

# MAT137 Lecture 40

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# Agenda

Computing Taylor series.

# Multiplication of power series

Use the equation

$$\cos(x) \sec(x) = 1$$

and the Maclaurin series for  $\cos x$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^6}{720} + \cdots, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

to find the Maclaurin series for  $\sec x$  up to order 4. Since  $\sec(x)$  is undefined at  $\pm\pi/2$ , the expansion is valid for  $|x| < \pi/2$ .

# Taylor series

**Exercise.** Let

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

Find the Taylor series for  $f$  centered at 1. What is the radius of convergence?

# Taylor series

**Exercise.** Use the Maclaurin series for  $\ln(1+x)$ :

$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \cdots, \quad |x| < 1$$

to find the Maclaurin series for

$$f(x) = \ln(3+x^2).$$

What is the radius of convergence?

# Taylor series and compositions

**Exercise.** Let

$$f(x) = \ln(\cos x).$$

Find the Maclaurin series for  $f$  up to order 4. What is the radius of convergence?

**Hint.** Write

$$\ln(\cos x) = \ln(1 + (\cos x - 1)).$$

Then

$$\ln(\cos x) = -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{12} - \dots$$

The radius of convergence is  $\pi/2$ .

# The sum of a series

Find the sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{3n+2}}{n!} = 1 - x^5 + \frac{x^8}{2} - \frac{x^{11}}{6} + \dots$$

# Next Class: Thursday March 29

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