

★ Understanding Maclaurin Series for $f(x) = \sin(x)$ and graphing

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Taylor series of function $f(x)$:

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

Maclaurin series is Taylor series for $a=0$

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

Finding $f(0)$, $f'(0)$, $f''(0)$...

Differential Term	Function	$x=a=0$
0	$\sin(x)$	0
1	$\cos(x)$	1
2	$-\sin(x)$	0
3	$-\cos(x)$	-1
4	$\sin(x)$	0
⋮	⋮	⋮

Substituting into Maclaurin series form:

$$f(x) = 0 + \frac{1}{1!} (x) + \frac{0}{2!} (x-0)^2 + \frac{-1}{3!} (x-0)^3 + \frac{0}{4!} (x-0)^4$$

For every other term it is 0, to simplify:

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

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