

DATA 605 Assignment 14

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This week, we'll work out some Taylor Series expansions of popular functions.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)}, x \in (-1, 1)$$

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$f(x) = \ln(1+x), x \in (-1, 1)$$

For each function, only consider its valid ranges as indicated in the notes when you are computing the Taylor Series expansion. Please submit your assignment as a R-Markdown document.

Taylor Series Approximation is used to represent functions as an infinite sum of polynomial terms that are calculated using a function's derivatives evaluated at a single point. Taylor's Theorem states that any function that is infinitely differentiable can be represented as a polynomial of the following form:

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

Function One

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)}, x \in (-1, 1)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-a)} + \frac{1}{(1-a)^2}(x-a) + \frac{\frac{2}{(1-a)^3}}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{\frac{6}{(1-a)^4}}{3!}(x-a)^3 \dots$$

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

When $a = 0$,

$$= 1^2 + x + x^2 + x^3 \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \quad x \in (-1, 1)$$

Function Two

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$f(x) = e^a + e^a(x-a) + \frac{e^a}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{e^a}{3!}(x-a)^3 \dots$$

when $a = 0$,

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

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

Function Three

$$f(x) = \ln(1+x), x \in (-1, 1)$$

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

When $a = 0$,

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

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{(n+1)} \frac{x^n}{n}, \quad x \in (-1, 1)$$