

11.10 Taylor and Maclaurin Series

1. Taylor and Maclaurin series
2. e^x , $\sin x$, $\cos x$, $(1+x)^k$
3. multiplication and division of power series

函數表示成冪級數可以做逐項微積分, 可以逼近無理數或超越數; 要怎麼做?

給定函數 $f(x)$, 怎麼找到 c_0, c_1, \dots , 讓 $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$ (在 $|x-a| < R$)?

0.1 Taylor and Maclaurin series

逆向思考: If f can be represented by a power series at a .

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + c_3(x-a)^3 + \dots, \quad |x-a| < R.$$

先找出 c_n 跟 f 有甚麼關係? When $|x-a| < R$, 由逐項微積分:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + c_3(x-a)^3 + \dots, & f(a) &= c_0, \\ f'(x) &= c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + 3c_3(x-a)^2 + 4c_4(x-a)^3 + \dots, & f'(a) &= c_1, \\ f''(x) &= 2c_2 + 6c_3(x-a) + 12c_4(x-a)^2 + \dots, & f''(a) &= 2c_2, \\ f'''(x) &= 6c_3 + 24c_4(x-a) + \dots, & f'''(a) &= 6c_3, \\ &\vdots & &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = n!c_n + \dots + \frac{(n+k)!}{k!}(x-a)^k + \dots, \quad f^{(n)}(a) = n!c_n.$$

$$\implies \text{We get } c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}. \text{ Adopt the conventions } \boxed{0! = 1} \text{ and } \boxed{f^{(0)} = f}.$$

Theorem 1 If f has a power series representation (expansion) at a , that is, if (函數 f 可以在 a 寫成冪級數 (或“有冪級數的表示法”, 或簡稱“展開”),)

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

then its **coefficients** are given by the formula (係數與函數的關係公式)

$$\boxed{c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}} \quad (f \text{ 在 } a \text{ 的 } n \text{ 階導數除以 } n!)$$

♥ Important: 要除以 $n!$, 要除以 $n!$, 要除以 $n!$ 。

Define: The *Taylor Series* 泰勒級數 of the function f at a (centered at a or about a) (f 在 a (以 a 為中心/ a 附近) 的泰勒級數):

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

Define The *Maclaurin Series* 馬克勞林級數 of the function f :

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

Note: f 的馬克勞林級數就是 f 在 0 的泰勒級數; 泰勒級數要講在哪 (at a), 馬克勞林級數不用。

Attention: 每個函數都有他的泰勒級數, 但不一定相等. (Exercise 11.10.84)

Skill: 怎麼找泰勒/馬可勞林級數: 寫出公式, 微分 f , 代入 a , 放進公式。

Ex: Let $f(x) = \sqrt{2} + ex^2 + \pi x^3$. **Q1:** M.S.=?

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| | (微分) | (代入中心) | (放進公式) |
| $n = 0:$ | $f(x) = \sqrt{2} + ex^2 + \pi x^3,$ | $f(0) = \sqrt{2},$ | $\sqrt{2}$ |
| $n = 1:$ | $f'(x) = 2ex + 3\pi x^2,$ | $f'(0) = 0,$ | $+0 \cdot x/1!$ |
| $n = 2:$ | $f''(x) = 2e + 6\pi x,$ | $f''(0) = 2e,$ | $+2e \cdot x^2/2!$ |
| $n = 3:$ | $f'''(x) = 6\pi,$ | $f'''(0) = 6\pi,$ | $+6\pi \cdot x^3/3!$ |
| $n \geq 4:$ | $f^{(n)}(x) = 0,$ | $f^{(n)}(0) = 0,$ | $+0 \cdot x^n/n! + \dots$ |

A1: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = \sqrt{2} + \frac{0}{1!}x + \frac{2e}{2!}x^2 + \frac{6\pi}{3!}x^3 (+0 + \dots) = \sqrt{2} + ex^2 + \pi x^3.$

(\because finite, converges for all x , $R = \infty$.)

Note: 如果函數 f 可以表示成冪級數 (在某個以 a 為中心的收斂區間內):

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

這個冪級數就會是 f (在 a) 的泰勒級數。

Question: 函數什麼時候可以表示成冪級數 (power series representation)?

稱為: f $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{is the sum of its Taylor series} \\ \text{has a Taylor expansion} \\ \text{can be Taylor expanded} \end{array} \right\}$ 等於他的泰勒級數和 有泰勒展開式 能被泰勒展開 } at a .

Define: The n th-degree Taylor polynomial 第 n 階泰勒多項式 of f at a (n 是指 x 的最高次數):

$$\begin{aligned} T_n(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i \\ &= f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n. \end{aligned}$$

(可以看成泰勒級數的部分和, $T_n(x)$ 是前 (最多) $n+1$ 項和。)

Define: The n th remainder 第 n 個剩餘項 (函數):

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - T_n(x).$$

Attention: 注意, 跟級數剩餘項 ($R_n = s - s_n$) 不一樣!

課本上稱 $R_n(x)$ 為泰勒級數的剩餘項 (the remainder of the Taylor series), 並不是級數扣掉前 n 個非零項, 而是 $f(x)$ 與 f 的第 n 階泰勒多項式 $T_n(x)$ 的差。

Theorem 2 If $f(x) = T_n(x) + R_n(x)$, where T_n is the n th-degree Taylor polynomial of f at a and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ for $|x-a| < R'$, then $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x)$ the sum of its Taylor series on the interval $|x-a| < R'$.
(當剩餘項歸零, 函數就是他的泰勒級數 (可以表示成冪級數, 或可以泰勒展開)。)

Attention: 注意! 不是泰勒級數收斂, R' 是 $R_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ 的收斂半徑, 不是泰勒級數的收斂半徑 R 。(同學們容易混淆, 所以我用 R' 做出區別, 跟課本上不同。)

EX: (Continuous) **Q2:** Find $T_n(x)$ & $R_n(x)$ of $f(x)$ at 0 =?

A2:
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{M.S.} = \sqrt{2} + ex^2 + \pi x^3, \quad f(x) = \sqrt{2} + ex^2 + \pi x^3, \\ \hline T_0(x) = \sqrt{2}, \quad R_0(x) = ex^2 + \pi x^3, \\ T_1(x) = \sqrt{2}, \quad R_1(x) = ex^2 + \pi x^3, \\ T_2(x) = \sqrt{2} + ex^2, \quad R_2(x) = \pi x^3, \\ T_{n \geq 3}(x) = \sqrt{2} + ex^2 + \pi x^3, \quad R_{n \geq 3}(x) = 0. \end{array}$$

Question: When $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$? For $|x-a| < R'$, $R' = ?$

Ex: (Continuous) **Q3:** Each x gives a sequence $\{R_n(x)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$.

For what value of x , $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$? ($\iff f(x) = \text{its M.S.}$)

$$\{R_n(x)\}_{n=0}^{\infty} = \{ex^2 + \pi x^3, ex^2 + \pi x^3, \pi x^3, 0, 0, \dots\}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x.$$

A3: For all x ($R' = \infty$).

Theorem 3 (Taylor's Inequality) If $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ for $|x-a| \leq d$, then the remainder $R_n(x)$ of the Taylor series satisfies the inequality

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1}, \quad \text{for } |x-a| \leq d.$$

◆: **Proof.** By integrating $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ (from a to x) $n+1$ times and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. (從 a 到 x 定積分不等式兩邊 $n+1$ 次。)

$$1^{\text{st}}: f^{(n)}(x) - f^{(n)}(a) = \int_a^x f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \leq \int_a^x M dt = M(x-a),$$

$$2^{\text{nd}}: f^{(n-1)}(x) - f^{(n-1)}(a) - \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{1!}(x-a) \leq \frac{M}{2!}(x-a)^2, \dots,$$

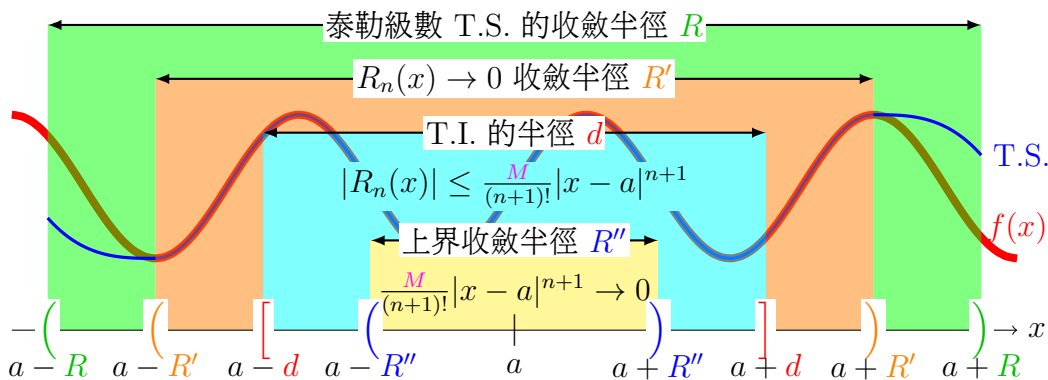
$$n^{\text{th}}: f'(x) - f'(a) - \frac{f''(a)}{1!}(x-a) - \dots - \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{(n-1)!}(x-a)^{n-1} \leq \frac{M}{n!}(x-a)^n,$$

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - f(a) - \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) - \dots - \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!}(x-a)^{n+1}.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } R_n \geq \frac{-M}{(n+1)!}(x-a)^{n+1}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Note: Why Taylor's inequality? 直接用 $R_n(x)$ 不容易找到 R' :

1. 利用 Taylor's inequality, 找到 $|R_n(x)|$ 的上界 (冪次函數)。(d 不是收斂半徑)
2. 找到這個上界數列收斂的收斂半徑 R'' 。(比較大比較難收斂, 範圍比較小。)
3. 利用 Squeeze Theorem, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |R_n(x)| = 0 \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$.
4. 定理只保證在 $|x-a| < R''$ 內會收斂, 但 R'' 不一定是 R' . In fact, $R'' \leq R'$.



◆ **Additional:** Lagrange's form of the remainder term:

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}, \quad z \in (x, a) \text{ or } x \in (a, x).$$

An extension of Mean Value Theorem ($n=0$). (精準, 但是難找收斂半徑。)

0.2 $e^x, \sin x, \cos x, (1+x)^k$

先找 $e^x, \sin x, \cos x$ 的馬克勞林級數, 再用泰勒不等式證明可以展開。

Example 0.1 Find the Maclaurin series of the function $f(x) = e^x$ and its radius of convergence.

(微分) $f^{(n)}(x) = e^x$ and (代入) $f^{(n)}(0) = e^0 = 1$ for all n ,
 (放進公式) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$

(用比/根值測試) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{x^n}{n!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0 < 1,$

by the Ratio Test, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ converges for all x , the radius of convergence is $R = \infty$ and the interval of convergence is $(-\infty, \infty) (= \mathbb{R})$. ■

Recall: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges $\implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$. (Test for Divergence)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0 \quad \text{for all } x.$$

Example 0.2 Prove that e^x is equal to the sum of its Maclaurin series.

For x , consider d with $|x| \leq d$, $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| = e^x \leq e^d$, choose $M = e^d$.

By Taylor's inequality, $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{e^d}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1}$ for $|x| \leq d$.

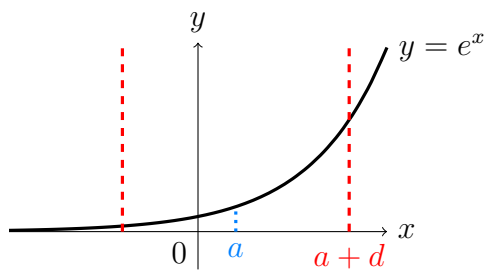
$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^d}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1} = e^d \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = e^d \cdot 0 = 0$ for all x , ($R'' = \infty$) by the Squeeze Theorem, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |R_n(x)| = 0$ and hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ for all x .

By the Theorem, $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ for all x . ($R' = R = \infty$.) ■

Attention: f 的泰勒級數收斂 不代表 級數和的函數就會是 f 。
 級數的收斂半徑 R 不一定 等於 $(R_n(x) \rightarrow 0)$ 的收斂半徑 R' 。In fact, $R' \leq R$ 。

Example 0.3 Find the Taylor series for $f(x) = e^x$ at $a = 2$.

$$f^{(n)}(2) = e^2 \text{ for all } n, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(2)}{n!} (x-2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^2}{n!} (x-2)^n. \quad \blacksquare$$



Remark: 類似的證明過程可以得到兩個收斂半徑一樣 ($R' = R = \infty$):

1. e^x 在 a 的泰勒級數 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^a}{n!} (x-a)^n$ converges for all x . ($R = \infty$)
2. By Taylor's inequality, $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{e^{a+d}}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1}$ for $|x-a| < d$.
3. 利用 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x-a|^n}{n!} = 0$ ($R'' = \infty$), 再用夾擠定理 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |R_n(x)| = 0$, 以及絕對收斂到零 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ for all x . ($R' = \infty$)
4. $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^a}{n!} (x-a)^n$ for all x .

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^a}{n!} (x-a)^n \quad \text{for all } a, x$$

$$e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \cdots \quad (\text{take } x = 1.)$$

(對冪級數做逐項微積分練習證明 $(e^x)' = e^x$.)

Skill: (阿雄師超快速展開法) 只記 M.S. $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ (n 階分之 n 次),

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

Example 0.4 Find the Maclaurin series for $\sin x$ and prove that it represents $\sin x$ for all x .

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(4k)}(0) &= \sin 0 = 0, & f^{(4k+1)}(0) &= \cos 0 = 1, \\ f^{(4k+2)}(0) &= -\sin 0 = 0, & f^{(4k+3)}(0) &= -\cos 0 = -1. \end{aligned}$$

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

For x , $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq 1$, choose $M = 1$,

by Taylor inequality, $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1} = \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}.$

$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = 0$ for all x , by the Squeeze Theorem, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |R_n(x)| = 0$ and

hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ for all x . By the Theorem, $\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}.$

($R' = \infty$. $\sin x$ 的馬克勞林級數的收斂半徑 $R = ?$) ■

Example 0.5 Find the Maclaurin series for $\cos x$.

可以仿造 $\sin x$, 或是利用逐項微分:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &= \frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \end{aligned}$$

($\cos x$ 等於他的馬克勞林級數的收斂半徑 $R = ?$) ■

Remark: M.S. $\sin x$ 交錯奇階分之奇次, $\cos x$ 交錯偶階分之偶次。

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad \text{for all } x$$

Example 0.6 Find the Maclaurin series for the function $f(x) = x \cos x$.

$$x \cos x = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n)!}. \quad (R'=? \quad R=?)$$

Example 0.7 Represent $f(x) = \sin x$ as the sum of its Taylor series centered at $\pi/3$.

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(4k)}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) &= \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad f^{(4k+1)}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}, \\ f^{(4k+2)}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) &= -\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad f^{(4k+3)}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \sin x \text{ 在 } a = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ 的泰勒級數 } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \text{ (後面的 } a \text{ 也要代!)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{1}{2!}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3!}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \cdots \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sqrt{3}}{2(2n)!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2(2n+1)!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n+1}.$$

($R'=? \quad R=?$)

Skill: (阿雄師超快速展開法)

$$\text{只記 M.S. } \sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \text{ and } \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) && \text{(合角公式)} \\ &= \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) && \text{(換成 M.S.)} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sqrt{3}}{2(2n)!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2(2n+1)!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Fact: e^x , $\sin x$, $\cos x$ 在每個地方都能展開 (expand) (等於他的泰勒級數), 而且收斂半徑 (相等的 R' 與級數的 R) 都是 ∞ 。

Example 0.8 Find the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = (1+x)^k$, where k is any real number.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (1+x)^k, \quad f(0) = (1+0)^k = 1, \\ f'(x) &= k(1+x)^{k-1}(1+x)' = k(1+x)^{k-1}, \quad f'(0) = k(1+0)^{k-1} = k, \\ f''(x) &= k(k-1)(1+x)^{k-2}, \quad f''(0) = k(k-1)(1+0)^{k-2} = k(k-1), \dots, \\ f^{(n)}(x) &= k(k-1)\cdots(k-n+1)(1+x)^{k-n}, \quad f^{(n)}(0) = k(k-1)\cdots(k-n+1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = 1 + \sum_{n=\boxed{1}}^{\infty} \frac{k(k-1)\cdots(k-n+1)}{n!} x^n \quad \left(= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n \right)$$

$n=0$ 時的公式不同, 需分開寫
用 $\binom{k}{n}$ 時可合併

called **binomial series** 二項式級數. ■

Notation: The (general) **binomial coefficients** (廣義的) 二項式係數 (唸作 “ k choose n ” k 取 n)

$$\boxed{\binom{k}{n}} = \frac{\overbrace{k(k-1)\cdots(k-n+1)}^{n \text{ 項}}}{\underbrace{n(n-1)\cdots 1}_{n \text{ 項}}} = \boxed{\frac{k(k-1)\cdots(k-n+1)}{n!}},$$

where $k \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and denote $\boxed{\binom{k}{0}} = 1$, $\boxed{\binom{k}{-n}} = 0$.

Theorem 4 (Binomial theorem 二項式定理)

If k is a positive integer, then for all x ,

$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^k \binom{k}{n} x^n = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!} x^2 + \cdots + kx^{k-1} + x^k.$$

◆: **Proof.** By Pascal's formula $\binom{k}{n} = \binom{k-1}{n} + \binom{k-1}{n-1}$, $1 \leq n \leq k$, and the Mathematical Induction on k . (因為有限 $(k+1)$ 項必定收斂。) ■

Theorem 5 (Newton's binomial theorem 牛頓的二項式定理)

If k is any real number and $|x| < 1$, then

$$(1 + x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$$

Proof. If $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\binom{k}{n} = 0$ when $n > k$, and hence the series is finite.

Otherwise, $k \notin \mathbb{N}$, (先證明二項式級數收斂:) assume $n > k$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\binom{k}{n+1} x^{n+1}}{\binom{k}{n} x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{k(k-1) \cdots (k-n+1)(k-n)}{n!(n+1)}}{\frac{k(k-1) \cdots (k-n+1)}{n!}} \right| |x| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-k}{n+1} |x| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{k}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} |x| = |x|, \text{ by the Ratio Test, the binomial series} \end{aligned}$$

converges if $|x| < 1$ and diverges if $|x| > 1$. ($R = 1$, $|x| = 1$ 未決定。)

◆: (證明等於函數, 用 T.I. 證明 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ 不容易, 改用這個方式:)

Let $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n$ for $|x| < 1$. Then $[(1+x)^{-k} g(x)]' \stackrel{*}{=} 0$ and hence is constant with $(1+x)^{-k} g(x) = (1+0)^{-k} g(0) = 1 \implies g(x) = (1+x)^k$. ■
(*: see Exercise 11.10.85 for details.)

◆ **Additional:** In fact $R' = R = 1$, 二項式級數的收斂區間 (不好證):
 $[-1, 1]$ for $k \geq 0$, $(-1, 1]$ for $-1 < k < 0$, and $(-1, 1)$ for $k \leq -1$.

Example 0.9 Find the Maclaurin series for the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}}$ and its radius of convergence.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \left(-\frac{x}{4}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 8} x + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 2! 8^2} x^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 3! 8^3} x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

converges when $\left| -\frac{x}{4} \right| < 1$, $|x| < 4$, so the radius of convergence is $R = 4$. ■

Table of Maclaurin series of functions: ($R' = R$) (♡考)

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|-----------------|--|--|--------------|
| $\frac{1}{1-x}$ | $= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$ | $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ | $R = 1$ |
| e^x | $= 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$ | $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ | $R = \infty$ |
| $\sin x$ | $= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$ | $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$ | $R = \infty$ |
| $\cos x$ | $= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$ | $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$ | $R = \infty$ |
| $\tan^{-1} x$ | $= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$ | $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$ | $R = 1$ |
| $\ln(1+x)$ | $= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$ | $= \sum_{n=\boxed{1}}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$ | $R = 1$ |
| $(1+x)^k$ | $= 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$ | $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n$ | $R = 1$ |

Note: $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ 是減號, $(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n$ 是加號。

$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=\boxed{1}}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$ 從 $\boxed{1}$ 開始。

Example 0.10 (級數變函數, 101, 102 會考考過)

Find the sum of the series $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^2} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2^3} - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 2^4} + \dots$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n \cdot 2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \stackrel{*}{=} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \ln \frac{3}{2}.$$

($*$: $\because \ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$ for $|x| < 1$, and $\left|\frac{1}{2}\right| < 1$.)

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Example 0.11 (a) Evaluate $\int e^{-x^2} dx$ as an infinite series.

(b) Evaluate $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$ correct to within an error of 0.001.

(a) Integrate term by term

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{-x^2} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{n!} \\
 \int e^{-x^2} dx &= \int \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^n}{n!} \right] dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{n!} dx \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)n!} + C \quad \text{converges for all } x. \\
 (b) \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx &= 1 - \frac{1}{3 \cdot 1!} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 2!} - \frac{1}{7 \cdot 3!} + \frac{1}{9 \cdot 4!} - \frac{1}{11 \cdot 5!} + \dots \\
 &\approx 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{42} + \frac{1}{216} \approx 0.7475
 \end{aligned}$$

By the Alternating Series Estimation Theorem (誤差 \leq 第一個忽略項),
 $\text{error} \leq \left| -\frac{1}{11 \cdot 5!} \right| = \frac{1}{1320} < 0.001.$ ■

Example 0.12 Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2}.$

Apply l'Hospital's Rule twice:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2} \stackrel{l'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{2x} \stackrel{l'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right)$$

Or:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots) - 1 - x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots}{x^2} \\
 &\stackrel{(\div x^2)}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{3!} + \frac{x^2}{4!} + \dots \right) = \frac{1}{2} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{3!} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{4!} + \dots = \frac{1}{2}. \quad \blacksquare \\
 &\text{(因爲冪級數收斂, 可以逐項 } \div x^2 \text{ 與 } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0}.)
 \end{aligned}$$

◆ **Additional: More representation of function as power series**

$$\begin{aligned}
\sinh x &= \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^n}{n!} \right] \\
&= x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}, \quad R = \infty. \\
\cosh x &= \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{d}{dx} \sinh x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\
&= 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}, \quad R = \infty. \\
\tanh^{-1} x &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) = \int \frac{dx}{1-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int x^{2n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}, \quad R = 1. \\
\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} &= (1-x)^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} (-1)^n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} x^n, \quad R = 1. \\
\left[\binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} = \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2}) \cdots (-\frac{2n-1}{2})}{n!} = (-1)^n \frac{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times \cdots \times (2n-1) \times (2n)}{2^n n! \times 2^n n!} \right] \\
\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} &= (1+x)^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} x^n, \quad R = 1. \\
\sin^{-1} x &= \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} (-1)^n \int x^{2n} dx \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}, \quad R = 1. \\
\sinh^{-1} x &= \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \int x^{2n} dx \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}, \quad R = 1. \\
\tan x &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n}(-4)^n(1-4^n)}{(2n)!} x^{2n-1}, \quad R = \frac{\pi}{2}. \\
\sec x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{E_{2n}(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n}, \quad R = \frac{\pi}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

*: B_n 白努利數 (Bernoulli numbers), E_n 歐拉數 (Euler numbers)。