

In a similar manner, we can find the fourth derivative, fifth derivative and, in general derivative of  $y$  w. r. t.  $x$  by differentiating successively the given function  $y$  w. r. t.  $x$  for five times and  $n$  times.

Following notations are generally used for the successive derivatives of  $y$  w. r. t.  $x$  :

First derivative	Second derivative	Third derivative	....	$n^{\text{th}}$ derivative
or $y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	....	$y_n$
or $f'(x)$	$f''(x)$	$f'''(x)$	....	$f^n(x)$
or $\frac{dy}{dx}$	$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$	....	$\frac{d^ny}{dx^n}$
or $Dy$	$D^2y$	$D^3y$	....	$D^ny$

**Example 1 :** If  $\sqrt{x+y} + \sqrt{y-x} = c$ , prove that  $y_2 = \frac{2}{c^2}$ .

**Solution :** Given that  $\sqrt{x+y} + \sqrt{y-x} = c$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$x+y+y-x+2\sqrt{y^2-x^2}=c^2$$

$$\text{This} \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{y^2-x^2}=c^2-2y$$

Again, squaring both sides, we get

$$4(y^2-x^2)=c^4-4c^2y+4y^2$$

$$\text{This} \Rightarrow 4x^2-4c^2y+c^4=0$$

Differentiating both sides w. r. t.  $x$ , we get

$$8x-4c^2y_1=0$$

$$\text{This} \Rightarrow 2x-c^2y_1=0$$

Again, differentiating both sides w. r. t.  $x$ , we get

$$2-c^2y_2=0$$

$$\text{This} \Rightarrow y_2=\frac{2}{c^2}.$$

**Example 2 :** If  $y = a \cos(\log x) + b \sin(\log x)$ , prove that  $x^2 y_2 + xy_1 + y = 0$ .

**Solution :** Given that  $y = a \cos(\log x) + b \sin(\log x)$ .

Differentiating both sides w. r. t.  $x$ , we get

$$y_1 = -a \sin(\log x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} + b \cos(\log x) \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

This  $\Rightarrow xy_1 = -a \sin(\log x) + b \cos(\log x)$

Again, differentiating both sides w. r. t.  $x$ , we get

$$xy_2 + y_1 = -a \cos(\log x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} - b \sin(\log x) \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

This  $\Rightarrow x^2 y_2 + xy_1 = -a \cos(\log x) - b \sin(\log x)$

$$= -(a \cos(\log x) + b \sin(\log x))$$

$$= -y \quad (\because y = a \cos(\log x) + b \sin(\log x) \text{ given})$$

This  $\Rightarrow x^2 y_2 + xy_1 + y = 0$ .

**Example 3 :** If  $y = e^{a \sin^{-1} x}$ , prove that  $(1-x^2)y_2 - xy_1 = a^2 y$ .

**Solution :** Given that  $y = e^{a \sin^{-1} x}$ .

Differentiating both sides w. r. t.  $x$ , we get

$$y_1 = e^{a \sin^{-1} x} \left( a \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right)$$

$$\text{This } \Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{ay}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad (\because y = e^{a \sin^{-1} x} \text{ given})$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 \sqrt{1-x^2} = ay$$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$y_1^2 (1-x^2) = a^2 y^2$$

Again, differentiating both sides w. r. t.  $x$ , we get

$$2y_1 y_2 (1-x^2) + y_1^2 (-2x) = a^2 (2y_1 y_2)$$

$$\text{This } \Rightarrow 2y_1 [(1-x^2)y_2 - xy_1] = 2y_1 (a^2 y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-x^2)y_2 - xy_1 = a^2 y$$

**Example 5 :** Find  $n^{\text{th}}$  differential coefficient of  $\frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$ .

**Solution :** Let  $y = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$

Differentiating both sides w. r. t.  $x$  successively, we get

$$y_1 = (-2)(1+x)^{-3}$$

$$y_2 = (-2)(-3)(1+x)^{-4}$$

$$y_3 = (-2)(-3)(-4)(1+x)^{-5}$$

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

$$\text{i.e., } y_n = \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)!}{(1+x)^{(n+2)}}.$$

## Lecture 9

### Maclaurin polynomial

Definition: If  $f$  can be differentiable  $n$  times at 0, then we define the  $n$ th Maclaurin polynomial for  $f$  to be

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n$$

Example: Find the Maclaurin polynomials  $P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3$  and  $P_n$  for  $e^x$ .

Step 1

$$\text{let } f(x) = e^x$$

$$f'(x) = e^x = \cancel{f''(x)}$$

$$f''(x) = e^x = f'''(x) = \dots = f^{(n)}(x)$$

$$f(0) = e^0 = 1, f'(0) = e^0 = 1 = f''(0) = f'''(0) = \dots = f^{(n)}(0)$$

$$P_0(x) = f(0) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x = 1 + 1 \cdot x = 1 + x$$

$$P_2(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2$$

$$P_3(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3$$

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

$$\text{Therefore, } P_n(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$$



## Taylor polynomial

Definition: If  $f$  can be differentiated  $n$  times at  $x_0$ , then we define the  $n$ th Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x=x_0$  to be

$$P_n(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x-x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{3!}(x-x_0)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x-x_0)^n$$

Example: Find the  $n$ th Taylor polynomial for  $\frac{1}{x}$  about  $x=1$  and express it in sigma notation.

So, say,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$   $f(1) = 1$

$$f'(x) = -1 \cdot x^{-2} \quad f'(1) = (-1) \cdot 1 = -1$$

$$f''(x) = (-1)(-2)x^{-3} = \quad f''(1) = (-1)(-2) \cdot 1 = 2!$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2x^{-3} \\ &f'''(x) = 2(-3)x^{-4} \quad f'''(1) = (-1)(-2)(-3) \cdot 1 = -3! \\ &f^{IV}(x) = 2(-3)(-4)x^{-5} \quad f^{IV}(1) = (-1)(-2)(-3)(-4) = 4! \\ &\vdots \\ &f^{(n)}(x) = 2(-3)(-4)(-5)\dots(-n)x^{-(n+1)}, \quad f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)(-2)\dots(-n) \cdot 1 \\ &\quad = (-1)^n n! \end{aligned}$$

So, we can write  $f^{(K)}(x) = (-1)^K K!$

at  $x=1$ , the Taylor polynomial for  $\frac{1}{x}$ :

$$\sum_{K=0}^n (-1)^K (K!)^{-1} =$$

$$\sum_{K=0}^n \frac{f^{(K)}(1)}{K!} (x-1)^K = \sum_{K=0}^n \frac{(-1)^K K!}{K!} (x-1)^K = \sum_{K=0}^n (-1)^K (x-1)^K$$

## Maclaurin and Taylor Series

### Definition [Taylor Series]

If  $f$  has derivatives of all orders at  $x_0$ , then we call the series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x-x_0)^k = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!} (x-x_0)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x-x_0)^k + \dots$$

The Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x=x_0$

For special case  $x_0=0$ , we the series we called Maclaurin series for  $f$ .

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

Example: Find the Maclaurin series for  $\sin x$ .

Sol: let  $f(x) = \sin x$        $f(0) = 0$   
 $f'(x) = \cos x$        $f'(0) = 1$   
 $f''(x) = -\sin x$        $f''(0) = 0$   
 $f'''(x) = -\cos x$        $f'''(0) = -1$   
 $f''''(x) = \sin x$        $f''''(0) = 0$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = \cos x \quad f^{(5)}(0) = 1$$

$$f^{(6)}(x) = -\sin x \quad f^{(6)}(0) = 0 \quad f^{(7)}(0) = -1$$

$$f^{(7)}(x) = -\cos x$$

Sol:  $f_n(x) = 0 + 1 \cdot x + 0 + \frac{-1}{3!} x^3 + 0 + \frac{1}{5!} x^5 + \dots +$   
 $= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^n$

$$P_0(x) = 0$$

$$P_1(x) = 0 + x$$

$$P_2(x) = 0 + x + 0$$

$$P_3(x) = 0 + x + 0 - \frac{x^3}{3!}$$

$$P_4(x) = 0 + x + 0 - \frac{x^3}{3!} + 0$$

$$P_5(x) = 0 + x + 0 - \frac{x^3}{3!} + 0 + \frac{x^5}{5!}$$

$$P_6(x) = 0 + x + 0 - \frac{x^3}{3!} + 0 + \frac{x^5}{5!} + 0$$

$$P_7(x) = 0 + x + 0 - \frac{x^3}{3!} + 0 + \frac{x^5}{5!} + 0 - \frac{x^7}{7!} =$$

$$P_{2k+1}(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^K \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}, \quad K=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus, the Maclaurin series for  $\sin(x)$  is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} + \dots$$

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