

Calculus for CS+AI

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Basic limits

- $$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x + 1) = 1 + 1 = 2$$
- $$\lim_{t \rightarrow -4^-} \frac{x^2 + 9x + 20}{|x + 4|} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -4^-} \frac{x^2 + 9x + 20}{-(x + 4)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -4^-} \frac{(x+5)(x+4)}{-(x+4)} =$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -4^-} -(x + 5) = -(-4 + 5) = -1$$
- $$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} - 5}{x + 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} - 5}{x + 4} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 + 9 - 25}{(x + 4)(\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5)} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(x + 4)(x - 4)}{(x + 4)(\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x - 4}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5} = \frac{-4 - 4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + 9} + 5} = -\frac{4}{5}$$

L'Hôpital's rule

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If we have a limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ that is an indeterminate form of type $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, then^a, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

^aif f and g are differentiable and $g'(x) \neq 0$ in a neighborhood of a (except possibly at a) and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ exists or is $\pm\infty$

$$\bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin x - \sin 2x}{x - \sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos x - 2 \cos 2x}{1 - \cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin x + 4 \sin 2x}{\sin x} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \cos x + 8 \cos 2x}{\cos x} = \frac{-2+8}{1} = \boxed{6}$$

Squeeze theorem

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If $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ for x near a (except possibly at a), then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L \implies \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$$

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = ?$
- We have $-1 \leq \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq 1$ for all real non-zero x , and $x^2 \geq 0$, thus also: $-x^2 \leq x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq x^2$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x^2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0$, therefore $\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0}$.

Limits with e

Euler's number

Euler's number is equal to $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$.

- Question: calculate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+11}{x+5}\right)^{7x+3}$.
- Solution: next slide.

Example limit with e

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+11}{x+5} \right)^{7x+3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{6}{x+5} \right)^{7x+3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}} \right)^{7x+3} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}} \right)^{\left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}\right) \cdot 6 \cdot 7 - 35 + 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}} \right)^{\left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}\right) \cdot 42 - 32} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}} \right)^{\left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}\right)} \right)^{42} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}} \right)^{-32} \\
 &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}} \right)^{\left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6}\right)} \right)^{42} \cdot 1 = \boxed{\boxed{e^{42}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Basic arithmetic

Complex numbers ($a + bi$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$) behave just like you'd expect when doing simple arithmetic. For example:

$$(12 - 23i) + (3 + 6i) = 15 - 17i$$

$$(12 - 23i) - (3 + 6i) = 9 - 29i$$

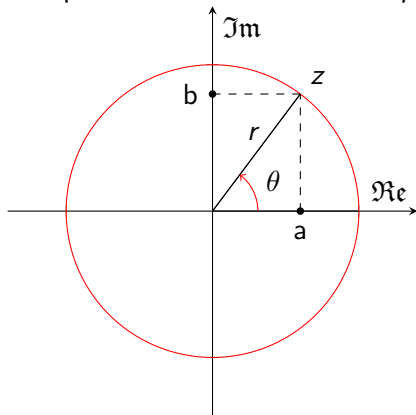
$$(5 + 6i)(7 + 8i) = 35 + 82i + 48i^2 = -13 + 82i$$

For division, use this trick with the complex conjugate of the denominator:

$$\frac{2-3i}{4-5i} = \frac{2-3i}{4-5i} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{4+5i}{4+5i}}_{=1} = \frac{(2-3i)(4+5i)}{(4-5i)(4+5i)} = \frac{23-2i}{41} = \boxed{\frac{23}{41} - \frac{2}{41}i}$$

Complex plane

Complex numbers lie in the *complex plane*.



$$z = a + bi = re^{i\theta} = r[\cos \theta + i \sin \theta]$$

Instead of writing $a + bi$ (rectangular form), we can equivalently write $re^{i\theta}$ or $r[\cos \theta + i \sin \theta]$. The latter is known as the *polar form*.

Converting to exponential and polar form

- The modulus of a complex number $z = x + yi$ is

$$r = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

- In order to find the (principal) argument $\text{Arg}(z)$, use the formula:

$$\theta = \text{Arg}(z) = \text{atan2}(y, x) = \begin{cases} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) & x > 0 \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \pi & x < 0, y \geq 0 \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \pi & x < 0, y < 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y > 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y < 0 \\ (\text{undefined}) & x = 0, y = 0 \end{cases}$$

This formula gives the angle between $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$.

Angles are in radians! Fun fact: the function $\text{atan2}(y, x)$ is implemented in many programming languages, including C, Java, ...

Converting to exponential form (examples)

- $1 + i = \sqrt{2} \cdot e^{i\pi/4}$ (since $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$ and $\text{Arg}(1 + i) = \frac{\pi}{4}$)
- $1 - i = \sqrt{2} \cdot e^{-i\pi/4}$ (now the angle is $\text{Arg}(1 - i) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$)
- $-10 = 10e^{i\pi}$ (-10 lies on the negative real axis, so the angle is π)

Multiplying two complex numbers (polar form)

- Suppose that we have two complex numbers $z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1}$ and $z_2 = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$. Let's see what happens when we multiply:
- $z_1 z_2 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1} r_2 e^{i\theta_2} = r_1 r_2 e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$.
- Thus, when multiplying two complex numbers, the modulus gets multiplied and the arguments (angles) get added.

Getting the n^{th} roots of a number

- Question: find all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ for which $z^5 = -10$.
- Solution: we have that $\arg(-10) = \pi + 2k\pi$ and $|-10| = 10$. So we can write $z^5 = -10 = 10e^{i(\pi+2k\pi)}$. (for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$)
- Raising left-hand and right-hand side to the power $\frac{1}{5}$, we obtain

$$z = 10^{1/5} e^{i(\frac{\pi}{5} + \frac{2k\pi}{5})}$$
- We have five solutions, so for example, take k to be 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 to find the following solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & z = 10^{1/5} e^{i(\frac{\pi}{5})} \quad \vee \quad z = 10^{1/5} e^{i(\frac{3\pi}{5})} \\
 & \vee \quad z = 10^{1/5} e^{i\pi} = -10^{1/5} \quad \vee \quad z = 10^{1/5} e^{i(\frac{7\pi}{5})} \quad \vee \quad z = 10^{1/5} e^{i(\frac{9\pi}{5})}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (These are all solutions: if we were to go on for $k = 5, 6, \dots$, then the solutions would repeat because sine and cosine (and thus, $e^{i\theta}$) have a period of 2π .)

De Moivre's formula

- Question: write $(\sqrt{3} + i)^{1000}$ in the form $a + bi$
- One approach would be to expand brackets a thousand times. However, there is a faster method.
- We can write $(\sqrt{3} + i)^{1000} = (2e^{i\pi/6})^{1000} = 2^{1000}e^{1000i\pi/6} = 2^{1000}e^{4i\pi/6} = 2^{1000}\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) = \boxed{-2^{999} + 2^{999}\sqrt{3}i}$

De Moivre's formula

Suppose we have a complex number $z = e^{i\theta}$. Then, as in the example, $z^n = (e^{i\theta})^n = e^{in\theta}$. Rewriting in polar form gives us *De Moivre's formula*:

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

In practice, using the exponential form (as in the example) may be easier.

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Basic differentiation

- Differentiation is usually easy, thus we will only include some examples without explaining all rules first. (One exception is differentiating x^x which will be covered in more detail.)
- Example: $[\ln(2x^2 - 3x + 4)]' = \frac{[2x^2 - 3x + 4]'}{2x^2 - 3x + 4} = \frac{4x - 3}{x^2 - 3x + 4}$
- Example: $\frac{d}{dx}(3) = 0$
- Example: $(2x + 1)^7 = 14(2x + 1)^6$ (do not expand brackets, but use the chain rule instead)
- Example: $\frac{d^4(\sin x)}{dx^4} = \frac{d^3(\cos x)}{dx^3} = \frac{d^2(-\sin x)}{dx^2} = \frac{d(-\cos x)}{dx} = \sin x$
- Therefore also:
$$\sin x = \frac{d^4(\sin x)}{dx^4} = \frac{d^8(\sin x)}{dx^8} = \frac{d^{12}(\sin x)}{dx^{12}} = \dots = \frac{d^{400}(\sin x)}{dx^{400}} = \dots$$

(This is useful when computing the Taylor series of $\sin x$.)

Differentiation example

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \sin \left(\frac{e^{x^3}}{3x^2} \right) &= \left[\frac{e^{x^3}}{3x^2} \right]' \cos \left(\frac{e^{x^3}}{3x^2} \right) = \frac{3x^2[e^{x^3}]' - e^{x^3}[3x^2]'}{(3x^2)^2} \cos \left(\frac{e^{x^3}}{3x^2} \right) \\&= \frac{3x^2(e^{x^3}[x^3]') - 6xe^{x^3}}{(3x^2)^2} \cos \left(\frac{e^{x^3}}{3x^2} \right) \\&= \frac{3x^2(3x^2e^{x^3}) - 6xe^{x^3}}{(3x^2)^2} \cos \left(\frac{e^{x^3}}{3x^2} \right) \\&= \boxed{e^{x^3} \left(1 - \frac{2}{3x^3} \right) \cos \left(\frac{e^{x^3}}{3x^2} \right)}\end{aligned}$$

A trick to differentiate x^x

- We know how to differentiate $[c^x]' = c^x \ln c$ as well as $[x^c]' = cx^{c-1}$. But what if x appears in both the base and the exponent?
- Let $y(x) = x^x$. Then $y = (e^{\ln x})^x = e^{x \ln x}$
The derivative then becomes: $y'(x) = e^{x \ln x} \cdot [x \ln x]'$
Which is equal to $y'(x) = x^x(1 + \ln x)$
- Alternatively, use the following method: $y = x^x$
Taking the logarithm: $\ln y = \ln(x^x) = x \ln x$
Implicit differentiation: $\frac{y'}{y} = 1 + \ln x$ (Why not $\frac{1}{y}$?)
Multiply both sides with $y = x^x$: $y'(x) = x^x(1 + \ln x)$
- Analogous reasoning can be used to differentiate similar functions like $(2x)^{5x+1}$.

Extra: differentiating $f(x)^{g(x)}$

For fun's sake, we could create a “power rule” for functions, similar to the product rule, quotient rule etc.

So, say we have two functions $f = f(x)$ and $g = g(x)$, and that $y(x) = f(x)^{g(x)}$. Then we have:

$$y = f^g = (e^{\ln f})^g = e^{g \ln f}$$

$$y' = e^{g \ln f} [g \ln f]' = f^g [g \ln f]'$$

$$y' = f^g \left(g \frac{f'}{f} + g' \ln f \right)$$

So our “power rule” turns out to be

$$[f^g]' = f^g \left(g \frac{f'}{f} + g' \ln f \right)$$

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Integration: simple integrals

- $\int x dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$
- $\int \cos(x) dx = \sin(x) + C$
- $\int_2^3 (\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}) dx = [\ln|x| - \frac{1}{x}]_2^3 = (\ln(3) - \frac{1}{3}) - (\ln(2) - \frac{1}{2}) = \ln(\frac{3}{2}) + \frac{1}{6}$
- Do not forget to write $+C$ for indefinite integrals!

Integration basics

- Sometimes, you see both a function and a function's derivative in the same integral. Sometimes you can then use the chain rule in the opposite direction, as follows:
- $\int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sin x} [\sin x]' dx = \ln |\sin x| + C$
- $\int e^x \sin(100 + 3e^x) dx = \frac{1}{3} \int [100 + 3e^x]' \sin(100 + 3e^x) dx = -\frac{1}{3} \cos(100 + 3e^x) + C$
- $\int \frac{x dx}{x^2 + 137} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x dx}{x^2 + 137} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{[x^2 + 137]' dx}{x^2 + 137} = \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 137| + C$
- These integrals can also be solved using a substitution.

Substitution rule (1)

- The integrals from the last slide can also be solved using substitution.
- Example: $\int \frac{x dx}{x^2 + 137}$
- When we set $u = x^2 + 137$, we find $du = 2x dx$, thus:
- $\int \frac{x dx}{x^2 + 137} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{2} \ln |u| + C = \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 137| + C$
- Do not forget to convert the u back to x !

Substitution rule (2)

- Question: calculate $\int \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x} dx$
- Detailed solution: we observe that $[\ln x]' = \frac{1}{x}$, and we also see that $\frac{1}{x}$ appears in our integral. Thus, let us try $u = \ln x$.
- Then $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$, and therefore

$$\int \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x} dx = \int u^2 du = \frac{1}{3} u^3 + C = \boxed{\frac{1}{3} (\ln x)^3 + C}$$

- (It takes practice to find good substitutions.)

Integration by parts (1)

General form – Integration By Parts

Indefinite integrals: $\int u(x)v'(x)dx = [u(x)v(x)] - \int u'(x)v(x)dx$

Definite integrals: $\int_a^b u(x)v'(x)dx = [u(x)v(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b u'(x)v(x)dx$

- $\int x \cos x dx = [x \sin x] - \int 1 \cdot \sin x dx = x \sin x + \cos x + C$
- $\int x e^{3x} dx = [x \cdot \frac{1}{3} e^{3x}] - \int 1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} e^{3x} dx = \frac{1}{3} x e^{3x} - \frac{1}{9} e^{3x} + C$
- We see from examples 1 and 2 that if we have x in front of something we know how to integrate, then we can also integrate the new thing! However, “I.B.P.” is more powerful than that.

Integration by parts (2)

General form – Integration By Parts

Indefinite integrals: $\int u(x)v'(x)dx = [u(x)v(x)] - \int u'(x)v(x)dx$

Definite integrals: $\int_a^b u(x)v'(x)dx = [u(x)v(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b u'(x)v(x)dx$

• Example: $\int \log_2(3w^{w^4})dw = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \int (\ln(3) + w^4 \ln(w))dw =$
 $\frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} w + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \int \ln(w) \cdot w^4 dw = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} w + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left([\ln(w) \cdot \frac{1}{5} w^5] - \int \frac{1}{w} \cdot \frac{1}{5} w^5 dw \right) =$
 $\frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} w + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \left(\left[\frac{1}{5} w^5 \ln(w) \right] - \int \frac{1}{5} w^4 dw \right) = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} w +$
 $\frac{1}{\ln 2} \left(\frac{5}{25} w^5 \ln(w) - \frac{1}{25} w^5 \right) + C = \boxed{\frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} w + \frac{1}{25 \ln 2} (5w^5 \ln(w) - w^5) + C}$

Repeated integration by parts

- We saw that if we have something we can integrate (say $\sin x$ or e^x), then we can also integrate the product of that function with x (so we can integrate $x \sin x$ or xe^x).
- By applying I.B.P multiple times, we can even work away higher powers of x :
- Question: integrate $\int x^3 \sin(x) dx$.
- Solution (pay attention to plus/minus!):

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^3 \sin(x) dx &= [-x^3 \cos x] + 3 \int x^2 \cos(x) dx \\&= [-x^3 \cos x] + 3 \left([x^2 \sin x] - 2 \int x \sin(x) dx \right) \\&= [-x^3 \cos x] + 3 \left([x^2 \sin x] - 2 \left([-x \cos x] + \int \cos(x) dx \right) \right) \\&= [-x^3 \cos x] + 3 \left([x^2 \sin x] - 2 \left([-x \cos x] + \int \cos(x) dx \right) \right) \\&= -x^3 \cos x + 3x^2 \sin x + 6x \cos x - 6 \sin x + C\end{aligned}$$

Solving $\int e^x \sin(x) dx$ and $\int e^x \cos(x) dx$ with I.B.P.

- Question: find $\int e^x \sin(x) dx$.
- Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\int e^x \sin(x) dx &= [e^x \sin x] - \int e^x \cos(x) dx \\ &= e^x \sin x - \left([e^x \cos x] + \int e^x \sin(x) dx \right) \\ &= e^x \sin x - e^x \cos x - \int e^x \sin(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

We can now add $\int e^x \sin(x) dx$ to both sides:

$$2 \int e^x \sin(x) dx = e^x (\sin x - \cos x) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\int e^x \sin(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} e^x (\sin x - \cos x) + C_*} \quad (\text{where } C_* = \frac{1}{2} C)$$

Trigonometric substitutions: example (slide 1)

- Question: find

$$\int_2^5 \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}}{x^3} dx$$

- Solution: we substitute $x = 2 \sec \theta$ (for $0 \leq \theta < \pi/2$ or $\pi \leq \theta < 3\pi/2$). It will be explained later why we choose this substitution. Then we have $dx = 2 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$. We find:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{x^2 - 4} &= \sqrt{(2 \sec \theta)^2 - 4} = 2\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1} = 2\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta} \\ &= 2|\tan \theta| = 2 \tan \theta\end{aligned}$$

(We know that $2|\tan \theta| = 2 \tan \theta$ because $\tan \theta \geq 0$ for $0 \leq \theta < \pi/2$ or $\pi \leq \theta < 3\pi/2$)

Integral bounds: if $x = 2 \sec \theta = 2$ then $\theta = 0$. If $x = 2 \sec \theta = 5$ then $\theta = \arccos(\frac{2}{5})$. The integral will be worked out in the next slide.

Trigonometric substitutions: example (slide 2)

Integral bounds: if $x = 2 \sec \theta = 2$ then $\theta = 0$. If $x = 2 \sec \theta = 5$ then $\theta = \arccos(\frac{2}{5})$. So, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_2^5 \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}}{x^3} dx &= \int_0^{\arccos(2/5)} \frac{2 \tan \theta}{8 \sec^3 \theta} 2 \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\arccos(2/5)} \sin^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\arccos(2/5)} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\arccos(2/5)} = \boxed{\frac{\arccos(\frac{2}{5})}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \sin \left(2 \arccos \left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \right)} \\
 &= \frac{\arccos(\frac{2}{5})}{4} - \frac{1}{8} \left(2 \sin \left(\arccos \left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \right) \cos \left(\arccos \left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\arccos(\frac{2}{5})}{4} - \frac{1}{10} \sin \left(\arccos \left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \right) = \boxed{\frac{\arccos(\frac{2}{5})}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{50}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Trigonometric substitutions table

- In the previous example, we substituted $x = 2 \sec \theta$ and everything magically worked out. How did we find this substitution? Well, we used this scheme:

Trigonometric substitutions for integration

Expression	Use the substitution	And use
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$x = a \sin \theta$	$1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$x = a \tan \theta$	$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$x = a \sec \theta$	$\sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$

A fully rigorous answer should mention the range that θ can be in. However, we omit this for simplicity.

Watch out!

- Question: solve

$$\int t\sqrt{t^2 + 2}dt$$

- Observation: we recognize that this integral contains the term $\sqrt{t^2 + 2}$, thus we could try to make a trigonometric substitution. However, this is going to cost much time. It is much easier to say: $u = t^2 + 2$, so $du = 2tdt$ and solve the integral that way, without any need for “trig sub”.
- So, please think twice and be sure that no other way works, before doing trig substitution!

Sample exam question (slide 1)

Let $f(x) = 2xe^{2x}$.

- (a) Find the x - and y -coordinates of the local minima and maxima of $f(x)$.
- (b) Find the range of $f(x)$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 2$.
- (c) Find the area between the x -axis and the graph of $f(x)$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 2$.

Sample exam question (slide 2)

Let $f(x) = 2xe^{2x}$.

- (question a) Find the x - and y -coordinates of the local extrema of $f(x)$.
- Solution: we compute the derivative $f'(x) = 2e^{2x} + 4xe^{2x}$ and set it to zero, so

$$2e^{2x} + 4xe^{2x} = 0$$

$$2e^{2x}(1 + 2x) = 0$$

Since $2e^{2x}$ is never equal to zero, our only solution to $f'(x) = 0$ is $x = -\frac{1}{2}$.

The corresponding y -coordinate is $f(-\frac{1}{2}) = 2(-\frac{1}{2}) \cdot e^{2(-\frac{1}{2})} = -\frac{1}{e}$.

We see that $f'(-1) = -2e^{-2} < 0$ and $f'(0) = 2 > 0$, so (by the first

derivative test) we have a minimum, with coordinates $\boxed{\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{e}\right)}$.

Sample exam question (slide 3)

Let $f(x) = 2xe^{2x}$.

- (question b) Find the range of $f(x)$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 2$.
- Solution: from question (a), we know that this function has a minimum with the coordinates $(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{e})$. This minimum lies within the domain $-1 \leq x \leq 2$. We are also interested in the value of $f(x)$ at the bounds of the domain, so we compute $f(-1) = -2e^{-2}$ and $f(2) = 4e^4$. We observe that $-\frac{1}{e} < -2e^{-2} < 4e^4$, so the range for

$$-1 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ is } \left[-\frac{1}{e}, 4e^4 \right].$$

Sample exam question (slide 4)

Let $f(x) = 2xe^{2x}$.

- (question c) Find the area between the x -axis and the graph of $f(x)$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 2$.
- Solution: first compute the antiderivative of $f(x)$ using integration by parts:

$$\int f(x) dx = \int 2xe^{2x} dx = xe^{2x} - \int e^{2x} dx = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) e^{2x} + C$$

We see that $f(x)$ is negative for $x < 0$ and positive for $x > 0$, so we have to split up the integral (we do not want “negative area”).

Our answer then becomes

$$\left| \int_{-1}^0 f(x) dx \right| + \left| \int_0^2 f(x) dx \right| = \left| -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-2} \right| + \left| \frac{3}{2}e^4 + \frac{1}{2} \right| = \boxed{1 + \frac{3}{2}(e^4 - e^{-2})}$$

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Linear first order DE

In order to solve the linear differential equation

$$y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

multiply both sides by $e^{\int P(x)dx}$ (the integrating factor), rewrite using the product rule for derivatives, and integrate both sides.

- Question: solve $y' + 2xy = x$
- Solution: next slide.

Example: linear 1st order DEs

- Question: solve $y' + 2xy = x$
- Solution: the integrating factor is $e^{\int 2x dx} = e^{x^2}$ (the constant of integration in the exponent is omitted). So we multiply both sides of the DE by e^{x^2} and obtain

$$e^{x^2} y' + 2xe^{x^2} y = xe^{x^2}$$

Using the product rule for derivatives, this can be rewritten as

$$\left[e^{x^2} y \right]' = xe^{x^2}$$

We integrate both sides and obtain

$$e^{x^2} y = \int xe^{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} e^{x^2} + C$$

We can divide both sides by e^{x^2} to find the solution

$$y = \frac{1}{2} + Ce^{-x^2}$$

Separable first order differential equations

- A **separable** first order differential equation is an equation where the x 's and y 's can be “separated”, thus the equation can be rewritten into the form $y'f(y) = g(x)$. The method to solve these is to rewrite that equation to the form $f(y)dy = g(x)dx$ and then integrate both sides $\int f(y)dy = \int g(x)dx$:
- Question: $xyy' = x^2 + 1$
- Solution: rewrite the equation into $ydy = \frac{x^2+1}{x}dx$ and integrate both sides: $\int ydy = \int \frac{x^2+1}{x}dx$
So we find $\frac{1}{2}y^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \ln|x| + C$
So the final answer becomes $y = \pm \sqrt{x^2 + 2\ln|x| + C_*}$ where $C_* = 2C$.

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(Linear) second order differential equations

General form

Homogeneous: $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$

Non-homogeneous: $ay'' + by' + cy = f(x)$

(here we will only deal with the case that a, b and c are constant real numbers)

Example:

$$y'' - 8y' + 15y = 0$$

Solving a homogeneous 2nd order DE: basic example

Example: $y'' - 8y' + 15y = 0$

First construct the corresponding quadratic equation and solve it:

$$r^2 - 8r + 15 = 0$$

$$(r - 3)(r - 5) = 0$$

$$r = 3 \vee r = 5$$

We have two distinct real roots (3 and 5), so the general solution of the DE is

$$y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{5x}$$

for any constants c_1 and c_2

“Algorithm” to solve the homogeneous case

You have some DE which you want to solve: $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$

- Step 1: construct the characteristic equation: $ar^2 + br + c = 0$
- Step 2: solve it (compute the roots/solutions r_1 and r_2)
- Step 3: use the following scheme to find your final answer:

Solution cases for homogeneous 2nd order DE

- Real (non-equal) roots: $y_{(x)} = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$
- One real root: $y_{(x)} = c_1 e^{rx} + c_2 x e^{rx}$
- Case $r_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta$: $y_{(x)} = e^{\alpha x} [c_1 \cos(\beta x) + c_2 \sin(\beta x)]$

Solving a homogeneous 2nd order DE: another example

Example: $7y'' - 7y' + 2y = 0$

First construct the corresponding quadratic equation and solve it:

$$7r^2 - 7r + 2 = 0$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4 \cdot 7 \cdot 2}}{2 \cdot 7}$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{14}$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}$$

(Recall: Case $r_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta$: $y_{(x)} = e^{\alpha x} [c_1 \cos(\beta x) + c_2 \sin(\beta x)]$)

We have two complex roots, so the general solution of the DE is

$$y = e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \left[c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}x\right) \right] \quad \text{for any constants } c_1 \text{ and } c_2$$

Solving a homogeneous 2nd order DE: one more example

Example: $y'' + 16y' + 64y = 0$

First construct the corresponding quadratic equation and solve it:

$$r^2 + 16r + 64 = 0$$

$$(r + 8)^2 = 0$$

$$r = -8$$

We have just one root this time!

(Recall: in case there's just one root: $y_{(x)} = c_1 e^{rx} + c_2 x e^{rx}$)

Therefore the general solution is:

$$\boxed{y = c_1 e^{-8x} + c_2 x e^{-8x}} \quad \text{for any constants } c_1 \text{ and } c_2$$

Beware: in case there is only one root, multiply the second term (xor the first term) with x !

NON-homogeneous second order DEs

General form

$$ay'' + by' + cy = f(x)$$

(a , b and c are constant real numbers)

Plan of attack:

- Step 1: consider the complementary equation $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ and compute it's solution y_c . (This is easy as it's a homogeneous equation)
- Step 2: find some particular solution y_p to the original non-homogeneous equation
- Step 3: your general solution to the original equation is now $y = y_c + y_p$

The difficulty may be mostly in step 2.

Non-homogeneous second order DEs: example 1 (part 1)

- Question: find the general solution of the differential equation $7y'' - 7y' + 2y = x^2 + 7$.
- Step 1: we had already found the complementary solution (to the equation $7y'' - 7y' + 2y = 0$) before:
$$y_c = e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \left[c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}x\right) \right] \text{ for any constants } c_{1,2}.$$
- Step 2: we must find some particular solution. Since $x^2 + 7$ is a 2nd order polynomial, let's set our particular solution to $y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$. We plug this in the DE in order to find A , B , and C . So we have $y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$, $y'_p = 2Ax + B$ and $y''_p = 2A$. Let's plug this in:

Non-homogeneous second order DEs: example 1 (part 2)

- We will plug $y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$, $y'_p = 2Ax + B$ and $y''_p = 2A$ in the original DE ($7y'' - 7y' + 2y = x^2 + 7$) to find A , B and C of the particular solution:

$$7(2A) - 7(2Ax + B) + 2(Ax^2 + Bx + C) = x^2 + 7$$

$$(2A)x^2 + (-14A + 2B)x + (14A - 7B + 2C) = x^2 + 7$$

This must hold for all x , so the coefficients of the polynomials on the left- and right-hand side, must be equal. So, we have $2A = 1$, and $-14A + 2B = 0$, and $14A - 7B + 2C = 7$. From the first one, we find $A = \frac{1}{2}$, then from the second one we find $B = \frac{7}{2}$, after which the third one gives us $C = \frac{49}{4}$. Thus, we've found a particular solution: $y_p = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x + \frac{49}{4}$.

Non-homogeneous second order DEs: example 1 (part 3)

- Step 3: now that we have found the complementary solution $y_c = e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \left[c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}x\right) \right]$ and a particular solution $y_p = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x + \frac{49}{4}$, we can simply add them up to obtain the general solution of $7y'' - 7y' + 2y = x^2 + 7$:

$$y = e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \left[c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{14}x\right) \right] + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x + \frac{49}{4}$$

for any constants c_1 and c_2 .

The method of undetermined coefficients (formal)

- In the previous example, we had $x^2 + 7$ (a polynomial of order 2) on the right-hand side of the differential equation. So we guessed that a particular solution could be a polynomial of order 2 as well ($Ax^2 + Bx + C$). In general:

Method of undetermined coefficients (FORMAL)

We search a particular solution to the differential equation $ay'' + by' + cy = f(x)$.

Let $P_n(x)$ and $Q_n(x)$ and $R_n(x)$ denote polynomials of order n .

- If $f(x) = e^{kx} P_n(x)$, then try $y_p = e^{kx} Q_n(x)$.
- If $f(x) = e^{kx} P_n(x) \sin mx$ or $f(x) = e^{kx} P_n(x) \cos mx$, then try $y_p = e^{kx} Q_n(x) \cos mx + e^{kx} R_n(x) \sin mx$

If any term in your “guess” is a solution to the complementary equation, then multiply your guess y_p by x (or x^2 if it's still the case).

Plug your y_p -guess in the DE in order to find the coefficients of $Q_n(x)$ and $R_n(x)$.

In the previous example we had the first case (with $k = 0$ such that $e^{kx} = 1$).

The method of undetermined coefficients (examples)

- We search a particular solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = f(x)$.
- If $f(x) = x^3$ or $f(x) = 10000x^3 + x + 12$, we would try $y_p = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D$.
- If $f(x) = \sin 8x$ or $f(x) = 137 \cos 8x$, we would try $y_p = A \cos 8x + B \sin 8x$.
- If $f(x) = e^{7x}$ or $f(x) = 39e^{7x}$, we would try $y_p = Ae^{7x}$.
- If $f(x) = xe^{8x}$ or $f(x) = xe^{8x} + e^{8x}$, we would try $y_p = (Ax + B)e^{8x}$.
- If $f(x) = x^2 \sin x$, we would try $y_p = (Ax^2 + Bx + C) \cos x + (Dx^2 + Ex + F) \sin x$.
- If $f(x) = e^{9x} x^2 \sin 4x$, we would try $y_p = e^{9x} (Ax^2 + Bx + C) \cos 4x + e^{9x} (Dx^2 + Ex + F) \sin 4x$.
- Notice that the last two examples are so long that you will probably not get them on your exam (since you'd have to solve for 6 coefficients). However they are useful as a demonstration of the principle.
- **Do not forget that you have to multiply your y_p -guess by x if any term in your guess is a solution to the complementary equation.**

The superposition principle

$$ay'' + by' + cy = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$$

- Sometimes, $f(x)$ is a sum of multiple functions, say $f(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$. In that case, you can just find a particular solution y_{p1} to the differential equation $ay'' + by' + cy = f_1(x)$ and a particular solution y_{p2} to the differential equation $ay'' + by' + cy = f_2(x)$.
- Your particular solution to the differential equation $ay'' + by' + cy = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$ is then given by $y_{p1} + y_{p2}$.
- Do not forget to add the complementary solution to your answer as well.
- (This also works for a sum of more than two functions; see next slide for a full example.)

Superposition principle & method of u.c. (example)

- Question: solve $y'' - 6y' + 8y = xe^{3x} + xe^{4x} + xe^{5x}$.
- The complementary solution is $y_c = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{4x}$ for any constants c_1 and c_2 .
- Let y_{p1} be a particular solution to $y'' - 6y' + 8y = xe^{3x}$. Then y_{p1} must be of the form $y_{p1} = (Ax + B)e^{3x}$. Substituting this in $y'' - 6y' + 8y = xe^{3x}$ gives that $A = -1$ and $B = 0$. So we find $y_{p1} = -xe^{3x}$.
- Let y_{p2} be a particular solution to $y'' - 6y' + 8y = xe^{4x}$. Then y_{p2} would be of the form $y_{p2} = (Cx + D)e^{4x}$, but we observe that the term De^{4x} is a solution to the complementary equation (since $y_c = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{4x}$), thus we multiply the y_{p2} -guess by x and obtain $y_{p2} = (Cx^2 + Dx)e^{4x}$. We substitute this into $y'' - 6y' + 8y = xe^{4x}$ and obtain $C = \frac{1}{4}$ and $D = -\frac{1}{4}$, so we find $y_{p2} = (\frac{1}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x)e^{4x}$.
- Let y_{p3} be a particular solution to $y'' - 6y' + 8y = xe^{5x}$. Then y_{p3} must be of the form $y_{p3} = (Ex + F)e^{5x}$. Substituting this in $y'' - 6y' + 8y = xe^{5x}$ gives that $E = \frac{1}{3}$ and $F = -\frac{4}{9}$. So we find $y_{p3} = (\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{4}{9})e^{5x}$.
- The particular solution to the original differential equation is now $y_{p1} + y_{p2} + y_{p3} = -xe^{3x} + (\frac{1}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x)e^{4x} + (\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{4}{9})e^{5x}$. We add the full particular solution to the complementary solution and obtain as our final answer:

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{4x} - xe^{3x} + \left(\frac{1}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x\right)e^{4x} + \left(\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{4}{9}\right)e^{5x}$$

for all c_1 and c_2

Sample question on differential equations (slide 1)

Question: solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' - 35y = 3e^{5x} \quad y(0) = 137 \quad y'(0) = 42$$

Solution steps:

- Step 1: solve the homogeneous equation $y'' + 2y' - 35y = 0$ to find the complementary solution.
- Step 2: use the method of undetermined coefficients to find a particular solution to the original (non-homogeneous) equation.
- Step 3: we add the complementary solution to the particular solution to find the general solution of the original equation.
- Step 4: apply the initial values to obtain the final answer.
- (Fully worked out solution on next slides)

Sample question on differential equations (slide 2)

Question: solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' - 35y = 3e^{5x} \quad y(0) = 137 \quad y'(0) = 42$$

Step 1: first we solve $y'' + 2y' - 35y = 0$. The characteristic equation is $r^2 + 2r - 35 = 0$, thus $(r + 7)(r - 5) = 0$, so the roots are 5 and -7 , two distinct real numbers.

Thus, the complementary solution takes the form $y_c = c_1 e^{5x} + c_2 e^{-7x}$ for any constants c_1 and c_2 . (Later we will determine which c_1 and c_2 suit our initial values.)

Sample question on differential equations (slide 3)

Question: solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' - 35y = 3e^{5x} \quad y(0) = 137 \quad y'(0) = 42$$

Step 2: we apply the method of undetermined coefficients as explained before. $f(x) = 3e^{5x}$, so we would try the particular solution $y_p = Ae^{5x}$.

- (Recall the first case from the method of u.c.: if $f(x) = e^{kx}P_n(x)$, then try $y_p = e^{kx}Q_n(x)$. Here $P_n(x) = 3$, a “polynomial” of degree 0)

However, the complementary solution was $y_c = c_1e^{5x} + c_2e^{-7x}$ for any constants c_1 and c_2 . We observe that our trial particular solution $y_p = Ae^{5x}$ will not work, because it is a solution to the complementary equation! Thus, we multiply our guess by x , so our trial particular solution is $y_p = Axe^{5x}$, but we still need to find the constant A (next slide).

Sample question on differential equations (slide 4)

Question: solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' - 35y = 3e^{5x} \quad y(0) = 137 \quad y'(0) = 42$$

Step 2 (continuation): our trial particular solution is $y_p = Axe^{5x}$, but we need to find A . So we compute the derivatives: $y'_p = A(e^{5x} + 5xe^{5x})$ and $y''_p = A(5e^{5x} + 5e^{5x} + 25xe^{5x}) = A(10e^{5x} + 25xe^{5x})$. We substitute this in the original differential equation to find:

$$\begin{aligned} A(10e^{5x} + 25xe^{5x}) + 2A(e^{5x} + 5xe^{5x}) - 35Axe^{5x} &= 3e^{5x} \\ \iff 12Ae^{5x} &= 3e^{5x} \end{aligned}$$

So we take $A = \frac{1}{4}$. The guess worked (since we were able to find an A such that $y_p = Axe^{5x}$ satisfies the differential equation), so we found the valid particular solution $y_p = \frac{1}{4}xe^{5x}$.

Sample question on differential equations (slide 5)

Question: solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' - 35y = 3e^{5x} \quad y(0) = 137 \quad y'(0) = 42$$

Step 3): the general solution to the complementary equation was $y_c = c_1 e^{5x} + c_2 e^{-7x}$ and a particular solution is $y_p = \frac{1}{4} x e^{5x}$. We add these together to obtain the general solution to the non-homogeneous (original) equation for any constants c_1 and c_2 :

$$y = c_1 e^{5x} + c_2 e^{-7x} + \frac{1}{4} x e^{5x}$$

This is a solution for every c_1 and c_2 , but we were given an initial value problem, i.e. we still have to find c_1 and c_2 such that $y(0) = 137$ and $y'(0) = 42$ (step 4, next slide).

Sample question on differential equations (slide 6)

Question: solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' - 35y = 3e^{5x} \quad y(0) = 137 \quad y'(0) = 42$$

Step 4): the general solution to the differential equation is

$$y = c_1 e^{5x} + c_2 e^{-7x} + \frac{1}{4} x e^{5x}, \text{ with derivative}$$

$$y' = 5c_1 e^{5x} - 7c_2 e^{-7x} + \frac{1}{4} e^{5x} + \frac{5}{4} x e^{5x}.$$

We need to have $y(0) = 137$ and $y'(0) = 42$, i.e.

$$y(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 137 \quad y'(0) = 5c_1 - 7c_2 + \frac{1}{4} = 42$$

Substituting $c_2 = 137 - c_1$ into the second equation gives

$5c_1 - 7(137 - c_1) + \frac{1}{4} = 42 \iff 12c_1 = \frac{4003}{4} \iff c_1 = \frac{4003}{48}$ and from we first equation we obtain $c_2 = 137 - \frac{4003}{48} = \frac{2573}{48}$. Therefore, the solution is

$$y = \frac{4003}{48} e^{5x} + \frac{2573}{48} e^{-7x} + \frac{1}{4} x e^{5x}$$

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What is a Taylor series

Taylor series are beautiful tools to approximate “difficult-looking” functions into nice polynomials. Some examples:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

Now, the question is, how does one find these Taylor series?

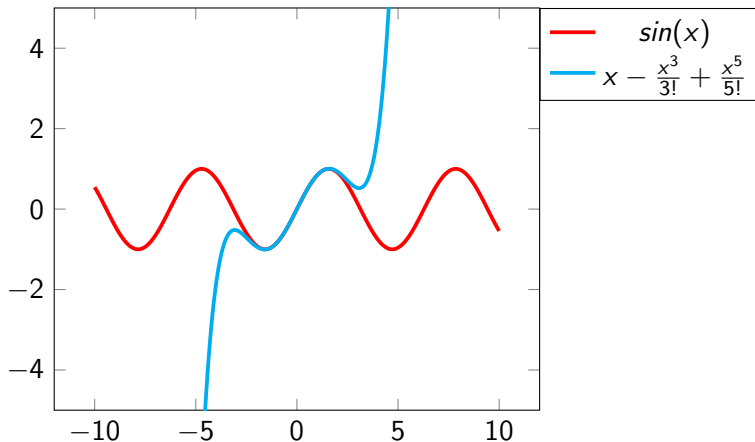
General formula for Taylor series

Suppose we have a function $f(x)$ that we want to approximate around $x = a$. The corresponding Taylor series is then

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

- Notice that by the bracket notation $f^{(n)}$, we mean the n^{th} derivative of the function f .
- When $a = 0$ (when we center around 0), the Taylor series is also called **Maclaurin series**.
- It is good to know that the Taylor series does not always converge to the original function. However, it can be proven that it does in the case of many functions, including e^x and $\cos x$ and many more functions.
- For the intuition behind this formula, watch this video by 3Blue1Brown:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3d6DsJIBzJ4>.

Visualization



For a sick interactive version:

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/elb2sjyuhu>

Example Taylor series question

Compute the Taylor series of the function $f(x) = \sin x$ centered around $x = 0$.

Solution: let's compute some derivatives:

$$f^{(0)}(x) = f(x) = \sin x \qquad f^{(0)}(0) = 0$$

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

$$f^{(2)}(x) = -\sin x \qquad f^{(2)}(0) = 0$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = -\cos x \qquad f^{(3)}(0) = -1$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x \qquad f^{(4)}(0) = 0$$

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

We see a pattern! These derivatives will infinitely repeat in a cycle of four. Using the formula for Taylor series and some ingenuity, we get

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

Taylor polynomials

We had already seen

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

but this is an infinite sum.

Very often, only the first few terms will suffice in order to get a precise approximation. When we take only the first few terms such that we have a polynomial of degree n , then this is the **n^{th} degree Taylor polynomial**.

For example, the 5th degree Taylor polynomial of $\sin x$ at 0 is

$$x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \approx \sin x$$