Notes on Maple for Calculus

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Basics in Maple

This is a book written for Maple labs for Calculus I and II.

1.1 What should I do after I opened Maple

Once you opened Maple, you will see the following Maple Start document.

• If you already know what you want to do, then you may open a new document by clicking New Document icon in the start document. The following shows what an new (empty document) looks like.

In this new document you may type in text under Text mode or evaluate a Maple syntax in the Math mode. (See the following picture).

- If you want to explore some featured sample documents, you may go to Start.mw document and click on different icons to open a new document.
 - You may alway reopen the start page by click the home icon to reopen the start page.
- For Calculus, the most useful document is Calculus.

If you click the Calculus icon on the Start page and click OK, you will see the following document.

1.2 Basic Operators

The first thing to know when learn something new is where and how to get help. In Maple, you may simply type

?keyword

to open a help page (a new window).

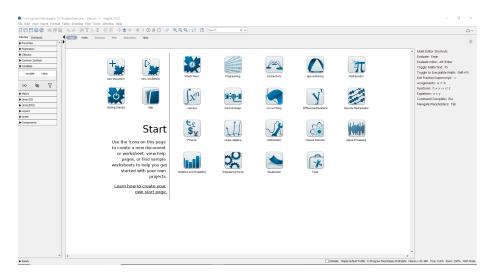


Figure 1.1: Maple start page screenshot

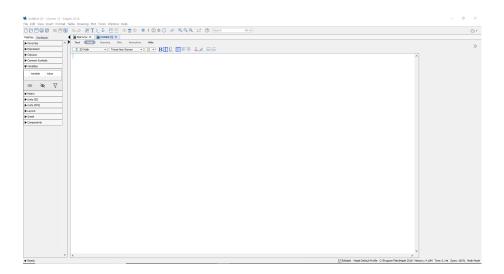


Figure 1.2: Maple new document page screenshot

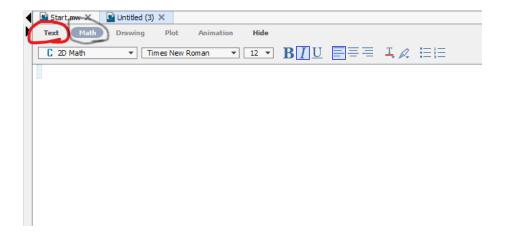


Figure 1.3: Maple text and Math modes screen shot

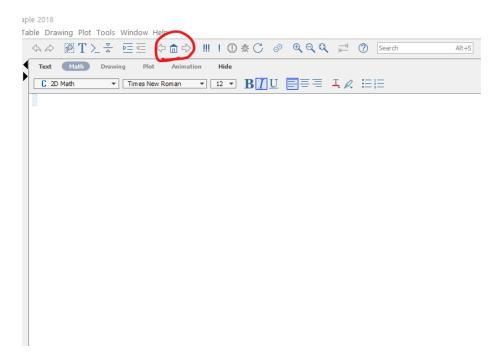


Figure 1.4: Maple reopen start page screenshot

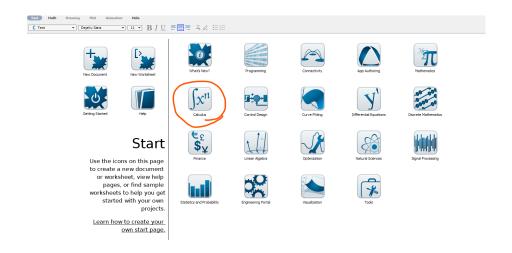


Figure 1.5: Maple start page screen shot with Calculus highlighted

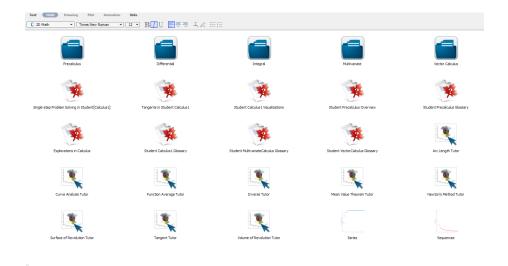


Figure 1.6: Maple Calculus document page screen shot

For example, the command ?operators will lead you to descriptions of arithmetic operators in Maple.

	addition	subtraction	multiplication	division	exponentiation
Maple Operators	+	-	*	/	^
In writing	x + 2	a - b	2x	$\frac{p}{a}$	b^5
In Maple	x+2	a-b	2*x	p/q	b^5

1.3 How to define a function

A function is an assignment, for a given input x, we assignment an output y under a certain rule. Maple take this idea to define functions. The command to define a function has the following form.

function name:= independent variable -> function rule

Here := means "defined/assigned to be" and -> may be understood as "plug in".

Example 1.1. Define the following function in Maple and find the value f(0.999).

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

Solution. The function name is f, the independent variable is x and the function rule is $\frac{x}{x-1}$. So the function can be defined in Maple by the following command.

$$f := x -> x/(x-1)$$

Once the function is define, you may find the function value by the command f(0.999).

Exercise 1.1. Define the following function in Maple and find the value f(2.0001).

$$g(x) = \frac{x^3}{(x-2)^2}$$

Remark. The assignment operator := to the left-hand side the value of the right-hand side. The left-hand side normally is a name and the right-hand side is a value or expression.

Functions

Calling Sequence
Description
Examples

Calling Sequence expr(expseq)

Description

- This help page describes the Maple function expression. A "function" expression represents a function call, or application of a function or procedure to
 arguments. For a list of mathematical functions defined in Maple, see the function of a mathematical function can be defined in Maple using a
 functional operator. Use these to define a function of a single variable, a multivariate function, or a vector function.
- In Maple, a "function" expression represents a function call, or application of a function or procedure to arguments. Such an expression is said to be of type function. A "typical" example of an expression of type function is the expression f(x), which represents the application of the expression f to the argument sequence x. Note that, in this expression, we refer to the entire expression f(x) as being of type function (that is, a "function call" or "function application"), while the expression f is typically not itself of type function (but often is of type procedure).
- The operands of a function expression are the "arguments". For example, the operands of the expression f(a,b,c) are a,b and c. The expression f may be extracted from this expression as the zero-th operand. See the examples section below for more about this.

Figure 1.7: Maple function help page screenshot

1.4 Initially known mathematical functions

Maple has many predefined functions which can be used to create new functions. To see all initially known mathematical functions in maple, you may use the help command ?functions and click the hyperlinked "initial functions" in the description shown in the new window.

Some frequently used functions are listed in tables below.

absolute value	square root	n-th root	natural exponential	logarithmic
abs()	sqrt()	surd(,n)	exp()	log(),log[b](), ln()

sine	cosine	tangent	cotangent	secant	cosecant
sin()	cos()	tan()	cot()	sec()	csc()

inverse	inverse	inverse	inverse	inverse	inverse
sine	cosine	tangent	cotangent	secant	cosecant
arcsin()	arccos()	arctan()	arccot()	arcsec()	arccsc()

Another initially know function that we will use is the piecewise function.

piecewise(condition1, expression1, condition2, expression2, expression3)

Example 1.2. Define the following function in Maple and evaluate pwf(3)

$$pwf(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\sin(x)} & x < -1\\ \frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{|x+2|} & -1 \le x < \pi\\ \ln(e^x + 2) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Solution. The function can be defined by the following command.

pwf:=x->piecewise(x<-1, sqrt(sin(x)), x>=-1 and x<Pi, surd(x, 3)/abs(x+2), ln(exp(x)+2). The value pwf(3) can be obtained by the command pwf(3).

Exercise 1.2. Define the following function in Maple and evaluate q(1)

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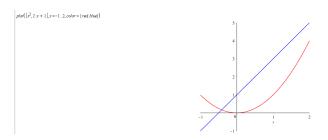


Figure 1.8: Screen shot of the output generated by plotting of two function

1.5 Plot functions

In Maple, you may plot a single variable function easily using the command plot(expression, domain, options)

or plot several single variable functions together using

plot([experssion1, experssion2], domain, options)

In the command, options may be omitted, but the domain must be given. To see details about available options, you may run the command ?plot in Maple.

Example 1.3. Plot the functions $f(x) = x^2$ in red and l(x) = 2x + 1 in blue over the domain [-1, 2].

Solution. Here are the command and the output

plot([x^2, 2*x+1], x=-1..2, color=[red, blue])

Exercise 1.3. Plot the piecewise function in Exercise ??piecewise-exer1 over the domain [-2, 4].

Exercise 1.4. Plot the functions $f(x) = \ln(x+5)$ and $g(x) = 3\cos(2x+1) + 4$ over the domain $[-\pi, \pi]$.

Part 1 - Calculus I

Limits

2.1 Understand limits using tangent lines

Intuitively, the limit of a function f at x = a is a fixed value L that values of the function f(x) approach as the values of $x \neq a$ approach a.

The slope of a tangent line to the graph of a functions is a limit of slopes of secant lines. This can be visualized easily using Maple with the support of the package Student[Calculus1].

Like predefined functions in Maple, package consists of predefine commands for Maple. The package Student serves for studying Calculus and other subject interactively. The subpackage Student[Calculus1] focus mainly on Calculus as the name indicated.

As different package has different focus and serves for different purpose, Maple won't load a specific package until you run the command with(package_name). For example, the command with(Student[Calculus1]) will load the subpackage Calculus1.

Example 2.1. Observe how do secant lines of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 2$ approach to the tangent line at x = 1.

Solution. Load the Student[Calculus1] package using with().

with(Student[Calculus1])

Use TangentSecantTutor from the loaded package to observe changes of secant lines.

TangentSecantTutor(x^3-1, x=1)

Exercise 2.1. Explore the package Student, in particular the subpackage Student[Calculus1]. You can use the command ?Student to get help.

Find the slope of the tangent line to the function $f(x) = 2x^3 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ at x = 1 using the TangentSecantTutor command.

2.2 Estimate limits numerically or graphically

To estimate a limit $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ numerically, one may pick some values close to a and evaluate the function. In Maple, the calculation can be done by using the repetition statement for counter in array do statement end to;

Example 2.2. Estimate the limit $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$ by approximations.

Solution. First, we pick some values close to 0, for example -0.99, -0.999, -0.9999, 0.01, 0.001, 0.0001 and assign them to an expression.

$$sq:=[-0.99, -0.999, -0.9999, 0.0001, 0.001, 0.01]$$

Now we find the function values using two new commands instead of defining the function a priori.

for t in sq do evalf(subs(x=t, sin(x)/x)) end do;

Graphs provide visual intuition which helps understand and solve problems. Recall, the command plot(expression, domain, option) produces a graph of the function defined by the expression over your choice of domain.

Example 2.3. Determine whether the limit $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1}{1-\cos x}$ exists.

Solution. Apply the plot function to the expression over the domain (-0.5, 0.5).

$$plot(1/(1-cos(x)), x=-0.5..0.5)$$

The graph shows that the function $y = \frac{1}{1-\cos x}$ goes to ∞ when x approaches 0. So the limit is an infinite limit.

Exercise 2.2. Estimate the limit $\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{1-\cos x}{x}$ numerically.

Exercise 2.3. Determine whether the limit $\lim_{x\to 1} \frac{\sin x}{|x-1|}$ exists using the graph.

2.3 Evaluate limits

Maple provides the following command to evaluate a limit

limit(function, position, direction)

The direction may be omitted when evaluating a two-side limit.

Example 2.4. Determine whether the limit $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$ exists.

Solution. You may find the left and right limits using the following commands.

$$limit(abs(x)/x, x=0, left)$$

 $limit(abs(x)/x, x=0, right)$

It turns out that $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$ does not exist because the left limit and the right limit are different.

Example 2.5. Evaluate the limit
$$\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$$
, where $f(x)=\frac{1}{x}$.

Solution. The limit can be obtained using the following command.

$$limit((1/(x+h)-1/x)/h, x=0)$$

Exercise 2.4. Determine whether the limit $\lim_{x\to 1/2} \frac{2x-1}{|2x^3-x^2|}$ exists.

Exercise 2.5. Evaluate the limit
$$\lim_{t\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+t} - \sqrt{x}}{t}$$
.

2.4 Learn limit laws using LimitTutor

Suppose the limits of two functions f and g at the same point x=a exist (equal finite numbers). Then the limit operation commutes with addition/subtraction, multiplication/division and power.

In Maple, you may use the command LimitTutor(function, position, direction), which is again supported by the subpackage Student[Calculus1], to learn how to evaluate a limit using limit laws and theorems.

Example 2.6. Evaluate
$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1-\cos x}{x}$$
.

Solution. Load the subpackage Student [Calculus1] if it was not loaded.

Use the following command to learn how to evaluate the limit.

You will see an interactive windows pop out. You can choose the see the procedure step-by-step.

Exercise 2.6. Evaluate
$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{(x+2)(\cos x-1)}{x^2-x}$$
 using LimitTutor.

2.5 Squeeze Theorem

Comparison is a very useful tool in problem solving. Squeeze theorem is such an example

Theorem 2.1 (Squeeze Theorem). Suppose that

$$f(x) \le g(x) \le h(x)$$

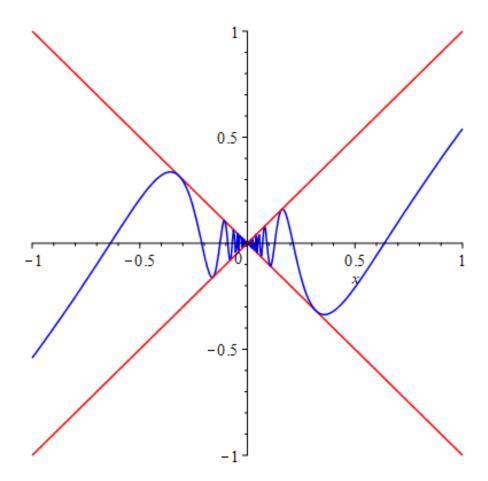


Figure 2.1: Squeeze Theorem demonstration

and

$$\lim_{x \to c} f(x) = L = \lim_{x \to c} h(x).$$

Then

$$\lim_{x \to c} g(x) = L.$$

Let's use Maple to understand the statement.

Example 2.7. Graph the functions f(x) = -x, $g(x) = x \cos \frac{1}{x}$ and h(x) = x in the same coordinate system. What's the limit of g(x) as x approaches 0.

Solution. We use the plot() command to graph the functions together.

plot([-x, x*cos(1/x), x], x=-1..1, discont, color=[red, blue, red])

From the graph, we see that the $\lim_{x\to c} f(x) = 0$ as it is squeezed by two limits which are both 0.

Exercise 2.7. Graph the functions f(x) = -x, $g(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$ and h(x) = x in the same coordinate system. What's the limit of g(x) as x approaches 0.

2.6 Continuity

A function f is continuous at x = a if f(a) is defined and $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = f(a)$. Intuitively, a function is continuous if the graph has no hole or jump.

Example 2.8. Use graph to determine if the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \le -1\\ 1/(x-1) & -1 < x < 1\\ 3 - x & 1 < x \le 2\\ \sin(x-2) + 1 & x > 2\\ -2 & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

is continuous over $(-\infty, \infty)$. Find the discontinuities and verify them using the definition and properties of continuity.

Solution. First we define the function.

We first check visually whether the graph has holes or jumps.

```
plot(f(x), discont = [showremovable], x = -5 ... 5, smartview = true)
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In the above command, the option discont = [showremovable] is used to show removable discontinuities.

From the graph, we can tell that the function has discontinuities which can also be found using Maple.

discont(f(x), x)

Maple gives three discontinuities $\{-1, 1, 2\}$.

Let's first find limits at all three values.

```
discontset:=[-1, 1, 2]
for a in discontset do limit(f(x), x=a) end do
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You will find that limits do not exist at -1 and 1. The limit at 2 is 1. However, g(2) = -2. So f has three discontinuities at x = -1, x = 1 and x = 2.

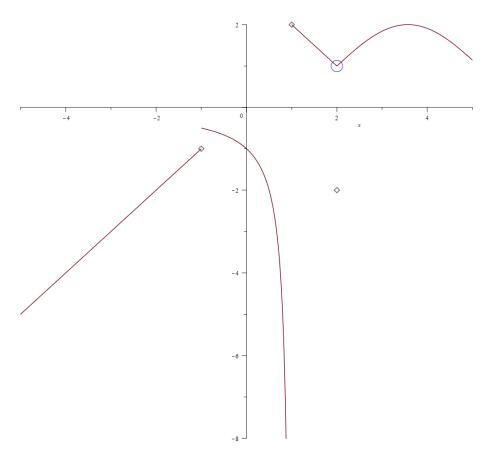


Figure 2.2: An example shows three types of discontinuities ${\cal L}$

Exercise 2.8. Determine if the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 + 2 & x \le 1\\ \tan x & 1 < x < \pi/2\\ 2\cos x - 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is continuous over $(-\infty, \infty)$. Find all discontinuities if they exist and verify them using the definition.

2.7 Continuity and Limit of a Composite Function

Continuous functions behave under composition. The composition of continuous functions is still continuous over its domain. More generally,

Theorem 2.2. Let f be a function continuous at x = L. Suppose that $\lim_{x \to c} g(x) = L$. Then

$$\lim x \to cf(g(x)) = f(L).$$

In general, the limit does not commute with composition.

Example 2.9. Let

$$f(x) = x^3$$
 and $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = 0 \\ 2x - 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Verify that

$$\lim_{x \to 0} f(g(x)) = f(\lim_{x \to 0} g(x)).$$

Is is true that

$$\lim_{x \to 0} g(f(x)) = g(\lim_{x \to 0} f(x))?$$

Solution. We first define f and g in Maple

 $f := x - > x^2$

g:=x->piecewise(x=0, 0, x+2)

Evaluate limits for $f \circ g$.

limit(
$$f(g(x))$$
, $x=0$)
 $f(limit(g(x), x=0))$

The results verify that the limit commutes with composition if the outside function is continuous.

Evaluate limits for $g \circ f$

```
limit(f(g(x)), x=0)
f(limit(g(x), x=0))
```

The results show that the limit may not commute with composition if the outside function is not continuous.

Exercise 2.9. Find three functions f, g, h and a value c such that f(g(x)) is continuous,

$$\lim_{x \to c} f(h(x)) = f(\lim_{x \to c} h(x))$$

and

$$\lim_{x \to c} h(g(x)) \neq h(\lim_{x \to c} g(x)).$$

2.8 Intermediate Value Theorem

A very important result about continuity is the intermediate value theorem (IVT for short).

Theorem 2.3 (Intermediate Value Theorem). Let f be a function continuous over the interval [a,b]. Suppose that $f(a) \neq f(b)$ and N is a number between f(a) and f(b). Then there exists a number $c \in (a,b)$ such that f(c) = N.

In particular, if f(a)f(b) < 0 then there exists a number c such that f(c) = 0.

Example 2.10. Determine whether the equation

$$\sin^2 x + 2x - 1 = 0$$

has the solution in (-1,1). Estimate the solution if it exists.

Solution. We first use the left hand side of the equation to define a function eql. eql:= $x-\sin(x)^2 + 2*x - 1$

Now lets verify that eql is continuous over [-1,1] using the command iscont().

$$iscont(eql(x), x=-1..1)$$

The result is True. We may apply the IVT. Let's check if the value $eql(-1) \cdot eql(1) < 0$.

$$evalf(eql(-1)*eql(1))$$

Here evalf() convert the symbolic answer to the (approximate) numerical value.

Since the product is negative, applying the IVT, we know there exists a solution between (-1,1).

This can also be seen from the graph using the command.

$$plot(eql(x), x=-1..1)$$

To estimate the solution, you may use the Maple command

```
evalf(solve(eql(x) = 0, x))
or you may repeatedly apply IVT to find an approximate solution.
m:=10;
a:=-1;
b:=1;
for n from 1 to m do
    c[n] := (a + b)/2;
    if evalf(eql(c[n])*eql(a)) < 0 then
        b := c[n];
    else
        a := c[n];
    end if;
    evalf(eql(c[n]));
end do;</pre>
```

Exercise 2.10. Find an integer k such that the equation

$$\cos^2 x + 3x - 2 = 0$$

has a solution in (k, k + 1). Estimate the solution.

Derivatives

3.1 Derivative Functions

What makes derivative so important in modern mathematics is the ideal of linearly approximating curves using tangent lines. Geometrically, the derivative of a function f at a point x = a is the slope of the line tangent to f at x = a. Using limits (if it exists), the derivative is defined as

$$f'(a) := \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}.$$

Consider a as a variable, we may define a function called the derivative function. In terms of limits, the derivative function of a function f, denoted by f' is given by

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}.$$

Using limit laws, we can show that differentiable functions are continuous.

Geometrically, the graph of differentiable function locally is flat without any hole or jump.

All elementary functions are differentiable over their domain. But there are also many functions which are not differential everywhere in their domain.

Example 3.1. Use the graph of the function f(x) = |x - 1| to identify a x value where f is not differential. Verify your finding using the definition of differentiability.

Solution. First plot the function.

$$f := x -> abs(x)$$

$$plot(f(x), x=-2..2)$$

You will see the function is not flat near x = 1. To verify that, we calculate the limit of the difference quotient for all x and then evaluate the resulting function at x = 1.

diffquot:=(f(x+h)-f(x))/h

derlimit:= limit(diffquot, h=0)

evalf(subs(x=1, derlimit))

Exercise 3.1. Determine whether the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & x \neq 0\\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is differential at x = 0 using the definition of the differentiability.

Exercise 3.2. Determine whether the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & x \neq 0\\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is differential at x = 0 using the definition of the differentiability.

Exercise 3.3. Using the definition to find the derivative for $y = \sin x$.

3.2 Calculating Derivatives

Calculating a derivative in Maple is as easy as calculating a limit. The command for differentiation is diff(function, variable). For higher derivatives, you may simply repeat the variable or use [variable\$n] to indicate the n times differentiation.

Example 3.2. Calculate the first derivative and the second derivative for the function

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\sin^2 x + 1}}.$$

Solution. First represent the function rule simply by f.

$$f:=2/(sqrt(2*(sin(x))^2+1))$$

Calculate the first derivative and denote the derivative by f1.

Calculate the second derivative and denote the derivative by f2. You may use one of the following three commands.

```
f2:=diff(f1, x)
f2:=diff(f, x, x)
f2:=diff(f, [x$2])
```

Maple also has a tutoring command for differentiation: DiffTutor(function, variable) which is again supported by the subpackage Student[Calculus1]. However, DiffTutor only works for the first derivative.

Example 3.3. Calculate the derivative for $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x - x^{-3}}{\sqrt{x}}$ by hand and compare your calculation the the result given by DiffTutor.

Solution. By hand, we may simplify the expression using rational exponents first and then apply derivative rules.

$$g'(x) = (x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} - x^{-\frac{7}{2}})' = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{7}{2x^4\sqrt{x}} = \frac{3x^5 - 2x^4 + 7}{2x^4\sqrt{x}}.$$

To see the result from DiffTutor, we use the following command. Remember to load the Student[Calculus1] first.

with(Student[Calculus1])
DiffTutor((x^2-2*x-x^(-3))/sqrt(x), x)

Here is how does the output look like

Exercise 3.4. Calculate the first derivative for the function $y = 2x^{-1} - 3\sqrt{x}$ by hand and by Maple. Compare two results. Are they different? If so, can you explain the difference?

Exercise 3.5. Calculate the first derivative for the function $y = x \sin^{-1}(x)$ by hand and by Maple. Compare two results. Are they different? If so, can you explain the difference?

Exercise 3.6. Calculate the first derivative for the function $y = \frac{\cos(x) + \sin x}{x}$ by hand and by Maple. Compare two results. Are they different? If so, can you explain the difference?

Exercise 3.7. Calculate the 3-th derivative for the function $y = \sin x \cos x$ by hand and by Maple. Can you find a formula for the *n*-th derivative of the function?

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x^{2}-2x-\frac{1}{x^{3}}}{\sqrt{x}}\right)$$

$$=\frac{\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)x^{7/2}-\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{7/2}\right)}{x^{7}} \qquad [quotient]$$

$$=\frac{\left(\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{5}\right)+\frac{d}{dx}\left(-2x^{4}\right)+\frac{d}{dx}\left(-1\right)\right)x^{7/2}-\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{7/2}\right)}{x^{7}} \qquad [sum]$$

$$=\frac{\left(\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{5}\right)+\frac{d}{dx}\left(-2x^{4}\right)\right)x^{7/2}-\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{7/2}\right)}{x^{7}} \qquad [constant]$$

$$=\frac{\left(\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{5}\right)-2\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{4}\right)\right)x^{7/2}-\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{7/2}\right)}{x^{7}} \qquad [constantmultiple]$$

$$=\frac{\left(-8x^{3}+\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{5}\right)\right)x^{7/2}-\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{7/2}\right)}{x^{7}} \qquad [power]$$

$$=\frac{\left(5x^{4}-8x^{3}\right)x^{7/2}-\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^{7/2}\right)}{x^{7}} \qquad [power]$$

$$=\frac{\left(5x^{4}-8x^{3}\right)x^{7/2}-\frac{7\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)x^{5/2}}{2}}{x^{7}} \qquad [power]$$

$$=\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x^{2}-2x-\frac{1}{x^{3}}}{\sqrt{x}}\right)=\frac{\left(5x^{4}-8x^{3}\right)x^{7/2}-\frac{7\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)x^{5/2}}{2}}{x^{7}} \qquad [power]$$

$$=\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x^{2}-2x-\frac{1}{x^{3}}}{\sqrt{x}}\right)=\frac{\left(5x^{4}-8x^{3}\right)x^{7/2}-\frac{7\left(x^{5}-2x^{4}-1\right)x^{5/2}}{2}}{x^{7}} \qquad [power]$$

Figure 3.1: The derivative of a function obtained by the DiffTutor command

Part 2 - Calculus II

Volume of Revolution

In terms of definite integrals, the volume of a solid obtained by rotating a region about the x-axis can be calculated by

$$\int_{a}^{b} \pi(r_1(x)^2 - r_2(x)^2) dx \qquad \text{disk/washer method,}$$

or

$$\int_{a}^{b} 2\pi r(y)h(y)\mathrm{d}y \qquad \text{shell method method,}$$

where $r_1(x)$, $r_2(x)$ and r(x) represents the radius and h(x) represents the height of a cylindrical shell.

In practice, it's better to recognize the shape of a cross section, find the volume of a slice of the solid and then set up the integral.

In the following, you will see some tools/commands from Maple which are very helpful to calculate the volume of a solid.

In Maple, the following command, supported by the package Student [Calculus1], can be used to get the graph, the integral and the volume of the solid obtained by rotation the region bounded by f(x), g(x), x = a and x = b.

VolumeOfRevolution(f(x), g(x), x = a..b, opts)

To learn what options does the command VolumeOfRevolution have, you may type

?VolumeOfRevolution

in the Math mode and hit enter. You will see the help page.

Student[Calculus1]

VolumeOfRevolution

find the volume of revolution of a curve

Calling Sequence **Notes** Parameters Examples Calling Sequence VolumeOfRevolution(f(x), x = a..b, opts)VolumeOfRevolution(f(x), g(x), x = a..b, opts)VolumeOfRevolution(f(x), a..b, opts) $\label{eq:VolumeOfRevolution} VolumeOfRevolution(f(x), \ g(x), \ a..b, \ opts)$ Parameters f(x), g(x) - algebraic expressions in variable x - name; specify the independent variable - algebraic expressions; specify the endpoints of the curve a,b opts equation(s) of the form option=value where option is one of axis, distancefromaxis, functionoptions function2options, lineoptions, method, numpoints, output, partition, regionoptions, revolutionpoints, showfunction, showrotationline, showsum, showvolume, sumvolumeoptions, volumeoptions, volume2options, border, or Student plot options; specify output options

Example 4.1. Show the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by $y = x^2$ and y = x about y-axis. Set up an integral for the volume. Find the volume.

Solution. #Load the package

with(Student[Calculus1])

#Show the solid

VolumeOfRevolution(x^2 , x, x = 0 .. 1, axis = vertical, output = plot)

#Set up an integral

VolumeOfRevolution(x^2 , x, x = 0 .. 1, axis = vertical, output = integral)

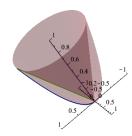
#Find the volume

VolumeOfRevolution(x^2 , x, x = 0 .. 1, axis = vertical, output = value)

The outputs in Maple can be seen in the following picture

Visualize the solid

 $VolumeOfRevolution(x^2, x, x = 0..1, axis = vertical, output = plot)$



The solid of revolution created on $0 \le x \le 1$ by rotation of $f(x) = x^2$ and g(x) = x about the axis x = 0.

Setup the integral

VolumeOfRevolution($x \wedge 2, x, x = 0 \dots 1, axis = vertical, output = integral$)

$$\int_0^1 -2 \, \pi x^2 \, (x-1) \, \mathrm{d} x$$

Find the volume

 $VolumeOfRevolution(x^2, x, x = 0...1, axis = vertical, output = value)$

<u>π</u>

Remark. 1. If you change the function to VolumeOfRevolutionTutor, you will see an interactive popup windows which does exactly the same thing.

2. If the rotation axis is not an axis of the coordinate system, you need add the option distancefromaxis = numeric into the function. For example, if in the above example, the rotation is about y = -2, then the Maple command should be the following

VolumeOfRevolution(x^2 , x, x = 0 .. 1, axis = vertical, distancefromaxis = -2, output = int

Exercise 4.1. Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by $y = x^3$, x = 0, y = 1 about y-axis

Exercise 4.2. Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region bounded by $y = x^3$, y = 0, x = 1 about (a) y = 0, and (b) x = 2.

Inverse Functions

Maple package Student[Calculus1] provides the following command

```
InversePlot(f(x), x = a..b);
```

which graphs the original function f(x) and the inverse function $f^{-1}(x)$ together over the interval [a, b].

You will see clearly that the graphs of a function and its inverse are symmetric with respect to the line y = x.

Example 5.1. 1. Graph the function $f(x) = x^3 - 2$, its inverse function, and the line y = x over the interval [-2, 2].

2. Find the inverse function.

Solution. One way to plot the function and its inverse together is to use the following command which is supported by the package Student[Calculus1].

```
InversePlot(x^3-3, x = -2 ... 2)
```

Here is the output in Maple

Another way to plot the function f and its inverse g together uses the plot function.

```
plot([f(x), g(x), x], x = -2 ... 4, y = -5 ... 5, color = [red, black, blue])
```

To find the inverse function, we replace f(x) by y, then switch x and y, and solve for y. In Maple, you may use the command solve(equation/inequality, variable) to solve an equation or an inequality (even system of equations/inequalities).

In this example, we may find the inverse function by type in the following command. Note I have switch x and y.

```
solve(x=y^3, y)
```

 $InversePlot(x^3 - 3, x = -2..2)$

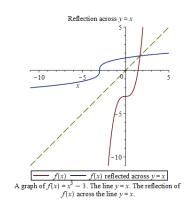


Figure 5.1: Graph of a pair of functions inverse to each other

To find the derivative of the inverse function of a function f at a given point x=a, we may apply the formula

$$(f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(a))}.$$

In Maple, we may use the following commands to calculate the value of the derivative function.

• Calculate the derivative of the function f.

diff(f(x), x)

• Find $f^{-1}(a)$ which is the solution of the equaiton f(x) = a.

solve(f(x)=a, x)

• Plug in the formula to evaluate.

 $eval(subs(x=f^{-1}(a), 1/f'(x)))$

Example 5.2. Find $(f^{-1})'(0)$, where $f(x) = \cos(x)$ and $0 \le x \le \pi$.

Solution. Find the derivative of f

diff(cos(x), x)

Find the value of $f^{-1}(0)$

solve(cos(x)=0, x)

Apply the formula

eval(subs(x=Pi/2, -1/sin(x)))

Using Maple, we find $(f^{-1})'(0) = -1$.

Exercise 5.1. 1. Graph the function $f(x) = 3 + 2\sin x$, its inverse function, and the line y = x over the interval [-2, 2].

2. Find the value $(f^{-1})'(5)$.

Logarithmic and Exponential Functions

6.1 Basic properties and graphs

The natural logarithmic function $y = \ln(x)$ is defined by $\ln(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$.

The natural exponential function $y = e^x$ is defined as the inverse function of $y = \ln(x)$.

From the definition, we have very important identities

$$\ln(e^x) = x$$
 and $e^{\ln x} = x$.

Using those two identities, we may define general exponential functions and general logarithmic function, and deduce the Law of Logarithms and Law of Exponents.

- For any positive number $b \neq 1$, we have $b^x = (e^{\ln b})^x = e^{x \ln b}$.
- For any positive number $b \neq 1$, we define $y = \log_b x$ to be the inverse function of $y = b^x$
- By solving $x = b^y$ for y, we find that $\log_b x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$. This identity is called the change of base property.

How do graphs of logarithmic functions and exponential functions look like?

Example 6.1. Graph the following functions together.

$$y = \ln x$$
, $y = e^x$, $y = 2^x$, $y = \log_2 x, y = x$.

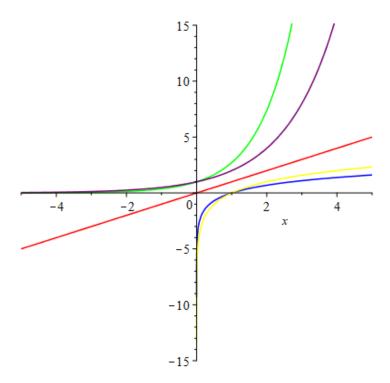


Figure 6.1: Graph of some logarithmic and exponential functions

Solution. In Maple, the logarithm $\log_b x$ is given by $\log[b](x)$. When b=e, you simply use $\ln(x)$ for $\ln x$. When b=10, you may also use $\log(x)$ or $\log(x)$ for $\log_{10} x$.

The exponent b^x is given by b^x in Maple. When b=e, you may also use $\exp(x)$ to represent e^x .

To graph the functions together with different colors, we use the following command

plot([ln(x), exp(x), 2^x , log[2](x), x], x=-5..5, color=[blue, green, purple, yellow, Here is the output

Exercise 6.1. Graph the following functions together.

$$y = \log_3 x$$
, $y = 3^x$, $y = (1/3)^x$, $y = \log_{1/3} x$.

Find the pairs that are symmetric to each other with respect to a certain line.

Exercise 6.2. Graph the following functions together.

$$y = 0.5^x$$
, $y = 2^x$, $y = 5^x$.

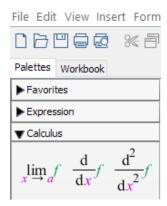


Figure 6.2: Calculus Palette in Maple

Describe the monotonicity (increasing/decreasing) of the functions?

Fix an input x. Describe how y-values change when bases changes from small number to bigger number?

Exercise 6.3. Graph the following functions together.

$$y = \log_{0.5} x, \qquad y = \log_2 x, \qquad y = \log_5 x.$$

Describe the monotonicity (increasing/decreasing) of the functions?

Fix an input x. Describe how y-values change when bases changes from small number to bigger number?

6.2 Differentiation and integration of logarithmic and exponential functions

In Maple, one way to do differentiation and integration is to use the Calculus Palette on the left side.

The other way is to use the commands diff(f(x), x), int(f(x), x), and int(f(x), x=a..b).

Supported by the Student[Calculus1] package, Maple also provides the tutor commands DiffTutor() and IntTutor() which can show step-by-step solution of differentiation and integration.

Note you may also access tutor commands from the Start page (click the home button in the toolbar and look for Calculus).

Example 6.2. Find y', where $y = \ln(x^3 + 5x + 1)$.

Solution. Using diff:

 $diff(ln(x^3+5*x+1), x)$

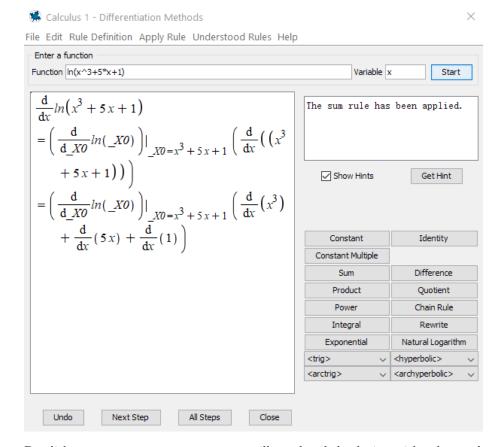
We get

$$y' = \frac{3x^2 + 5}{x^3 + 5x + 1}.$$

Type in (assume that with(Student[Calculus1]) was run)

DiffTutor($ln(x^3+5*x+1), x$)

and hit enter you will see



By click Next Step or All Steps you will see detailed solution with rules used. Example 6.3. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \frac{e^x - 1}{e^x + 1} \mathrm{d}x.$$

Solution. Using int:

$$int((exp(x)-1)/(exp(x)+1), x)$$

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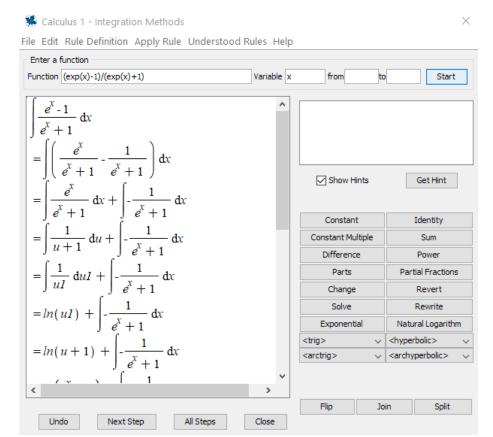
We get

$$\int \frac{e^x - 1}{e^x + 1} dx = 2 \ln(e^x + 1) - x + C.$$

Type in (assume that with(Student[Calculus1]) was run)

IntTutor(($\exp(x)-1$)/($\exp(x)+1$), x)

and hit enter you will see



By click Next Step or All Steps you will see detailed solution with rules used.

Exercise 6.4. Find the derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$, where $y = \ln |\cos x|$

Exercise 6.5. Find the derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$, where $y = x^{\cos x}$

Exercise 6.6. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \frac{\left(e^{4x} + e^{2x}\right)}{e^{3x}} dx$$

Exercise 6.7. Evaluate the integral

$$\int 2^{3x} dx$$

Solve differential equations

In Maple, you may solve the equation y'(x) = ky(x) + c (which is called an ODE) using the command dsolve({ics, eq}), where ics stands for initial condition y(0) = c and eq stands for the differential equation. Without the ics, dsolve will provide a general solution.

Example 7.1. Find the function f(x) which satisfies the differential equation f'(x) = kf(x) with f(0) = 5 and f(2) = 3.

Solution. Use the following command

 $dsolve({f(0)=5, f'(x)=k f(x)})$

we get $f(x) = 5e^{kx}$.

To find k, we solve the equation $3 = 5e^{2k}$ by

 $solve(3=5*e^{(2*k)}, k)$

which shows that $k=\frac{\ln 3-\ln 5}{2}\approx -0.255$. Here we use evalf(%) (% represents the previous result) to get the approximation.

So the function f is given by

$$f(x) = 5e^{\frac{x(\ln 3 - \ln 5)}{2}} \approx 5e^{-0.255x}.$$

Exercise 7.1. Find the function y which satisfies the differential equation y'(x) = ky(x) with y(0) = 2 and y(5) = 11.

Inverse Trigonometric Functions

8.1 Domains and Ranges

To define the inverse function, the original function must be a one-to-one function. For a trigonometric function, we have to restrict the function over a specific domain to ensure that the function is one-to-one. For simplicity, we pick domains near the origin for trigonometric functions. To be more precise, we consider the following trigonometric functions:

$$y=\sin x, \quad -\pi/2 \le x \le \pi/2 \text{ and } -1 \le y \le 1;$$
 $y=\cos x, \quad 0 \le x \le \pi \text{ and } -1 \le y \le 1;$ $y=\tan x, \quad -\pi/2 < x < \pi/2 \text{ and } -\infty < y < \infty.$

Their inverse functions are

$$y=\arcsin x,\quad -\pi/2\leq y\leq \pi/2 \ \text{ and } -1\leq x\leq 1;$$

$$y=\arccos x,\quad 0\leq y\leq \pi \ \text{ and } -1\leq x\leq 1;$$

$$y=\arctan x,\quad -\pi/2< y<\pi/2 \ \text{ and } -\infty< x<\infty.$$

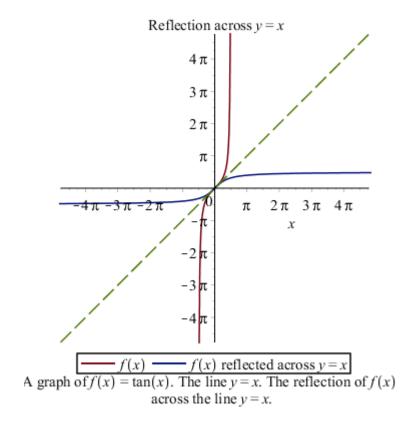


Figure 8.1: Graph of the tangent and arctangent functions

To see the graphs of the functions, we may use the plot(f(x), x = a..b, opts) command. Or, to graph f, f^{-1} and y = x together, we may also use the command InversePlot(f(x), x = a..b, opts) supported by the package Student[Calculus1].

Example 8.1. Graph the following functions together.

```
y = \tan x, y = \arctan x, y = x.
```

Solution. #load the package ``Student[Calculus1]".
with(Student[Calculus1])
#plot the functions
InversePlot(tan(x),x=-Pi/2..Pi/2)

Here is the output

Exercise 8.1. Graph the following functions together over an appropriate domain.

$$y = \cot x, \qquad y = \operatorname{arccot} x, \qquad y = x.$$

What's the domain and range of $y = \operatorname{arccot} x$?

8.2 Differentiation and integration of inverse trigonometric functions

In the section {#Differentiation and integration of logarithmic and exponential functions}, we learned to how use Maple to learn differentiation and integration.

Now let find derivatives and integrals of some inverse trigonometric functions.

Example 8.2. Find y', where $y = \operatorname{arccot} x$.

Solution. Surely, we may use diff or DiffTutor to find the derivative.

Here let's me introduce to you another command implicitdiff.

We've learned that (see $\{\#\text{Inverse Functions}\}\)$ to find the inverse function, we switch x and y and then solve for y. When finding the derivative, we don't have to solve for y instead, we want y' which is implicitly defined by an equation. In this case, we have $x = \operatorname{arccot} y$.

Enter the following commands in Maple, you will find $y' = -\frac{1}{r^2+1}$.

```
implicitdiff(x=cot(y), y, x)
subs(cot(y) = x, %)
```

where % is a ditto operator that allows you to refer to a previously computed result in Maple.

Exercise 8.2. Find the derivative of $y = \operatorname{arcsec} x$

Exercise 8.3. Find the derivative of $y = \operatorname{arccsc} x$

For integrals of inverse trigonometric function, you may need the method of integration by parts.

Use DiffTutor to find antiderivatives of inverse trigonometric functions.

Exercise 8.4. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \arcsin x dx$$

Exercise 8.5. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \arctan x dx$$

Exercise 8.6. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \sec x dx$$

Integrations Involving Trigonometric Functions

9.1 Integrations of trigonometric functions

When evaluating integrations of trigonometric functions, one idea is to reduce the total degree (power) of trigonometric functions using trigonometric identities.

In Maple, you may use the command combine to rewrite the expression.

Example 9.1. Rewrite $\cos^4 x$ into an expression with single terms and evaluate the integral $\int \cos^4 x dx$.

You may compare the above solution with the solution given by $IntTutor((cos(x))^4, x)$.

Exercise 9.1. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \tan^5 x dx$$

Exercise 9.2. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \sin 5x \sin^2 x dx$$

9.2 Trigonometric Substitution

Surely, you may learn some trigonometric substitution tricks using IntTutor.

Here I want to introduce another useful command which when integrating functions, we may need to complete a square and then do a substitution. In Maple, we can complete squares using the command CompleteSquare(f, x) which supported by the package Student[Precalculus].

Example 9.2. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1} \mathrm{d}x.$$

Solution. We first complete the square for the denominator.

#load package Student[Precalculus]
with(Student[Precalculus])
#Complete square for the denominator
CompleteSquare(x^2+x+1, x)

Now you may try DiffTutor and/or evaluate it by hand.

#load package Student[Calculus1]
with(Student[Calculus1])
DiffTutor(1/%, x)

Exercise 9.3. Evaluate the integral

$$\int \sqrt{3 + 2x - x^2} \mathrm{d}x$$

Exercise 9.4. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos t}{\sqrt{1+\sin^2 t}} \mathrm{d}t$$

L'Hospital's Rule

In Maple, supported by the package, Student[Calculus1], the command LimitTutor can show step-by-step solutions of evaluating limits.

Example 10.1. Evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} (1+x)^{1/\ln(x)}$$

Solution. # load the package Student[Calculus1]. with(Student[Calculus1]) #Find the limit step-by-step using LimitTutor LimitTutor($(1+x)^{(1/\ln(x))}$, x = infinity)

Exercise 10.1. Estimate the limit

$$\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{x^2 - x}$$

by graphing and verify your estimation.

Exercise 10.2. Evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} x - \ln(x).$$

Exercise 10.3. Evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} x \tan(\frac{1}{x}).$$

Integrations of Rational Functions by Partial Fractions

In Maple, we can factor a polynomial using the command factor(polynomial) or find partial fraction decomposition using convert(function, parfrac).

Example 11.1. Find the sum of partial fractions for the rational function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 4x + 3}{x^4 + 5x^2 + 4}$$

Solution. This can be done easily in Maple:

use the command convert convert($(x^3+4*x+3)/(x^4+5x^2+4)$, parfrac)

Exercise 11.1. Find the sum of partial fractions for the rational function

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

Exercise 11.2. Find the sum of partial fraction and evaluate the integral

$$\int \frac{2}{3x^2 + 2x - 1} \mathrm{d}x$$

Exercise 11.3. Find the sum of partial fraction and evaluate the integral

$$\int \frac{x^3 + 6x - 2}{x^4 + 6x^2} \mathrm{d}x$$

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Exercise 11.4. Find the sum of partial fraction and evaluate the integral

$$\int \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x - 3\cos x} dx$$

Arc Lengths and Areas of Surfaces of Revolutions

• Arc length:

The length L of an arc: y = f(x), $a \le x \le b$ is

$$L = \int_{a}^{b} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)^2} \, \mathrm{d}x = \int_{f(a)}^{f(b)} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)^2} \, \mathrm{d}y.$$

• Surface area of a revolution

The area S of the surface rotating an arc: y = f(x), $a \le x \le b$ about the x-axis is

$$S = 2\pi \int r \mathrm{d}s = 2\pi \int y \mathrm{d}s,$$

and about the y-axis is

$$S = 2\pi \int r \mathrm{d}s = 2\pi \int x \mathrm{d}s,$$

where

$$ds = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dy.$$

The integral limits depend on whether you use dx or dy in the integral.

In Maple, the package Student[Calculus1] provides commands to investigate arc length and surface area of revolutions: ArcLength(f(x), x = a..b, opts)} SurfaceOfRevolution(f(x), x = a..b, opts)}

Example 12.1. Set up an integral and evaluate the integral for the length of the curve defined by

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \qquad 1 \le x \le 4.$$

Plot f(x) together with the arc length function in the same coordinate system.

Solution. # Load the package

with(Student[Calculus1])

Set up an integral

ArcLength(sqrt(x),x=1..4,output=integral)

Evaluate the integral

ArcLength(sqrt(x),x=1..4)

Plot the function and the arc length function

ArcLength(sqrt(x), x=1..4, output=plot)

Example 12.2. Set up an integral and evaluate the integral for the area of the surface obtained by rotating the curve defined by

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \qquad 1 \le x \le 4$$

about the y-axis. Plot the surface of the revolution.

Solution. # Load the package (skip if the package was already loaded)

with(Student[Calculus1])

Plot the surface

SurfaceOfRevolution(sqrt(x), x=1..4, output=plot, axis=vertical)

Set up an integral

SurfaceOfRevolution(sqrt(x),x=1..4,output=integral, axis=vertical)

Evaluate the integral

SurfaceOfRevolution(sqrt(x),x=1..4, axis=vertical)

Exercise 12.1. Set up an integral and evaluate the integral for the length of the arc defined by

$$f(x) = \ln x, \qquad 1 < x < 2.$$

Plot f(x) together with the arc length function in the same coordinate system.

Exercise 12.2. Plot the surface obtained by rotating the curve defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{x}, \qquad 0 \le x \le 4\pi$$

about the y-axis. Set up an integral for the area of the surface.

Exercise 12.3. Find the area of the surface obtained by rotating the curve defined by

$$f(x) = \sqrt{1 + x^2}, \qquad 0 \le x \le 3.$$

Sequences and Series

A sequence is a list of numbers in a definite order (indexed by integers). A series may be considered as the limit of the sequence of partial sums.

When the sequence is explicitly defined by an mathematical expression $a_n = f(n)$, Maple has the following command to list numbers of the sequence seq(f, i=m..n, step).

Example 13.1. Find the first 10 terms of the sequence $\{\frac{1}{n(n+1)}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$. Determine whether the sequence $\{\frac{1}{n(n+1)}\}$ is convergent or divergent.

Solution. # using seq

$$seq(1/(n*(n+1)), n=1..10)$$

The sequence converges to 0.

For a series $\sum_{n} a_n$, normally it is not easy to find explicit expression for the partial sum $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k$. However, if sequence is defined by an mathematical expression $a_n = f(n)$, we may find values of partial sums recursively use a for/from loop statement in Maple:

for *counter* from *initial* by *increment* to *final* do
 statement_sequence;
end do;

Example 13.2. Find the first 20 partial sums $s_k = \sum_{n=1}^n a_n$ of the infinite series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \cdots$$

Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$ is convergent or divergent.

```
Solution. # Set up s when n=0
s:=1
# Find 10 terms using `for/from loop`
for n from 1 to 10 do
    s:=s+1/(2^n);
end do;
The series converges to 2.
Of course, we may also use for/from loop to list numbers of a sequence.
Solution. Second solution to example 13.1.
# using `for/from loop`
for n from 1 to 10 do
    1/(n*(n+1);
end do;
```

When the sequence is defined by a recurrence formula like the Fibonacci sequence, we will need to Maple how to interpret the formula. For that purpose, we use a procedure, which encloses a sequence of statements between proc(...) and end proc, to define the formula in Maple.

For example, the following is a procedure that defines a function $a(x) = \sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$:

```
a:=proc(x) sqrt(x)-1/sqrt{x}; end proc;
```

To structure codes in a procedure, you may use Code Edit Region which can be find in the Insert menu. To execute codes within this region, click Execute Code from the Edit menu, or use the shortcut command Ctrl+E.

Example 13.3. The Fibonacci sequence is defined by fib(0) = 0, fib(1) = 1 and fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fic(n-2). Find the first 20 Fibonacci numbers.

Solution. We first define a function fib(n) which returns the n-th Fibonacci number.

```
fib := proc (n::nonnegint)
   if 2 <= n then
        return fib(n-1)+fib(n-2):
   else
        return n:
   end if;
end proc

Now we can use either seq() or for/from loop.
seq(fib(n), n=0..19)</pre>
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Exercise 13.1. Find the first 20 terms of the sequence

$$\{\sin\frac{\pi}{n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}.$$

Determine whether the sequence $\{\sin \frac{\pi}{n}\}$ is convergent or divergent.

Exercise 13.2. Find the first 20 partial sums $s_k = \sum_{n=1}^n a_n$ of the infinite series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots$$

Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{n}$ is convergent or divergent.

Exercise 13.3. Find the 20th to 30th Fibonacci numbers.

Power Series

A power series is a series with a variable x:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x^3 + \cdots$$

More generally, a series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n = c_0 + c_1 (x-a) + c_2 (x-a)^2 + c_3 (x-a)^3 + \cdots$$
 (14.1)

is called a power series at a.

We call a positive number R the radius of convergence of the power series ??(eq:Taylor-series) if the power series converges whenever |x - a| < R and diverges whenever |x - a| > R.

If a function f has a power series representation, i.e.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n, \quad |x-a| < R,$$

then its coefficients are given by $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$.

Example 14.1. Find the interval of convergence of the power series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n x^n}{n^3}.$$

Solution. # Find the abs(a_{n+1}/a_n)

 $q:=abs((-2)^{(n+1)}(n+1)^3/(-2)^{(n+1)}(n+1)^3);$

Find the limit of q

r:=limit(simplify(q), n=infinity)

Find the interval of convergence

solve(abs(x)<1/r, x)

Example 14.2. Find the Taylor expansion of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ at x = 0 up to the 5-th order. Plot f(x) and the 5-th order Taylor polynomial together.

Solution. # Find the Taylor expansion.

ftaylor:=taylor(1/(x-2), x = 0, 5)

convert the Taylor series into a polynomial

fpoly:=convert(ftaylor, polynom)

Plot the functions

plot([1/(x-2), fpoly], x=-1..1)

Exercise 14.1. Find the interval of convergence of the power series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-4)^n x^n}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Exercise 14.2. Find the Taylor expansion of the function $f(x) = \sin x$ at x = 0 up to the 5-th order. Plot f(x) and the 5-th order Taylor polynomial together over the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$.

Taylor Expansion

Let f(x) be a function. Assume that the k-th order derivatives $f^k(a)$ exist for k = 1, 2, ..., n. The polynomial

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

is called the n-th degree Taylor polynomial of f at a.

Let f(x) be a function has derivative at a up to all orders. Set

$$R_n(x) = \sum_{k=-k+1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k, \quad |x-a| < R,$$

which is called the reminder of the Taylor series

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

If

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} R_n(x) = 0$$

for |x-a| < R, then f(x) is the sum of the Taylor series on the interval, that is

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k, \quad |x-a| < R.$$

If $|f^{n+1}x| \leq M$ for $|x-a| \leq d$, then the reminder R_n satisfies the follow inequality

$$|R_n(x)| \le \frac{M}{n+1} |x-a|^{n+1}$$
 for $|x-a| \le d$.

Roughly speaking, the absolute value of the reminder $|R_n(x)|$ determines how accurate the Taylor polynomial approximation.

Example 15.1. Approximate function $f(x) = \sin x$ by the degree 3 Taylor polynomial at x = 1.

Solution. # Find the Taylor series.

fTs:=taylor(sin(x), x = 0, 4)

Convert the Taylor series into a polynomial

fTp:=convert(fTs, polynom)

Evaluate the Taylor polynomial at 1

subs(x=1, fpolyapprox)

Example 15.2. Plot the function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

and its 5-th order Taylor polynomial over the domain [-2..2]. What can you conclude?

Solution. # Define a piece-wisely defined function.

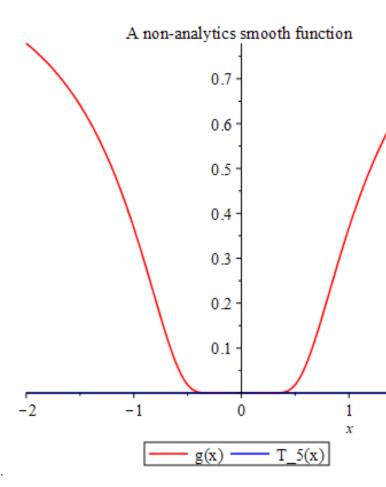
g:=piecewise(x!=0, $exp(-1/x^2)$, 0)

Find Taylor polynomial of degree 5.

for n to 5 do T := $(eval(diff(g(x), x$n), x = 0))*x^n/factorial(n)+T end do$

Plot the functions

plot([g,T],x=-2..2, color=[red, blue])



The graphs of the functions are shown in the picture.

In the solution, x\$n is a shortcut option for x, x, x, x, x in the diff command.

Exercise 15.1. Approximate function $f(x) = e^x$ by the degree 5 Taylor polynomial at x = 1.

Exercise 15.2. Compare the function $y = \sin x$ with its degree 10 Taylor polynomial at x = 0.