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Overview

Computing the value of function by reducing to a sequence of elementary arithmetic operation since the basic operations of most computer are addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Horner's Scheme



William George Horner (1786-1837)

Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner' Scheme

Let

$$P(x) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} x + a_n$$

be a real polynomial of degree n.

We want to find the value of P(x) for $x = \xi$:

$$P(\xi) = a_0 \xi^n + a_1 \xi^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} \xi + a_n$$

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Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner' Scheme (cont'd)

Represent the following formula:

$$\begin{split} P(\xi) &= a_0 \xi^n + a_1 \xi^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-2} \xi^2 + a_{n-1} \xi + a_n \\ P(\xi) &= \left(a_0 \xi^{n-1} + a_1 \xi^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-2} \xi + a_{n-1} \right) \xi + a_n \\ P(\xi) &= \left(\left(a_0 \xi^{n-2} + a_1 \xi^{n-3} + \dots + a_{n-2} \right) \xi + a_{n-1} \right) \xi + a_n \\ \vdots \end{split}$$

$$P(\xi) = \left(\dots \left(\left(((a_0 \xi + a_1) \xi + a_2) \xi + \dots + a_{n-1} \right) \right) \xi + a_n$$

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Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner' scheme (cont'd)

$$P(\xi) = \left(\dots \left(\left(((a_0 \xi + a_1) \xi + a_2) \xi + \dots + a_{n-1} \right) \right) \xi + a_n \right)$$

We then successively compute the following equations:

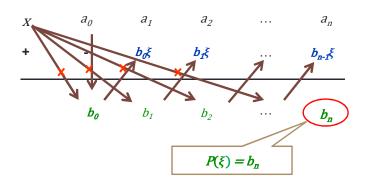
$$\begin{array}{l} b_0 = a_0, \\ b_1 = b_0 \xi + a_1, \\ b_2 = b_1 \xi + a_2, \\ b_3 = b_2 \xi + a_3, \\ \vdots \\ b_n = b_{n-1} \xi + a_n, \end{array}$$

and find $b_n = P(\xi)$.

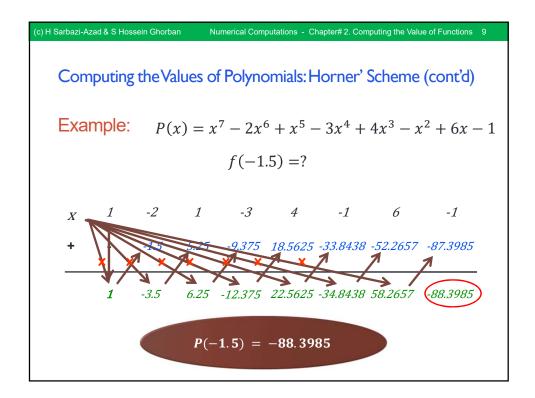
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Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner' scheme (cont'd)



Horner's scheme requires the performing of n multiplications and n-k additions, where k is the number of coefficients a_i equal to zero.



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Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner Scheme (cont'd)

Let Q(x) be the quotient on the division of the given polynomial P(x) by the binomial $x - \xi$ where

$$Q(x) = \beta_0 x^{n-1} + \beta_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + \beta_{n-2} x + \beta_{n-1}.$$

So, there is $\beta_n \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$P(x) = Q(x)(x - \xi) + \beta_n.$$

Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner' Scheme (cont'd)

$$P(x) = Q(x)(x - \xi) + \beta_n,$$

that means

$$P(x) = (\beta_0 x^{n-1} + \beta_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + \beta_{n-2} x + \beta_{n-1})(x - \xi) + \beta_n$$

So

$$P(x) = \beta_0 x^n + (\beta_1 - \beta_0 \xi) x^{n-1} + (\beta_2 - \beta_1 \xi) x^{n-2} + \dots + (\beta_{n-1} - \beta_{n-2} \xi) x + (\beta_n - \beta_{n-1} \xi).$$

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Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner' Scheme (cont'd)

Comparing coefficients of identical powers of the variable x in the two following equations:

$$\begin{split} P(x) &= a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1} x + a_n \quad \text{and} \\ P(x) &= \beta_0 x^n + (\beta_1 - \beta_0 \xi) x^{n-1} + (\beta_2 - \beta_1 \xi) x^{n-2} + \cdots + \\ &\qquad (\beta_{n-1} - \beta_{n-2} \xi) x + (\beta_n - \beta_{n-1} \xi), \end{split}$$

we have

$$\beta_{0} = a_{0}$$

$$\beta_{1} - \beta_{0}\xi = a_{1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\beta_{n-1} - \beta_{n-2}\xi = a_{n-1}$$

$$\beta_{n} - \beta_{n-1}\xi = a_{n}$$

$$\beta_{0} = a_{0} = \mathbf{b}_{0}$$

$$\beta_{1} = a_{1} + \beta_{0}\xi = \mathbf{b}_{1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\beta_{n-1} = a_{n-1} + \beta_{n-2}\xi = \mathbf{b}_{n-1}$$

$$\beta_{n} = a_{n} + \beta_{n-1}\xi = \mathbf{b}_{n}$$

Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner' Scheme (cont'd)

$$\beta_{0} = a_{0} = b_{0}
\beta_{1} = a_{1} + \beta_{0}\xi = b_{1},
\beta_{2} = a_{2} + \beta_{1}\xi = b_{2},
\vdots
\beta_{n-1} = a_{n-1} + \beta_{n-2}\xi = b_{n-1},
\beta_{n} = a_{n} + \beta_{n-1}\xi = b_{n}$$

$$b_{0} = a_{0},
b_{1} = a_{1} + b_{0}\xi,
b_{2} = a_{2} + b_{1}\xi,
\vdots
b_{n-1} = a_{n-1} + b_{n-2}\xi,
b_{n-1} = a_{n-1} + b_{n-2}\xi,
b_{n} = a_{n} + b_{n-1}\xi,$$

So, without performing the operation of division, we can determine Q(x).

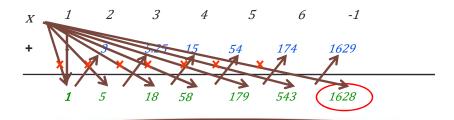
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Computing the Values of Polynomials: Horner' Scheme (cont'd)

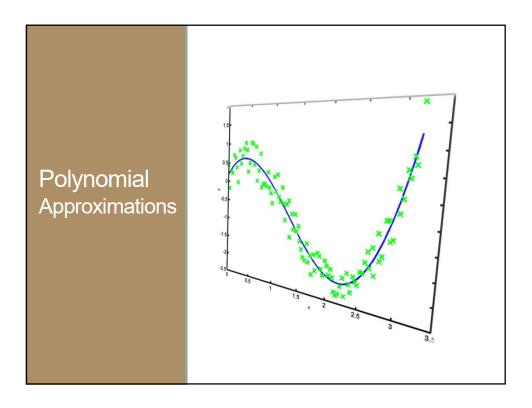
Example. Given the polynomial

$$P(x) = x^6 + 2x^5 + 3x^4 + 4x^3 + 5x^2 + 6x - 1.$$

Find the quotient on dividing P(x) by the binomial x-3.



 $P(x) = (x^5 + 5x^4 + 18x^3 + 58x^2 + 179x + 543)(x - 3) + 1628.$



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Evaluating Some Function with Power Series

Suppose that for function f(x), the values of f(0) and $f^n(0)$ for each $1 \le n$ are given. Find the series $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$ such that

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \cdots$$

We know that

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n + \dots$$

$$f'(x) = +a_1 + 2a_2 x^2 + \dots + na_n x^n + \dots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f^{n-1}(x) = (n-1)! a_n + n(n-1) \dots 2a_n x + \dots$$

$$f^n(x) = n! a_n + \dots$$

Maclaurin's Method



Colin Maclaurin (1698 - 1746)

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Computing the Values of an Analytic Function

Definition. A real function f(x) is called analytic at a point ξ if and only if it Taylor series in some neighborhood $|x - \xi| < R$ of point ξ converges to the function for every x in its domain.

Taylor series:

$$f(x) = f(\xi) + f'(\xi)(x - \xi) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2!}(x - \xi)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^n(\xi)}{n!}(x - \xi)^n + \dots$$

Taylor series expansion of the function f(x) about 0 is called **Maclaurin series:**

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

Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

If the analytical function f(x) is replaced by Taylor polynomial of order n:

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^k(\xi)}{k!} (x - \xi)^k,$$

then the error resulting from the replacement is

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^k(\xi)}{k!} (x - \xi)^k.$$

The difference is called the **remainder term**. It is known that there is $0 < \theta < 1$ such that

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi + \theta(x - \xi))}{(n+1)!} (x - \xi)^{n+1}.$$

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Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

In other words, we want to show that laced by Taylor polynomial of order n:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^{k}(\xi)}{k!} (x - \xi)^{k} + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x - \xi)^{n+1},$$

where $c = \xi + \theta(x - \xi)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$.

Theorem. (Mean Value Theorem) Suppose that the function f is continuous on the closed interval [a, b] and differentiable on the open interval (a, b), Then there is a point c in the open interval (a, b) at which

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c).$$

Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

Theorem. (**Taylor's Theorem**) Suppose that the function f is real function on [a,b], n is a positive integer, f^{\prime} , $f^{\prime\prime}$, ..., $f^{(n-1)}$ are continuous on $[a,b],\ f^{(n)}(x)$ exits for every $x\in(a,b)$. Let $\xi\in(a,b)$. Then for each $x\in$ (a, b), there is a point c between

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x - \xi)^{n+1}.$$

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Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

For n = 1, this is the Mean Value Theorem, so we obtain

$$f(x) - f(\xi) = f'(c)(x - \xi).$$

In addition, the theorem shows that f can be approximated by a polynomial of degree n, and $f(x) = P_n(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}(x-\xi)^{n+1}$ let us to estimate the error, if we know bounds on $|f^{(n)}(c)|$.

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Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

Sketch of proof.

Our target is to find M such that

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + M(x - \xi)^{n+1},$$

Let

$$g(x) = f(x) - f(\xi) - \frac{x - \xi}{1!} f'(\xi) - \dots - \frac{(x - \xi)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(\xi) - M(x - \xi)^{n+1}$$

Thus, we should find M such that g(x) = 0.

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Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

Sketch of proof (cont'd). Assume $a_i = \frac{f^{(i)}(\xi)}{i!}$, thus

$$g'(x) = f'(x) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} i a_i (x - \xi)^{i-1} - (n+1)M(x - \xi)^n,$$
:

:
$$g^{(n)}(x) = f^{(n)}(x) - n! a_n - (n+1) \times \dots \times 2M(x-\xi)^1$$
$$g^{(n+1)}(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x) - (n+1)! M.$$

So
$$g(\xi) = g'(\xi) = \dots = g^{(n)}(\xi) = 0$$
.

Also, our choice of M shows g(x) = 0. By using Mean Value Theorem, we have

$$\begin{array}{ll} 0 = g(x) - g(\xi) = g'(c_1)(x - \xi) & \Longrightarrow g'(c_1) = 0 \\ 0 = g'(c_1) - g'(\xi) = g(c_2)(c_1 - \xi) & \Longrightarrow g''(c_2) = 0 \end{array}$$

$$0 = g^{n}(c_{n}) - g^{n}(\xi) = g^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1})(c_{n} - \xi) \implies g^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1}) = 0$$

$$0 = g^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1}) = f^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1}) - (n+1)!M \implies M = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c_{n+1})}{(n+1)!}$$

Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

Remark I. In many cases, a way to compute the value of a function is expanding the function in a Taylor series / Maclaurin series.

Remark 2. If $f(\xi)$ is known and it is required to find the value $f(\xi + h)$ where h is **small correction**, then

$$f(\xi + h) = f(\xi) + f'(\xi)h + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2!}h^2 + \dots + \frac{f^n(\xi)}{n!}h^n + R_n(h),$$

where

$$R_n(h) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi + \theta h)}{(n+1)!} h^{n+1} \qquad (0 < \theta < 1).$$

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Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

Example: Approximate $\sqrt{10}$.

Solution. We have $\sqrt{10} = \sqrt{3^2 + 1}$. Consider $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$, we successively obtain

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \qquad f'(9) = \frac{1}{2}9^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-1}{2^2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \qquad f''(9) = \frac{-1}{2^2}9^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{-1}{108}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{3}{2^3}x^{-\frac{5}{2}} \qquad f'''(9) = \frac{3}{2^3}9^{-\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{1}{648}$$

$$\sqrt{10} = 3 + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{-1}{2 * 108} + \frac{1}{6 * 648} + R_3 = 3.162 + R_3$$

$$R_3 = \frac{f^{(4)}(9+\theta)}{4!} = \frac{1}{4!} \frac{-3}{2^3} \frac{5}{2} (9+\theta)^{\frac{-7}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{4} < 0.0000123.$$

Computing the Values of an Analytic Function (cont'd)

Example: Approximate $\sqrt{10}$ by Maclaurin's series.

Solution. We have $\sqrt{10} = \sqrt{3^2 + 1} = 3\left(1 + \frac{1}{9}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{\frac{-1}{2}} \qquad f'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$f'''(x) = \frac{3}{2^3}(1+x)^{\frac{-5}{2}} \qquad f'''(x) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{9}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{81} + \frac{1}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{729} + R_3 = 1.05411 + R_3$$

$$R_{S} = \frac{f^{(4)}(9+\theta)}{4!} = \frac{1}{4!} \frac{-3}{2^{3}} \frac{5}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\theta}{9}\right)^{\frac{-7}{2}} = \frac{10}{1680616} \left(1 + \frac{\theta}{9}\right)^{\frac{-7}{2}} < 0.000006.$$

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Computing the Values of Exponential Functions

Taylor series for e^x is

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

Note that it is known that the interval of convergence is $-\infty < x < \infty$.

So the remainder term for $P_n(x)$ is

$$R_n(x) = \frac{e^{\theta x}}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \quad 0 < \theta < 1.$$

As a result, for large absolute values of x, the error of replacing e^x with $P_n(x)$ may not be tolerable.

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Computing the Values of Exponential Functions (cont'd)

For large absolute values of x, the ordinary procedure is as follows:

$$x = E(x) + q.$$

where E(x) id the largest integer in the number x and $0 \le q < 1$ is the fractional part of the number. So

$$e^{x} = e^{E(x)} \times e^{q}$$
.

Also,

$$\begin{cases} e^{E(x)} = \overbrace{e \ e \ \dots \ e}^{E(x) \ times} & if \quad E(x) \ge 0 \\ e^{E(x)} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{e} \frac{1}{e} \cdots \frac{1}{e}}_{-E(x) \ times} & if \quad E(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

where

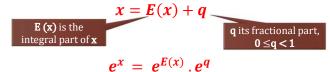
$$e = 2.718281828459045 \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{e} = 0.367879441171442 \dots$$

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Computing the Values of Exponential Functions (cont'd)

With large moduli of x series is hardly fit for computations







$$e^{E(x)} = e.e...e,$$
 if $E(x) > e^{E(x) \text{ times}}$

$$e^q = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{n!}$$

$$e^{E(x)} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{1}{e} \dots \frac{1}{e}}_{-E(x) \text{ times}}, \quad if \quad E(x) < 0$$

$$0 \le R_n(q) < \frac{1}{n! n} q^{n+1}$$

Computing the Values of Exponential Functions (cont'd)

The second factor e^q of the equation $e^x = e^{E(x)} \times e^q$ can be commutated as follows

$$e^q = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{n!}$$

So the remainder term for $P_n(q)$ is bounded by

$$0 \le R_n(q) = \frac{e^{\theta q}}{(n+1)!} q^{n+1} < \frac{3}{(n+1)!} q^{n+1}$$

for
$$0 < \theta < 1$$
.

Now, our target $\,$ is to improve the above upper bound for $\,R_n(q)\,$.

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Computing the Values of Exponential Functions (cont'd)

Let

$$u_k = \frac{q^k}{k!}.$$

It is convenient to approximate e^x for small x by

$$e^q = u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_n + R_n(q)$$

Such that

$$0 < R_n(q) < u_n \frac{q}{n}.$$

Note that our goal is to split up the operation into repeating cycles. So

$$u_k = u_{k-1} \cdot \frac{q}{k}$$

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Computing the Values of Exponential Functions (cont'd)

Now, our concern is to find the necessary number of terms n respect to the given the residual error ϵ .

We obtained $0 < R_n(q) < u_n \frac{q}{n}$. Now, we want to modified it based on the following restriction on n.

Let

$$n \ge 2|q| > 0.$$

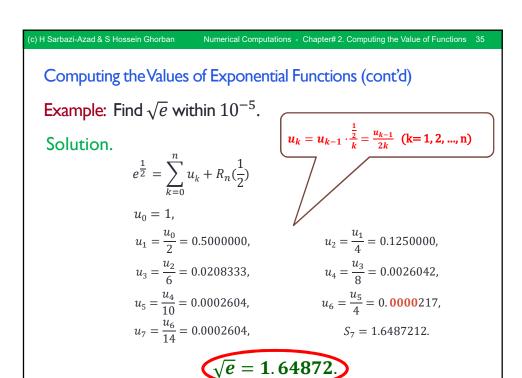
Thus

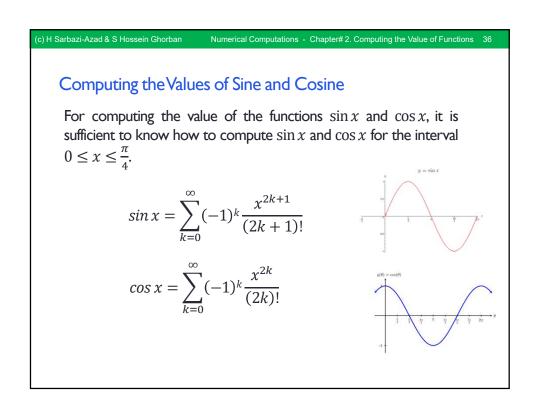
$$|R_n(q)| \le R_n(|q|) < \frac{|q|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{|q|}{n+2}} <$$

$$<\frac{2|q|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = \frac{2|x|}{n+1} \cdot \frac{|x|^n}{n!} < |u_n| \le \epsilon.$$

Therefore

$$|u_n(x)| \leq \epsilon$$
.





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Computing the Values of Sine and Cosine (cont'd)

If $0 \le x \le \frac{\pi}{4}$, we have

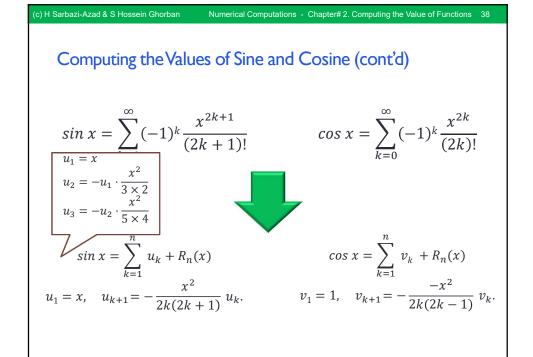
$$\sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \, .$$

But if $\frac{\pi}{4} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{2}$

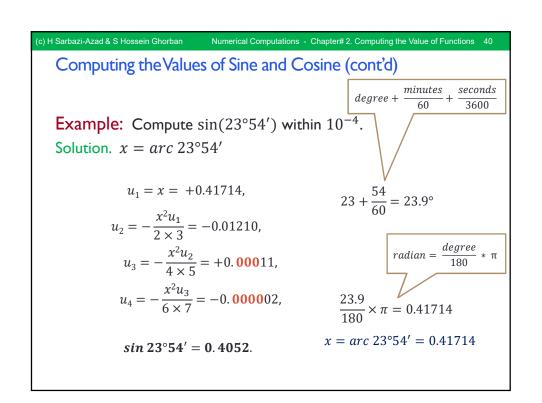
$$\sin x = \cos z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!},$$

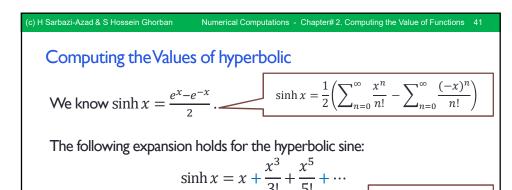
where

$$z = \frac{\pi}{2} - x$$
 and $0 \le z \le \frac{\pi}{4}$



Computing the Values of Sine and Cosine (cont'd) Thus $sin \ x = u_1(x) + u_2(x) + \dots + u_n(x) + R_n(x)$ and $|R_n(x)| = \left|\frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}\right| \leq \frac{|x|^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = |u_{n+1}|.$ Also, $cos \ x = v_1(x) + v_2(x) + \dots + v_n(x) + R_n(x)$ and $|R_n(x)| \leq |v_{n+1}|.$

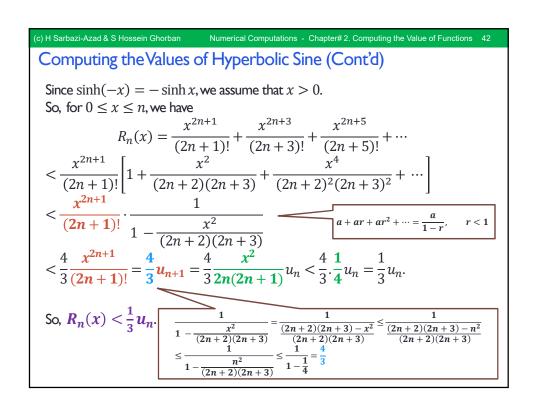




And the following recurrent notation $\sinh x = \sum_{k=1}^n u_k + R_n(x)$ $u_1 = x$ $u_2 = \frac{x^3}{3!} = \frac{x^2}{3 \times 2} u_1$ $u_3 = \frac{x^5}{5!} = \frac{x^2}{5 \times 4} u_2$

where

$$u_1 = x$$
, $u_{k+1} = \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = \frac{x^2}{2k(2k+1)} u_k$



Computing the Values of Hyperbolic Sine (Cont'd)

Example: Find $\sinh 1.4 \text{ within } 10^{-5}$.

 $R_n(x) < \frac{1}{3}u_n$

Solution.

$$u_1 = x,$$
 $u_{k+1} = \frac{x^2}{2k(2k+1)}u_k$

$$u_1 = x = 1.4,$$

$$u_2 = \frac{x^2 u_1}{2.3} = 0.4573333,$$

$$u_3 = \frac{x^2 u_2}{4.5} = 0.0448187,$$
 $u_4 = \frac{x^2 u_3}{6.7} = 0.0020915,$

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 $u_6 = \frac{x^2 u_5}{10.11} = 0.0000010.$

sin 1.4 = 1.904301.

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Computing the Values of Hyperbolic Cosine

We know $\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$.

The following expansion holds for the hyperbolic sine:

$$cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots$$

And the following recurrent notation

$$cosh x = \sum_{k=1}^{n} v_k + R_n(x)$$

where

$$v_1 = 1$$
, $v_{k+1} = \frac{x^{2k}}{2k!} = \frac{x^2}{(2k-1)2k} v_k$ $(k = 1, 2, ..., n-1)$

Computing the Values of Hyperbolic Cosine (Cont'd) Since cosh(-x) = cosh x, we assume that x > 0. So, for $0 \le |x| \le n$, we have $R_n(x) = \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n)!} + \frac{x^{2n+2}}{(2n+2)!} + \frac{x^{2n+4}}{(2n+4)!} + \cdots$ $< \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \left[1 + \frac{x^2}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} + \frac{x^4}{(2n+2)^2(2n+3)^2} + \cdots \right]$ $< \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x^2}{(2n+1)(2n+2)}}$ $< \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot v_{n+1} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{x^2}{(2n-1)2n} \cdot v_n < \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{n}{2(2n-1)} \cdot v_n < \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot v_n = \frac{2}{3} \cdot v_n.$ So, $R_n(x) < \frac{2}{3} \cdot v_n$. $n \ge 1 \Rightarrow 2n-1 \ge n \Rightarrow \frac{n}{2(2n-1)} \le \frac{n}{2n}$

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Computing the Values of Logarithmic Functions

 $f(x) = \ln x$ $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

For the logarithmic function $\ln(1+x)$, we have the following expansion

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

for each $-1 \le x \le 1$ holds true.

By replacing x with -x in Equation (1), we have

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

By subtracting Eq. (2) from Eq. (1), we obtain

$$\ln \frac{1-x}{1+x} = \ln(1-x) - \ln(1+x) = -2\left(x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \cdots\right)$$

Computing the Values of Logarithmic Functions (cont'd)

Note that our target was to calculate the value of function

 $\ln z$ not $\ln(1+x)$ or $\ln \frac{1-x}{1+x}$.

To achieve it, let $\frac{1-x}{1+x} = z$.

So, we get

$$x = \frac{1-z}{1+z},$$

and hence,

$$\ln z = -2\left(\frac{1-z}{1+z} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1-z}{1+z}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{5}\left(\frac{1-z}{1+z}\right)^5 + \cdots\right)$$

for each $0 < z < +\infty$.

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 $m \times ln 2$

Computing the Values of Logarithmic Functions (cont'd)

Now, our concern is to estimate the error of approximating logarithmic function with a polynomial of degree n.

Consider x is a positive number. We represent it as

$$x = 2^m \cdot z$$

where m is an integer and $\frac{1}{2} \le z < 1$. Thus $\ln x = m \ln 2 + \frac{1}{\ln 2}$

For using
$$\ln z = -2\left(\frac{1-z}{1+z} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1-z}{1+z}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{5}\left(\frac{1-z}{1+z}\right)^5 + \cdots\right)$$
, equal sum

Thus

and $\ln x = m \ln 2 - 2 \left(\xi + \frac{\xi^3}{3} + \frac{\xi^5}{5} + \dots + \frac{\xi^{2n-1}}{2n-1} \right) - R_n(\xi \beta_n(\xi))$

Computing the Values of Logarithmic Functions (cont'd)

Now, we want to calculate the error R_n .

$$R_n(\xi) = 2\left(\frac{\xi^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + \frac{\xi^{2n+3}}{2n+3} + \frac{\xi^{2n+5}}{2n+5} + \cdots\right)$$

$$< 2 \cdot \frac{\xi^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \left(1 + \xi^2 + \xi^4 + \cdots\right)$$

$$< 2 \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \xi^2} \cdot \frac{\xi^{2n+1}}{2n+1}.$$

For
$$0 < \xi \le \frac{1}{3}$$
, we have $\frac{2}{1-\xi^2} \le \frac{9}{4}$. So,
$$0 < R_n < \frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{\xi^{2n+1}}{2n+1}.$$

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Computing the Values of Logarithmic Functions (cont'd)

To summarize:

$$\ln x = m \ln 2 - 2 \left(\xi + \frac{\xi^3}{3} + \frac{\xi^5}{5} + \dots + \frac{\xi^{2n-1}}{2n-1} \right) - R_n$$

and

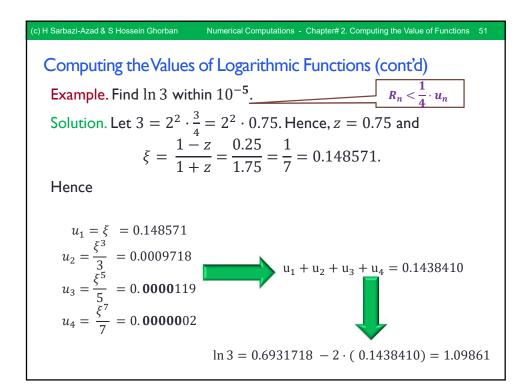
$$0 < R_n < \frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{\xi^{2n+1}}{2n+1}.$$
 In order to calculate $\ln x$, let
$$u_k = \frac{\xi^{2k-1}}{2k-1} \qquad (k=1,2\,,\cdots).$$

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 $(k = 1, 2, \dots)$

Thu,

$$\ln x = m \ln 2 - 2 (u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n) - R_n$$

where
$$\ln 2 = 0.6931718 \cdots$$
 .Also $0 < R_n < \frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{\xi^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \le \frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{\xi^2}{1} \cdot \frac{\xi^{2n-1}}{2n-1} \le \frac{1}{4} \cdot u_n \Longrightarrow R_n < \frac{1}{4} \cdot u_n$



ANY QUESTIONS?