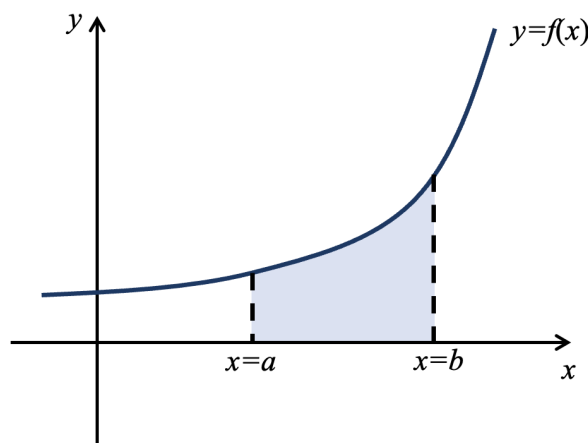
8 Approximating the Area Under a Curve

1. The **definite integral** is equal to the limit at infinity of the Riemann sum, and hence gives the exact area under the curve between $x = a$ and $x = b$. i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x_i = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx,$$

where a is the lower limit and b is the upper limit.

2. If $f(x) \geq 0 \, \forall x \in [a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx$ is defined as the shaded area:



This is known as the **Riemann integral**.

3. The **Fundamental Theorem of Calculus**:

Theorem: 8.1 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

For a continuous function $f(x)$ with antiderivative $F(x)$:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = F(b) - F(a).$$

This theorem explains the link between differential calculus and the definite integral.

4. Properties of Definite Integrals:

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$$\int_a^a f(x) \, dx = 0$$

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$$\int_a^b k \, dx = k(b-a), \text{ (k is a constant).}$$

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$$\int_b^a f(x) \, dx = - \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

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$$\int_a^b k f(x) \, dx = k \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

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$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx + \int_b^c f(x) \, dx = \int_a^c f(x) \, dx$$

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$$\int_a^b [f(x) \pm g(x)] \, dx = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \pm \int_a^b g(x) \, dx$$

5. When the function $f(x)$ is **negative** for $x \in [a, b]$, then the area bounded by the curve, the x -axis and the lines $x = a$ and $x = b$ is given by

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \right|.$$

6. Finding Areas Between Two Functions:

- Sketch: find the intersections and determine which function is above.
- Integration.

9 Volumes of Revolution

1. The volume of a solid of revolution formed when $y = f(x)$, which is continuous in the interval $[a, b]$, is rotated 2π radians about the x -axis is given by

$$V = \pi \int_a^b y^2 \, dx.$$

2. The volume of a solid of revolution formed when $y = f(x)$, which is continuous in the interval $y = c$ to $y = d$, is rotated 2π radians about the y -axis is given by

$$V = \pi \int_c^d x^2 \, dy.$$

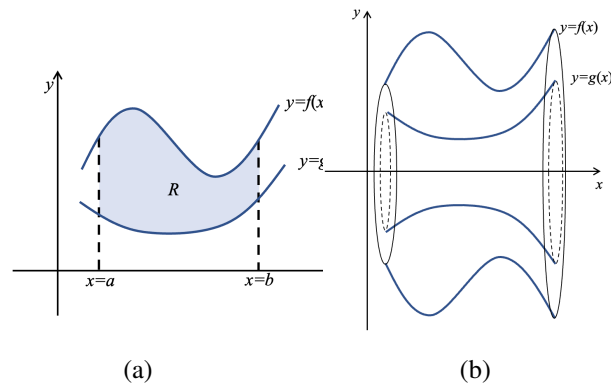
3. Consider a region R between two curves, $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$, from $x = a$ to $x = b$, when $f(x) > g(x)$.

- Rotating R about the x -axis generates a solid of revolution S . The criss-section of this shape looks like a washer whose area is given by:

$$A = \pi(R^2 - r^2) = \pi \left((f(x))^2 - (g(x))^2 \right).$$

So the volume of S is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_a^b A(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_a^b ((f(x))^2 - (g(x))^2) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$



- Rotating R about the y -axis in the interval $c \leq y \leq d$:

$$V = \pi \int_c^d ((x_1)^2 - (x_2)^2) dy,$$

where x_1 and x_2 are expression of x with respect to y of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$.

10 Differential Equation

1. Differential Equation:

Definition 8:

A **differential equation** is an equation containing the derivatives of one or more dependent variables with respect to one or more independent variables. Equation that involves the derivatives of one or more functions.

E.g.

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 6x + 1 && \text{Lagrange notation} \\ 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 5 \frac{dy}{dx} - y &= 3 && \text{Leibniz notation} \\ f'(x) &= 6x + 1 && \text{Function notation} \end{aligned}$$

The independent variable is x , and the dependent variable is y . The solution to a differential equation is a function or a set of functions.

2. Two Types of Differential Equations:

Definition 9:

Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs): deals with functions of a single variable and ordinary derivatives.

Partial Differential Equations (PDEs): deals with multivariable equations and their partial derivatives (with more than one independent variables).

3. Order of Differential Equations:

Definition 10:

The **order of the differential equation** is the highest order derivative in the equation.

4. Linearity of ODEs:

Theorem: 10.1

A differential equation is said to be **linear** if:

- All the terms with dependent variables are in first-order.
- The coefficients of all the terms in the dependent variable and its derivatives depend only on the independent variable x .

5. Linear First-Order ODEs:

Definition 11:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + a(x)y = b(x), \text{ where } a(x) \text{ and } b(x) \text{ are functions of } x.$$

6. Solutions of ODEs:

- The solution to an ODE is a function or a set of functions.
- **General solution** to the differential equation:
For a differential equation of order n , a solution is a function that satisfies the equation on some interval I . The function should have at least its first n derivatives on this interval I .
- To find **particular solutions**, we need initial conditions for the problem.
 - (a) **Initial Value Problem (IVP)**: where initial values are given to solve the differential equations depending on the order of the ODE.
E.g. $y(0)$, $t(0)$, $(0, y)$.
 - (b) **Boundary Value Problem**: where a certain boundary is given.
E.g. (x, y) .

7. Separable Differential Equations:

Definition 12:

A differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ is **separable** if it can be expressed as a product of a function in x and a function in y :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) = g(x)h(y).$$

- Particularly, if $h(x) \neq 0$, the variable can be separated to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)h(y) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{h(y)} = g(x) dx$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{h(y)} = \int g(x) dx$$

- Solving differential equations using separation of variables:
 - (a) Separate the variables such that everything involving y is on one side and everything involving x is on the other side.
 - (b) Integrate both sides and combine the constant of integration on one side of the equation (normally the right side).

Example: 10.1

Solve for y if $\frac{dy}{dx} = x(1+y)e^x$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x(1+y)e^x$$

$$\frac{1}{1+y} dy = xe^x dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+y} dy = \int xe^x dx$$

$$(= xe^x - \int e^x dx = xe^x - e^x \text{ [Integration by Parts]})$$

$$\ln|1+y| = xe^x - e^x + C$$

$$1+y = e^{xe^x - e^x + C} = e^{xe^x - e^x} \cdot e^C$$

$$y = Ae^{xe^x - e^x} - 1 \quad (A = e^C).$$

8. The Standard Logistic Equation:

$$\frac{du}{dt} = kn(a-n); \quad a, k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

where t is the time during which a population grows,
 n is the population after time t ,
 k is the relative growth, and
 a is a constant.

9. Homogeneous Differential Equations:

Definition 13:

Differential equations of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$, where $y = y(x)$, are known as **homogeneous differential equations**.

Theorem: 10.2

Homogeneous differential equations can be solved by using the substitution $y = vx$, where v is a function of x . The substitution will always reduce the differential equation to a separable differential equation.

Proof: Theorem 10.2

If $y = vx$, where v is a function of x , then:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dv}{dx}x + v \quad [\text{Product Rule}] \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \\ \therefore \frac{dv}{dx}x + v &= f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = f(v) \\ \frac{dv}{dx} &= \frac{f(v) - v}{x} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f(v) - v} dv &= \frac{1}{x} dx\end{aligned}$$

Example: 10.2

Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+2y}{x}$, given $y(3) = \frac{3}{2}$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + 2\frac{y}{x} \rightarrow \text{homogenous differential equation}$$

$$\text{Let } y = vx, \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dx}x + v \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx}x + v = 1 + 2\frac{y}{x} = 1 + 2v.$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1+v}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{1+v} dv = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+v} dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\ln|1+v| = \ln|x| + C = \ln|Ax|$$

$$1+v = Ax \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} + 1 = Ax$$

$$y = Ax^2 - x.$$

$$\text{Substituting } y = \frac{3}{2}, x = 3: \frac{3}{2} = A(3)^2 - 3 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - x.$$

Example: 10.3

Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+y}{x}$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{y}{x} \rightarrow \text{homogenous differential equation}$$

$$\text{Assume } v = \frac{y}{x} : y = vx \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dx}x + v.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + v = \frac{dv}{dx}x + v$$

$$dv = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\int dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$v = \ln|x| + C = \ln|Ax|$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \ln|Ax|$$

$$y = x \ln|Ax|.$$

10. Using the Integrating Factor $I(x)$:

Definition 14:

$$I(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$$

is the **integrating factor** for $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$, where P and Q are continuous functions of x on a given interval.

Theroem: 10.3

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

$$I(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + I(x)P(x)y = I(x)Q(x) \text{ [Multiply both sides by } I(x)\text{]}$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx} (I(x)y) = I(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + I(x)P(x)y \text{ [Product Rule]} \right)$$

$$\left[(I(x))' = (e^{\int P(x) dx})' = e^{\int P(x) dx} \cdot \left(\int P(x) dx \right)' = e^{\int P(x) dx} \cdot P(x) = I(x)P(x) \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} (I(x)y) = I(x)Q(x)$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} (I(x)y) dx = \int I(x)Q(x) dx$$

$$I(x)y = \int I(x)Q(x) dx.$$

Example: 10.4

Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2y = 6x^2$.

$$\because P(x) = 3x^2, Q(x) = 6x^2,$$

$$\therefore I(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{\int 3x^2 dx} = e^{x^3}.$$

Multiply both sides by $I(x)$:

$$e^{x^3} \frac{dy}{dx} + e^{x^3} \cdot 3x^2y = e^{x^3} \cdot 6x^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} (e^{x^3} y) = e^{x^3} \cdot 6x^2$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} (e^{x^3} y) dx = \int e^{x^3} \cdot 6x^2 dx$$

$$\left[\text{Let } x^3 = u, \frac{du}{dx} = 2x^2, du = 2x^2 dx \Rightarrow 2 \int e^u du = 2e^u + C = 2e^{x^3} + C \right]$$

$$e^{x^3} y = 2e^{x^3} + C$$

$$y = 2 + Ce^{-x^3}.$$

11. Euler's Method:

- For $y = f(x)$, $y_{n+1} = y_n + hf'(x_0)$, h is a constant.

$$y - y_n = f'(x_n)(x - x_n).$$

Example: 10.5

$$y = x^2, \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x, h = 0.1$$

n	x_n	y_n	Actual
0	1	1	1
1	1.1	1.2	1.21
2	1.2	1.42	1.44
3	1.3	1.66	1.69
4	1.4	1.92	1.96
5	1.5	2.2	2.25

- The smaller the h , the more accurate the approximation.
- Consider a differential equation of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$, given an initial condition. The derivative at any point on the curve $(x_0, y(x_0))$ can be approximated using the gradient of the tangent to the curve at x_0 :

$$y'(x_0) = \frac{y(x_0 + h) - y(x_0)}{h}.$$

Rearranging the formula, we get:

$$y(x_0 + h) = y(x_0) + hy'(x_0).$$

This is the **linearization** or **Euler's method** and becomes more accurate over small increments and as long as the function does not change too rapidly.

- If $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x_n, y_n)$ and $x_{n+1} = x_n + h$, we have

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n).$$

11 Maclaurin Series

1. The Maclaurin Polynomial:

Definition 15:

If $f(x)$ has n derivatives at $x = 0$, then $P(x)$, the **Maclaurin polynomial** of degree n for $f(x)$ centered at $x = 0$, is the unique polynomial of degree n that satisfies:

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$$f(0) = P(0);$$

•

$$f^{(n)}(0) = P^{(n)}(0);$$

•

$$a_1 = \frac{f'(0)}{1!}, a_2 = \frac{f''(0)}{2!}, a_3 = \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}, \dots a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!};$$

•

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!}x^k.$$

2. Maclaurin polynomials approximate the behavior of functions around a certain interval. The more terms we take, the better the approximation.

3. The Maclaurin Series:

Definition 16:

If $f(x)$ has derivatives of all orders throughout an open interval I such that $0 \in I$, then the **Maclaurin series** generated by f at $x = 0$ is:

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n.$$

A series converges when the sum of them is a constant (a limit can be found).

Example: 11.1

Find the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{2+x}$.

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 f(x) = (2+x)^{-1} & f(0) = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \\
 f'(x) = -(2+x)^{-2} & f'(0) = -2(2)^{-2} = -\frac{1}{4} \\
 f''(x) = 2(2+x)^{-3} & f''(0) = 2(2)^{-3} = 2 \times \frac{1}{8} \\
 f'''(x) = -6(2+x)^{-4} & f'''(0) = -6(2)^{-4} = -6 \times \frac{1}{16} \\
 f^{(4)}(x) = 24(2+x)^{-5} & f^{(4)}(0) = 24(2)^{-5} = 24 \times \frac{1}{32}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{-\frac{1}{4}}{1!}x + \frac{2 \times \frac{1}{8}}{2!}x^2 + \frac{-6 \times \frac{1}{16}}{3!}x^3 + \frac{24(2)^{-5}}{4!}x^4 + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} (-x)^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

4. The Binomial series is the Maclaurin expansion for $f(x) = (1+x)^p$:

$$(1+x)^p = \sum_{n=0}^p \binom{p}{n} x^n, \quad 1 \leq n \leq p, \quad \binom{p}{n} = \frac{p!}{n!(p-n)!} = \frac{p(p-1)(p-2) \cdots (p-(n-1))}{n!}.$$

Example: 11.2

Use the Binomial series to find the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= (1+x)^{-2} \\
 \therefore \binom{-2}{n} &= \frac{-2(-2-1)(-2-2) \cdots (-2-(n-1))}{n!} \\
 &= (-1)^n \frac{2(3)(4) \cdots (n+1)}{n!} = (-1)^n (n+1) \\
 \therefore P(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) x^n \\
 &= 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \cdots + (-1)^n (n+1) x^n + \cdots
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: 11.3

Use the Binomial series to find the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-x}}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= (2-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 \therefore P(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Applications of Maclaurin Series:

- Approximation of sin, cos, tan, ...

Example: 11.4

Approximate $\sin 3^\circ$ using the first four terms of Maclaurin series.

$$3^\circ = \frac{\pi}{60}, \text{ For } \sin x, P(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\therefore P\left(\frac{\pi}{60}\right) = x - \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{60}\right)^3}{3!} + \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{60}\right)^5}{5!} - \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{60}\right)^7}{7!} + \dots \approx 0.052336 \text{ (6 d.p.)}.$$

- More Complicated Functions

Example: 11.5

Find the Maclaurin series of $f(x) = e^{x^2}$.

Let $u = x^2, f(x) = e^u$:

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

Example: 11.6

Find the Maclaurin series of $f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$.

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(x) &= -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots - \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \dots\right) \\ &= 2\left(x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots\right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Example: 11.7 Question

Find the Maclaurin series of $f(x) = \frac{x}{(1+x)^2}$.

Example: 11.7 Answer

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= x(1+x)^{-2} \\
 &= x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-2}{n} x^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) x^{n+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Evaluate Limits

Example: 11.8

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-e^{x^2}}{1-\cos x}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{x^2} &= 1 + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} + \frac{x^6}{3!} + \cdots \\
 \cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cdots \\
 \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-e^{x^2}}{1-\cos x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \left(1 + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} + \frac{x^6}{3!} + \cdots\right)}{1 - \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cdots\right)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^2 - \frac{x^4}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} - \cdots}{\frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} - \cdots} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^2}{\frac{x^2}{2!}} \\
 &= -2.
 \end{aligned}$$

[Consider only the smallest power of x , as higher powers will go to zero much quicker.]

- Solve Differential Equations

Example: 11.9

Use the first six terms of a Maclaurin series to approximate the solution of $y' = y^2 - x$ on an open interval centered at $x = 0$ if $y(0) = 1$.

	$y(0) = 1$
$y' = y^2 - x$	$y'(0) = 1$
$y'' = 2yy' - 1$	$y''(0) = 2 - 1 = 1$
$y''' = 2yy'' + 2(y')^2$	$y'''(0) = 2 + 2 = 4$
$y^{(4)} = 2yy''' + 6y'y''$	$y^{(4)}(0) = 14$
$y^{(5)} = 2yy^{(4)} + 8y'y''' + 6(y'')^2$	$y^{(5)}(0) = 66$

Example: 11.9 Continued

$$\therefore P(x) = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{4}{3!}x^3 + \frac{14}{4!}x^4 + \frac{66}{5!}x^5 + \dots$$

- Binomial Theorem

Theorem: 11.1

Function $f(x) = (1+x)^p$, $p \in \mathbb{R}$ is equal to its Binomial series using the initial condition $y(0) = 1$.

Proof: Theorem 11.1

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

$$\therefore f'(x) = p + p(p-1)x + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$$

$$xf'(x) = px + p(p-1)x^2 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{2!}x^3 + \dots$$

$$\therefore f'(x) + xf'(x) = p + [p(p-1) + p]x + \left[\frac{p(p-1)}{2!}p(p-1) + \right]x^2 + \dots$$

$$= p + p^2x + \frac{p^2(p-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$$

$$= p\left(1 + px + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!}x^2\right) + \dots$$

$$= pf(x)$$

$$\therefore f'(x) + xf'(x) = pf(x) \Rightarrow (1+x)f'(x) = pf(x)$$

$$f'(x) - \frac{p}{1+x}f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow P(x) = -\frac{p}{1+x}, Q(x) = 0$$

$$\therefore I(x) = e^{\int -\frac{p}{1+x} dx} = A(1+x)^{-p}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} (A(1+x)^{-p}f(x)) = 0 \cdot I(x)$$

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} (A(1+x)^{-p}f(x)) dx = \int 0 dx$$

$$A(1+x)^{-p}f(x) = C$$

$$f(x) = C \cdot A(1+x)^{x-p} = B(1+x)^{x-p} \quad [\text{Let } B = C \cdot A.]$$

$$\text{Let } f(0) = 1 : B = 1$$

$$\therefore f(x) = (1+x)^p.$$