

Taylor Series (Part 1)

In the last section, we could only write functions into a power series if we could get $f(x)$

into the form $\frac{1}{1-x}$ by differentiating or integrating.

A natural question is, "Is there a formula for c_n based on $f(x)$?"

Suppose f is a function which can be differentiated over and over again at $x = 0$.

Then if f has a power series of the form $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$,

$$(x - a)^n$$

 $a=0$

then the coefficients c_n must satisfy $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$ for all n

In other words, the only power series of the form $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ which can represent f is the series

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

This series is called the Taylor series (centered at 0) of $f(x)$ or the Maclaurin series of $f(x)$

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must satisfy $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$ and the series is called the Taylor series centered at a

The n th – order Taylor Polynomial $P_N(x)$ is

$$P_N(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x - a)^3 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(N)}(a)}{N!}(x - a)^N$$

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

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + c_3(x-a)^3 + c_4(x-a)^4 + \dots$$

\downarrow

$x=a$

$$f(a) = c_0$$

$$f'(x) = 0 + c_1 + c_2 \cdot 2(x-a) + c_3 \cdot 3(x-a)^2 + c_4 \cdot 4(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

\downarrow

$x=a$

$$f'(a) = c_1$$

$$f''(x) = 0 + 0 + 2c_2 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot c_3(x-a) + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot c_4(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

\downarrow

$x=a$

$$f''(a) = 2c_2$$

$$f'''(x) = 0 + 0 + 0 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot c_3 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot c_4(x-a) + \dots$$

\downarrow

$x=a$

$$f'''(a) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot c_3$$

$$f^{(n)}(a) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots n c_n \Rightarrow$$

$$c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$$

Example #1

Find a Maclaurin Series for $f(x)$:

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

$$\text{For } |x| < 1, \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots + x^n + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} \Big|_{x=0} = 1$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}(-1) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1!}{1!} = 1$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-2}{(1-x)^3} \cdot (-1) = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{2!}{1!} = 2$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = \frac{2 \cdot (-3)}{(1-x)^4}(-1) = \frac{2 \cdot 3}{(1-x)^4} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{3!}{1!} = 6$$

$$\therefore f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdots n}{(1-x)^{n+1}} = \frac{n!}{(1-x)^{n+1}} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{n!}{1!}$$

$$c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = \frac{n!}{n!} = 1$$

$$f(x) = \sum c_n x^n =$$

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

$$2. f(x) = e^x$$

$$\text{MacL.} \Rightarrow x=0 \Rightarrow e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

$$f(x) = e^x \Big|_{x=0} = 1$$

$$f'(x) = e^x \Big|_{x=0} = 1$$

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$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^x \Rightarrow$$

$$f^{(n)}(0) = 1$$

$$c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = \frac{1}{n!}$$

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

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

$$\text{Ratio} \quad \lim \left| \frac{\frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{x^n}{n!}} \right| = \lim \frac{|x|^{n+1} \cdot n!}{|x|^n (n+1)!} = |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0 < 1 \quad \text{also}$$

Cohr. for any x , $-\infty < x < \infty$, $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$3. f(x) = \cos x$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \Rightarrow c_n = ?$$

$$f(x) = \cos x \Big|_{x=0} = 1$$

$$f^{(4)} = \cos x \Big|_{x=0} = 1$$

$$1) f'(x) = -\sin x \Big|_{x=0} = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$k = \text{odd} \Rightarrow f^{(k)}(0) = 0$$

$$f''(x) = -\cos x \Big|_{x=0} = -1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$3) f'''(x) = \sin x \Big|_{x=0} = 0$$

$$f^{(k)}(0)$$

$$k = \text{even} \quad k = 2n$$

$$f^{(2n)}(0) = \pm 1 = (-1)^n$$

$$k = \text{odd} \Rightarrow f^{(k)}(0) = 0$$

$$c_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!}$$

$$c_{2n} = \frac{f^{(2n)}(0)}{(2n)!} = \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{2n} x^{2n}$$

$$c_0 x^0, c_3 x^3, c_5 x^5$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cdots (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \cdots$$

$$4. f(x) = \sin x$$

$$\underline{a=0} \Rightarrow \sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

$$\underline{n=0} \quad f(x) = \sin x \Big|_{x=0} = 0$$

$$\underline{f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x \Big|_{x=0} = 0}$$

$$\underline{f'(x) = \cos x \Big|_{x=0} = 1}$$

⋮

$$k=2n \Rightarrow f^{(2n)}(0)=0$$

$$\underline{f''(x) = -\sin x \Big|_{x=0} = 0}$$

⋮

$$f^k(0)$$

$$\underline{f^3(x) = -\cos x \Big|_{x=0} = -1}$$

⋮

$$k=2h+1 \Rightarrow f^{(2h+1)}(0) = (\pm 1)$$

$$C_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\text{or } f^{(2h+1)}(0) = (-1)^{h+1}$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \cdots (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \cdots$$

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

Example #2

1(a) Find the full Taylor Series representation for $f(x) = e^{x-5}$ centered at $x = 5$.

$$\underline{f(x) = e^{x-5} = \sum c_n (x-5)^n}$$

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

$$t = x - 5$$

$$e^{x-5} = e^t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} = \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-5)^n}{n!} \right] = 1 + (x-5) + \frac{(x-5)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$\text{We can check it: } e^{x-5} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-5)^n, \text{ where } c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(5)}{n!}$$

$$f(x) = e^{x-5}|_{x=5} = 1$$

$$f'(x) = e^{x-5}|_{x=5} = 1$$

$$f''(x) = e^{x-5}|_{x=5} = 1$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^{x-5}|_{x=5} = 1$$

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$$\Rightarrow c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(5)}{n!} = \frac{1}{n!} \text{ and } e^{x-5} = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (x-5)^n}$$

1(b) Find the full Taylor Series representation for $f(x) = e^x$ centered at $x = 5$

$$e^x = \sum c_n (x-5)^n \Rightarrow c_n = ?$$

$$t = x - 5 \Rightarrow x = t + 5$$

$$e^x = e^{t+5} = e^5 e^t = e^5 \sum \frac{t^n}{n!} = e^5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-5)^n}{n!} = \boxed{\sum \frac{e^5 (x-5)^n}{n!}}$$

Check again : $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-5)^n$, where $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(5)}{n!}$

$$f(x) = e^x|_{x=5} = e^5$$

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$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^5 \Rightarrow c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(5)}{n!} = \frac{e^5}{n!} \text{ and } e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^5}{n!} (x-5)^n$$

$$f(x) = e^x|_{x=5} = e^5$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^x|_{x=5} = e^5$$

1(c) Find the full Taylor Series representation for $f(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}}$ centered at $x = 1$

$$f(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-1)^n$$

$t = x-1 \Rightarrow x = t+1$ $u = -\frac{t}{2}$, $e^u = \sum \frac{u^n}{n!}$

$$e^{-\frac{x}{2}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t+1)} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)} =$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(-\frac{t}{2}\right)^n}{n!} = \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \sum \frac{(-1)^n t^n}{2^n \cdot n!} = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-1)^n}{2^n n!}}$$

Check : $e^{-\frac{x}{2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-1)^n$, where $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(1)}{n!}$

$$f(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}}|_{x=1} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)|_{x=1} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$f(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)|_{x=1} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(1) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \Rightarrow c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(1)}{n!} = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{n!} \text{ and } e^{-\frac{x}{2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{2^n n!} (x-1)^n$$

2.a. Find the Taylor Polynomial P_3 for $f(x) = \ln(x-2)$ centered at $x = 3$

$$\sum \frac{f^{(n)}(3)}{n!} (x-3)^n$$

$$P_3(x) = f(3) + \frac{f'(3)(x-3)}{1!} + \frac{f''(3)(x-3)^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(3)(x-3)^3}{3!}$$

$$f(x) = \ln(x-2) \Big|_{x=3} = 0$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x-2} \Big|_{x=3} = 1$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-1}{(x-2)^2} \Big|_{x=3} = -1$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{(-1)(-2)}{(x-2)^3} \Big|_{x=3} = 2$$

$$P_3(x) = 0 + 1(x-3) - \frac{1}{2!}(x-3)^2 + \frac{2}{3!}(x-3)^3 \Rightarrow$$

$$P_3(x) = (x-3) - \frac{1}{2}(x-3)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-3)^3$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{(x-2)^4}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{(x-2)^n}$$

1.b. Find the full Taylor Series representation for $f(x) = \ln(x-2)$ centered at $x = 3$

$$f^n(3) = (-1)^{n-1} \Rightarrow C_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{n!}$$

$$f(x) = \ln(x-2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{n!} (x-3)^n = \begin{cases} h=0 \\ (-1)! \\ \text{not defined} \end{cases}$$

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

$$\ln(1+t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{t^n}{n} = t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} + \dots (-1)^n \frac{t^n}{n} + \dots$$

we want it around $x=3 \Rightarrow t = x-3$

$$\ln(1+t) = \ln(1+(x-3)) = \ln(x-2)$$

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

$$\ln(x-2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(x-3)^n}{n} = (x-3) - \frac{(x-3)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-3)^3}{3} - \frac{(x-3)^4}{4} + \dots (-1)^n \frac{(x-3)^n}{n} + \dots$$

$P_3(f)$

3. Find the full Taylor Series representation for $f(x) = \ln(x) - 1$ centered at $x=e$

(Here, the "long way", with derivatives, is easier, than the "short cut". The last one is too tricky, I think)

(Here is the idea for "short cut", anyway:

$$f(x) = \ln x - \underbrace{\ln e}_1 = \ln\left(\frac{x}{e}\right) = \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{e} - 1\right) = \\ = \ln\left(1 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{x-e}{e}\right)}_t\right) = \ln(1+t) = \dots \text{use the formula. } \smiley$$

4. Find the first three non-zero terms of the Maclaurin series for the $f(x) = x^2 \sin(2x)$

$$\sin t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = t - \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^5}{5!} - \frac{t^7}{7!} + \dots (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$t = 2x$$

$$\sin(2x) = (2x) - \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(2x)^5}{5!}$$

$$f(x) = x^2 \cdot \sin 2x, \quad x^2 \left(2x - \frac{8x^3}{3!} + \frac{32x^5}{5!} \right) = 2x^3 - \frac{8}{3!} x^5 + \frac{32}{5!} x^7$$

5. Find the first three non-zero terms of the Maclaurin series for the $f(x) = 2xe^x$

6. Find the first three non-zero terms of the **Taylor series** for the $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ about $a = 1$

$$f(x) = \sum C_n (x-1)^n \quad \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)$$

short
cut

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{x} &= \frac{1}{(x-1)+1} = \frac{1}{1+(x-1)} \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \frac{1}{1-\underbrace{(-(x-1))}_t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (x-1)^n = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (x-1)^n \Rightarrow \boxed{1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 - (x-1)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Other way

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \Big|_{x=1} = 1$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \Big|_{x=1} = -1$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1(-2)}{x^3} \Big|_{x=1} = 2$$

$$C_0 = \frac{f(1)}{0!} = 1$$

$$C_1 = \frac{f'(1)}{1!} = (-1)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{f''(1)}{2!} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

three terms

$$\boxed{1 + (-1)(x-1) + 1(x-1)^2}$$