

1. (taylor:sinx2)

Compute the second order Taylor polynomial of $\sin(x^2)$ around 0 and use this to approximate $\sin(\frac{1}{4})$.

Solution: We need to compute two derivatives of $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \sin(x^2) \\f'(x) &= \cos(x^2)(2x) \\f^{(2)}(x) &= 2\cos(x^2) - 4x^2\sin(x^2)\end{aligned}$$

Now we evaluate the function and its derivatives at zero.

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= \sin(0) = 0 \\f'(0) &= \cos(0)(0) = 0 \\f^{(2)}(0) &= 2\cos(0) - 4(0)\sin(0) = 2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the degree two Taylor polynomial of $\sin(x^2)$ is $\frac{2}{2!}x^2 = x^2$.

Since $\sin(\frac{1}{4}) = \sin\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right)$, our approximation is $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$.

2. (taylor:etan)

Compute the degree two Taylor polynomial of the function $f(x) = e^{\tan(x)}$ around 0. Use this to estimate $e^{\tan(.1)}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= e^{\tan(x)} \\f'(x) &= \sec^2(x)e^{\tan(x)} \\f^{(2)}(x) &= 2\sec^2(x)\tan(x)e^{\tan(x)} + \sec^4(x)e^{\tan(x)}\end{aligned}$$

We evaluate these at zero.

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= e^{\tan(0)} = 1 \\f'(0) &= \sec^2(0)e^{\tan(0)} = 1 \\f^{(2)}(0) &= 2\sec^2(0)\tan(0)e^{\tan(0)} + \sec^4(0)e^{\tan(0)} = 1\end{aligned}$$

This gives the Taylor polynomial $1 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$. We can then approximate $e^{\tan(.1)} \approx 1 + .1 + \frac{1}{2}(.1)^2 = 1.105$.

3. (taylor:sinexp)

Compute the second order Taylor polynomial of $\sin(e^x - 1)$ around 0 and use this to approximate $\sin(e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1)$.

Solution: We first need to compute two derivatives of $\sin(e^x - 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \sin(e^x - 1) \\f'(x) &= \cos(e^x - 1)e^x \\f^{(2)}(x) &= \cos(e^x - 1)e^x - \sin(e^x - 1)e^{2x}\end{aligned}$$

We evaluate these at zero.

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= \sin(0) = 0 \\f'(0) &= \cos(0)e^0 = 1 \\f^{(2)}(0) &= \cos(0)e^0 - \sin(0)e^0 = 1\end{aligned}$$

Combining these, we find that the second order Taylor polynomial of $\sin(e^x - 1)$ is $x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$. This gives the approximation $\sin(e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1) \approx \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{5}{8}$.

4. (taylor:polynomial)

Find the second and fourth order Taylor expansions around 1 for the function $f(x) = x^3 + 5x + 1$.

Solution: We can first observe that since this function is a third order polynomial, the fourth order Taylor expansion of $f(x)$ is $f(x)$. To find the second order Taylor expansion, we need to differentiate:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 + 5x + 1 \\f'(x) &= 3x^2 + 5 \\f^{(2)}(x) &= 6x\end{aligned}$$

Now we evaluate at zero.

$$\begin{aligned}f(1) &= 7 \\f'(1) &= 8 \\f^{(2)}(1) &= 6\end{aligned}$$

So the second order Taylor polynomial around 1 is $7 + 8(x - 1) + \frac{6}{2}(x - 1)^2 = 7 + 8(x - 1) + 3(x - 1)^2$.

5. (taylor:intexp2)

Find the second order Taylor polynomial around 0 for $f(x) = \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$ and use this to estimate $f(.1)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt \\ f'(x) &= e^{-x^2} \\ f^{(2)}(x) &= -2xe^{-x^2} \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= \int_0^0 e^{-t^2} dt = 0 \\ f'(0) &= e^{-0^2} = 1 \\ f^{(2)}(0) &= -2(0)e^{-0^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

so that the degree 2 Taylor polynomial for $f(x)$ is x . Our estimate for $f(.1)$ is therefore .1.

6. (taylor:intexpsin)

Find the first order Taylor polynomial for the function $f(x) = \int_0^{\sin(x)} e^{-t^3} dt$ and use this to find an approximation for $f(\frac{1}{2})$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \int_0^{\sin(x)} e^{-t^3} dt \\ f'(x) &= e^{-\sin^3(x)} \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= \int_0^{\sin(0)} e^{-t^3} dt = \int_0^0 e^{-t^3} dt = 0 \\ f'(0) &= e^{-\sin^3(0)} \cos(0) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

so the first order Taylor polynomial for $f(x)$ is given by x and our approximation for $f(\frac{1}{2})$ is $\frac{1}{2}$.

7. (taylor:intcomp)

Find the second order Taylor polynomial of $\cos(x)$ around 0 then integrate this polynomial. Additionally, find the third order Taylor polynomial of $\sin(x)$ around 0. Recall that $\int \cos(x)dx = \sin(x) + C$ and compare your answer to the previously computed Taylor polynomial for the integral of $\cos(x)$.

Solution: We begin by calling $f(x) = \cos(x)$ and $g(x) = \sin(x)$. We need to compute two derivatives of f and three derivatives of g .

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \cos(x) \\f'(x) &= -\sin(x) \\f^{(2)}(x) &= -\cos(x) \\g(x) &= \sin(x) \\g'(x) &= \cos(x) \\g^{(2)}(x) &= -\sin(x) \\g^{(3)}(x) &= -\cos(x)\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= 1 \\f'(0) &= 0 \\f^{(2)}(0) &= -1 \\g(0) &= 0 \\g'(0) &= 1 \\g^{(2)}(0) &= 0 \\g^{(3)}(0) &= -1\end{aligned}$$

The degree two Taylor polynomial of $\cos(x)$ around 0 is then $1 - x^2$ and the integral of this is $C + x - \frac{x^3}{3}$. Similarly, we find that the degree three Taylor polynomial of $\sin(x)$ is $x - \frac{x^3}{3}$. For $C = 0$, these agree—for nice functions, we can exchange the operation of taking Taylor polynomials and integration.

8. (taylor:arctanseries)

Find the Taylor series around 0 for $\arctan(x)$, $T_{\infty}^0 \arctan(x)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\arctan(x) &= \int \underbrace{\frac{1}{1+x^2}}_{\frac{1}{1-(-x^2)}} dx \\ &= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n dx \\ &= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int x^{2n} dx \\ &= C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} x^{2n+1}\end{aligned}$$

Now we need to solve for C , which we can do by observing that $\arctan(0) = 0$, so $C = 0$ and $\arctan(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} x^{2n+1}$.

9. (taylor:cosh2series)

Find the Taylor series around zero for $\cosh(2x) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{2x} + e^{-2x})$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} (e^{2x} + e^{-2x}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^n}{n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2x)^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n!} + \frac{(-1)^n 2^n x^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{n!} 2^n x^n\end{aligned}$$

We can observe that $1 + (-1)^n = 0$ if n is odd and 2 if n is even. We

therefore only need to sum over the even positive integers $n = 2k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(2k)!} 2^{2k} x^{2k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k)!} 2^{2k} x^{2k}
 \end{aligned}$$

10. (taylor:sinhx2series)

Find the Taylor series around zero for $\sinh(x^2) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{x^2} - e^{-x^2})$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} (e^{x^2} - e^{-x^2}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (x^2)^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-x^2)^n \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n!} (x^2)^n - \frac{1}{n!} (-1)^n (x^2)^n \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n!} (x^2)^n
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $1 - (-1)^n = 0$ if n is even and 2 if n is odd, we only need to sum over the odd positive integers $n = 2k + 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(2k+1)!} (x^2)^{2k+1} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)!} x^{2(2k+1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

11. (taylor:exp/1-x)

Find the degree two Taylor polynomial around 0 of $\frac{e^x}{1-x}$ without computing any derivatives.

Solution: Recall that $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^2)$ and $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 +$

$o(x^2)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{e^x}{1-x} &= \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^2)\right) (1 + x + x^2 + o(x^2)) \\
 &= \underbrace{1(1 + x + x^2 + o(x^2))}_{\text{term 1}} + \underbrace{x(1 + x + x^2 + o(x^2))}_{\text{term 2}} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{x^2}{2}(1 + x + x^2 + o(x^2))}_{\text{term 3}} + \underbrace{o(x^2)(1 + x + x^2 + o(x^2))}_{\text{term 4}} \\
 &= \underbrace{1 + x + x^2 + o(x^2)}_{\text{term 1}} + \underbrace{x + x^2 + o(x^2)}_{\text{term 2}} + \underbrace{\frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^2)}_{\text{term 3}} + \underbrace{o(x^2)}_{\text{term 4}} \\
 &= 1 + 2x + \frac{5}{2}x^2 + o(x^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $T_2^0 \frac{e^x}{1-x} = 1 + 2x + \frac{5}{2}x^2$.

12. (taylor:ex3)

Find the degree nine Taylor polynomial around zero for e^{x^3} without computing any derivatives.

Solution: We know the full Taylor series for e^x is given by

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$$

and therefore we know that

$$e^{x^3} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (x^3)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^{3n}.$$

We can recover the degree nine Taylor polynomial by observing that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (x^3)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^{3n} = 1 + x^3 + \frac{x^6}{2} + \frac{x^9}{6} + o(x^9)$$

from which it follows that $T_9^0 e^{x^3} = 1 + x^3 + \frac{x^6}{2} + \frac{x^9}{6}$.

13. (taylor:calcplusoh)

Compute the degree seven Taylor polynomial around zero for $\frac{4x^3}{(1-x^4)^2}$.

Hint: You should not differentiate this function.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{4x^3}{(1-x^4)^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1-x^4} \\
 &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x^4)^n \right) \\
 &= 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} x^{4n} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (4n) x^{4n-1} \\
 &= 4x^3 + 8x^7 + o(x^7)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $T_7^0 \frac{4x^3}{(1-x^4)^2} = 4x^3 + 8x^7$.

14. (taylor:14expminus)
Find $T_{14}^0 e^{x^6} - \frac{1}{1-x^5}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{x^6} &= 1 + x^6 + \frac{x^{12}}{2} + \frac{x^{18}}{3!} + o(x^{18}) \\
 &= 1 + x^6 + \frac{1}{2}x^{12} + o(x^{14}) \\
 \frac{1}{1-x^5} &= 1 + x^5 + x^{10} + x^{15} + o(x^{15}) \\
 &= 1 + x^5 + x^{10} + o(x^{14})
 \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{x^6} - \frac{1}{1-x^5} &= \left(1 + x^6 + \frac{1}{2}x^{12} + o(x^{14}) \right) - (1 + x^5 + x^{10} + o(x^{14})) \\
 &= -x^5 + x^6 - x^{10} + \frac{1}{2}x^{12} + o(x^{14})
 \end{aligned}$$

so that $T_{14}^0 \left(e^{x^6} - \frac{1}{1-x^5} \right) = -x^5 + x^6 - x^{10} + \frac{1}{2}x^{12}$.

15. (taylor:expplussseries)
Find

$$T_{\infty}^0 x \left(e^x - \frac{1}{1-x} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{\infty}^0 x \left(e^x - \frac{1}{1-x} \right) &= T_{\infty}^0 x \left(T_{\infty}^0 e^x - T_{\infty}^0 \frac{1}{1-x} \right) \\
&= x \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right) \\
&= x \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n!} - 1 \right) x^n \right) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n!} - 1 \right) x^{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

noticing that the first two terms in this sum are zero, we can rewrite this as $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n!} - 1 \right) x^{n+1}$.

16. (taylor:seriesrational)

Find the Taylor series around 0 (T_{∞}^0) of the function $f(x) = \frac{10x^4}{(1-x^5)^2}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{\infty} \frac{10x^4}{(1-x^5)^2} &= T_{\infty} 2 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1-x^5} \\
&= 2 \frac{d}{dx} T_{\infty} \frac{1}{1-x^5} \\
&= 2 \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^5)^n \\
&= 2 \frac{d}{dx} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^{5n} \right) \\
&= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} x^{5n} \\
&= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (5n) x^{5n-1}
\end{aligned}$$