

TAYLOR EXPANSIONS- Applications to LOCAL STUDY of FUNCTIONS

PROPOSED EXERCISES - SOLUTIONS

1. Compute the Taylor expansion of $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+1}$ in $x_0 = 4$, of order 2.

Recall
$$\sqrt{1+t} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{8}t^2 + \dots + \binom{1/2}{n}t^n + o(t^n), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

By substitution t = x - 4, for $x \to 4$ it holds $t \to 0$, then the Mac Laurin expansion of the function is $g(t) = \sqrt{2(t+4)+1} = \sqrt{2t+9}$ and therefore:

$$g(t) = \sqrt{2t+9} = \sqrt{9\left(1+\frac{2}{9}t\right)} = 3\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{9}t}$$

$$= 3\left(1+\frac{1}{2}\frac{2}{9}t - \frac{1}{8}\left(\frac{2}{9}t\right)^2 + o(t^2)\right)$$

$$= 3\left(1+\frac{1}{9}t - \frac{1}{8}\frac{4}{81}t^2 + o(t^2)\right)$$

$$= 3+\frac{1}{3}t - \frac{1}{54}t^2 + o(t^2)$$

By substitution t = x - 4, we obtain the Taylor expansion:

$$f(x) = 3 + \frac{1}{3}(x-4) - \frac{1}{54}(x-4)^2 + o((x-4)^2)$$

2. Compute the Taylor expansion at $x_0 = 1$, of order 3, of the function

$$f(x) = -2(x-1)^2 + 4\sin(x-1) - \log x^4$$

Recall

$$\log(1+t) = t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{t^n}{n} + o(t^n), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

$$\sin t = t - \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^5}{5!} - \frac{t^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + o(t^{2n+2}), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

as before, if t=x-1, for $x\to 1$ it holds that $t\to 0$, and we can study the Mac Laurin expansion $g(t)=-2t^2+4\sin t-\log(1+t)^4$ and thus:

$$\begin{split} g(t) &= -2t^2 + 4\sin t - \log(1+t)^4 \\ &= -2t^2 + 4\sin t - 4\log(t+1) \\ &= -2t^2 + 4\left(t - \frac{t^3}{3!}\right) - 4\left(t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3}\right) + o(t^3) \\ &= -2t^2 + 4t - \frac{4}{6}t^3 - 4t + \frac{4}{2}t^2 - \frac{4}{3}t^3 + o(t^3) \\ &= -2t^3 + o(t^3) \end{split}$$

3. Compute Mac Laurin expansions for the following functions:

(a)
$$f_1(x) = e^{x^2} \cdot \sin 2x, \ n = 4$$

Recall

$$e^{t} = 1 + t + \frac{t^{2}}{2!} + \frac{t^{3}}{3!} + \frac{t^{4}}{4!} + \dots + \frac{t^{n}}{n!} + o(t^{n}), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

$$\sin t = t - \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^5}{5!} - \frac{t^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + o(t^{2n+2}), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

$$f_1(x) = e^{x^2} \cdot \sin 2x$$

$$= \left(1 + x^2 + \frac{(x^2)^2}{2!} + o(x^4)\right) \cdot \left(2x - \frac{1}{3!}(2x)^3 + o(x^4)\right)$$

$$= \left(1 + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2} + o(x^4)\right) \cdot \left(2x - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + o(x^4)\right)$$

$$= \left(2x - \frac{4}{3}x^3\right) + x^2\left(2x - \frac{4}{3}x^3\right) + \frac{x^4}{2}\left(2x - \frac{4}{3}x^3\right) + o(x^4)$$

$$= 2x - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + 2x^3 - \frac{4}{3}x^5 + x^5 - \frac{2}{3}x^7 + o(x^4)$$

Since $x^5 = o(x^4)$, $x^7 = o(x^4)$, for $x \to 0$, the 4 order expansion of $f_1(x)$ is:

$$f_1(x) = 2x + \frac{2}{3}x^3 + o(x^4)$$

(b)
$$f_2(x) = \log(1 - \sin^2 x), \ n = 4$$

Recall

$$\log(1+t) = t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{t^n}{n} + o(t^n), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

Consider $t = -\sin^2 x$; write the Mac Laurin expansion of 4^{th} order

$$-\sin^2 x = -\left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + o(x^4)\right)^2 = -\left(x^2 - \frac{x^4}{3} + o(x^4)\right) = -x^2 + \frac{x^4}{3} + o(x^4)$$

$$f_2(x) = \log(1 - \sin^2 x)$$

$$= \log\left(1 - x^2 + \frac{x^4}{3} + o(x^4)\right)$$

$$= \left(-x^2 + \frac{x^4}{3} + o(x^4)\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(-x^2 + \frac{x^4}{3} + o(x^4)\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3}\left(-x^2 + \frac{x^4}{3} + o(x^4)\right)^3 - \frac{1}{4}\left(-x^2 + \frac{x^4}{3} + o(x^4)\right)^4 + o(x^4)$$

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

$$= -x^2 - \frac{x^4}{6} + o(x^4)$$

(c)
$$f_3(x) = \log(\cos x), \ n = 4$$

Recall
$$\cos t = 1 - \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} - \frac{t^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n}}{(2n)!} + o(t^{2n+1}), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

$$f_3(x) = \log(\cos x)$$

$$= \log\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + o(x^4)\right)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + o(x^4)\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + o(x^4)\right)^2 + o(x^4)$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{x^4}{4} + o(x^4)$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{12} + o(x^4)$$

(d)
$$f_4(x) = e^{x^2}, \ n = 6$$

Recall
$$e^t = 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{t^n}{n!} + o(t^n)$$
, for $t \to 0$

$$f_4(x) = e^{x^2} = 1 + x^2 + \frac{(x^2)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x^2)^3}{3!} + o(x^6)$$
$$= 1 + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^6}{6} + o(x^6)$$

4. Find principal part and order of infinitesimal, for $x \to 0$, for the following functions:

(a)
$$f(x) = \sin x - x \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Find the Mac Laurin expansion of the function; the term with minimum degree is a function equivalent to f(x) for $x \to 0$ and thus it is the principal part; we now have to write the expansion with a sufficiently high order, such that the first term is not null:

$$f(x) = \sin x - x \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + o(x^5) - x \left(1 - \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^4 + o(x^5)\right)$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 4!} - x + \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{4! \cdot 9}x^5 + o(x^5)$$

$$= \frac{9 - 5}{4! \cdot 5 \cdot 9} x^5 + o(x^5)$$

$$= \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 9} x^5 + o(x^5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{270} x^5 + o(x^5)$$

Thus, for $x \to 0$, $f(x) \sim \frac{1}{270} x^5$; hence (w.r.t. the test function u(x) = x) the principal part of f(x) is $p(x) = \frac{1}{270} x^5$ and the order of infinitesimal is 5

(b)
$$f(x) = \sin^2 4x - \log(1 + 16x^2) - \lambda(x^5 - x^4)$$
, as $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

Impose $g(x) = \sin^2 4x - \log(1 + 16x^2)$, and write the Mac Laurin expansion of order 5:

$$g(x) = \sin^2 4x - \log(1 + 16x^2)$$

$$= \left(4x - \frac{(4x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(4x)^5}{5!} + o(x^5)\right)^2 - \left(16x^2 - \frac{(16x^2)^2}{2} + o(x^5)\right)$$

$$= \left(4x - \frac{64x^3}{6} + \frac{4^5x^5}{5!} + o(x^5)\right)^2 - 16x^2 + \frac{4^4x^4}{2} + o(x^5)$$

$$= 16x^2 - 2 \cdot 4\frac{4^3x^4}{6} - 16x^2 + \frac{4^4x^4}{2} + o(x^5)$$

$$= -2 \cdot \frac{4^4x^4}{6} + 3 \cdot \frac{4^4x^4}{6} + o(x^5)$$

$$= \frac{128x^4}{3} + o(x^5)$$

Therefore:

$$f(x) = g(x) - \lambda(x^5 - x^4)$$

$$= \frac{128}{3}x^4 + o(x^5) + \lambda x^4 - \lambda x^5$$

$$= \left(\frac{128}{3} + \lambda\right)x^4 - \lambda x^5 + o(x^5)$$

If $\frac{128}{3} + \lambda \neq 0$, then the principal part is $\left(\frac{128}{3} + \lambda\right)x^4$ and the order of infinitesimal is 4. Whereas, if $\lambda = -\frac{128}{3}$, then the principal part is $\frac{128}{3}x^5$ and the order of infinitesimal is 5.

(c)
$$f(x) = e^{\cos(\alpha x)} - e + (\sin^2 x) \log(1+x), \text{ as } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

Write the Mac Laurin expansion of order 3:

$$f(x) = e^{\cos(\alpha x)} - e + (\sin^2 x) \log(1+x)$$

$$= e^{1-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha x)^2 + o(x^3)} - e + \left(x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + o(x^3)\right)^2 \left(x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + o(x^3)\right)$$

$$= e e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha x)^2 + o(x^3)} - e + (x^2 + o(x^3)) \left(x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + o(x^3)\right)$$

$$= e \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha x)^2 + o(x^3)\right) - e + (x^3 + o(x^3))$$

$$= e - \frac{e}{2}\alpha^2 x^2 - e + x^3 + o(x^3)$$

$$= -\frac{e}{2}\alpha^2 x^2 + x^3 + o(x^3)$$

If $-\frac{e}{2}\alpha^2 \neq 0$, and thus if $\alpha \neq 0$, then the principal part is $p(x) = -\frac{e}{2}\alpha^2x^2$ and the order of infinitesimal is 2.

If $\alpha = 0$, then the principal part is x^3 and the order of infinitesimal is 3.

5. For every value of α , compute the order of infinitesimal for $x \to 0$ w.r.t. the test function x, of the function:

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin(2x^2) - \alpha x^2 + \log(1 + 2x^2)}{\alpha - 4\cosh x}$$

Recall
$$\cosh t = 1 + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} + \frac{t^6}{6!} + \dots + \frac{t^{2n}}{(2n)!} + o(t^{2n+1}), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

Write the Mac Laurin expansion of order 4 for the numerator and order 2 for the denominator:

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

If $4-\alpha \neq 0$, for $x \to 0$ we have $f(x) \sim \frac{(4-\alpha)x^2}{\alpha-4} = -x^2$; thus, if $\alpha \neq 4$, the principal part is $-x^2$

On the other hand, if $\alpha = 4$, for $x \to 0$ we have $f(x) \sim \frac{-2x^4}{-2x^2} = x^2$, and its principal part is x^2 .

6. Compute the limits:

(a)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x \sin x - x^2}{\sqrt{1 + x^4} - \cos x^4}$$

Using the Mac Laurin expansions of order 4 for numerator and denominator, it holds:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x \sin x - x^2}{\sqrt{1 + x^4} - \cos x^4} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\frac{-x^4}{6} + o(x^4)}{\frac{x^4}{2} + o(x^4)} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

(b)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^2 - \sin^2 x}{x^3 (e^x - \cos x)}$$

Using the Mac Laurin expansions of order 4 for numerator and denominator, it holds:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x^2 - \sin^2 x}{x^3 (e^x - \cos x)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\frac{x^4}{3} + o(x^4)}{x^4 + o(x^4)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

(c)
$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{\log(1 + x \arctan x) + 1 - e^{x^2}}{\sqrt{1 + 2x^4} - 1}$$

Using the Mac Laurin expansions of order 4 for numerator and denominator, it holds:

$$\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{\log(1 + x \arctan x) + 1 - e^{x^2}}{\sqrt{1 + 2x^4} - 1} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\frac{-4x^4}{3} + o(x^4)}{\frac{1}{2}(2x^4) + o(x^4)} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

7. Compute the third and forth derivative of the following functions evaluated at 0:

$$(a) \quad f_1(x) = e^x \sin x$$

Recall the Mac Laurin expansion of order 4 of a generic function f(x):

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)}{4!}x^4 + o(x^4)$$

Using the Mac Laurin expansions of order 4 of $f_1(x)$:

$$f_{1}(x) = e^{x} \sin x$$

$$= \left(x - \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + o(x^{4})\right) \left(1 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \frac{x^{4}}{4!} + o(x^{4})\right)$$

$$= x \left(1 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \frac{x^{4}}{4!} + o(x^{4})\right) - \frac{x^{3}}{3!} \left(1 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \frac{x^{4}}{4!} + o(x^{4})\right) + o(x^{4})$$

$$= x + x^{2} + \frac{x^{3}}{2} + \frac{x^{4}}{6} - \frac{x^{3}}{6} - \frac{x^{4}}{6} + o(x^{4})$$

$$= x + x^{2} + \frac{1}{3}x^{3} + o(x^{4})$$

Comparing the latter with the generic formula, it holds that

$$f_1'''(0) = 3! \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 2, \quad f_1^{(4)}(0) = 0$$

$$b) \quad f_2(x) = \frac{\sinh(x^2 + 2\sin^4 x)}{1 + x^{10}}$$

Recall

$$\sinh t = t + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^5}{5!} + \frac{t^7}{7!} + \dots + \frac{t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + o(t^{2n+2}), \text{ for } t \to 0$$

$$\frac{1}{1+t} = 1 - t + t^2 - t^3 + \dots + (-1)^n t^n + o(t^n)$$

Using the Mac Laurin expansions of order 4 of $f_2(x)$:

$$f_2(x) = \frac{\sinh(x^2 + 2\sin^4 x)}{1 + x^{10}}$$

$$= (\sinh(x^2 + 2x^4)) \frac{1}{1 + x^{10}}$$

$$= \left((x^2 + 2x^4) + \frac{1}{3!} (x^2 + 2x^4)^3 + o(x^4) \right) (1 - x^{10} + o(x^4))$$

$$= x^2 + 2x^4 + o(x^4)$$

Comparing the latter with the generic formula, it holds that

$$f_2'''(0) = 0, \quad f_2^{(4)}(0) = 4! \cdot 2 = 48,$$

8. Study the nature of $x_0 = 3$ for the function: $f(x) = -2 - 4(x-3)^3 - 90(x-3)^5 + o((x-3)^5)$

Theorem 1. Let f be defined and differentiable n-1 times in a neighborhood of x_0 , and suppose it admits the n-th derivative in x_0 , with $n \ge 2$.

Suppose that $f''(x_0) = 0, \dots, f^{(n-1)}(x_0) = 0, f^{(n)}(x_0) \neq 0.$

Then, if n is odd and $f^{(n)}(x_0) > 0$, x_0 is an ascending inflection point f; if n is odd and $f^{(n)}(x_0) < 0$, x_0 is a discending inflection point.

If n is even and $f^{(n)}(x_0) > 0$, f is strictly convex in x_0 ; if n is even and $f^{(n)}(x_0) < 0$, f is strictly concave in x_0 .

Suppose $f \in C^5$; since f'(3) = f''(3) = 0, $f'''(3) = -4 \cdot 4! < 0$ we can apply Theorem 1 and conclude that $x_0 = 3$ is a discending inflection point.

9. Let f be a function in $\mathcal{C}^2(\mathbb{R})$ such that, for $x \to 0$

$$f(x) = 2 + \sin(16x) + 2\alpha x + \beta x^2 + o(x^2)$$

say for which values of the parameters α and β the function has a minimum or maximum in x = 0, explain why.

Theorem 2. Let f be defined and differentiable n-1 times in a neighborhood of x_0 , and suppose it admits the n-th derivative in x_0 , with $n \ge 2$.

Suppose that $f'(x_0) = 0$, $f''(x_0) = 0$, ..., $f^{(n-1)}(x_0) = 0$, $f^{(n)}(x_0) \neq 0$.

Then, if n is odd and $f^{(n)}(x_0) > 0$, x_0 is an ascending inflection point f; if n is odd and $f^{(n)}(x_0) < 0$, x_0 is a discending inflection point.

par If n is even and $f^{(n)}(x_0) > 0$, f has a relative minimum in x_0 ; if n is even and $f^{(n)}(x_0) < 0$, f has a relative maximum in x_0 .

Recall the Mac Laurin expansion of order 2 for f(x):

$$f(x) = 2 + (16x + o(x^2)) + 2\alpha x + \beta x^2 = 2 + (16 + 2\alpha)x + \beta x^2 + o(x^2)$$

Then, applying Theorem 2, in order to have a maximum in $x_0 = 0$ we impose

$$16 + 2\alpha = 0$$
, $\wedge \beta < 0$

whereas to get a minimum in $x_0 = 0$ we impose

$$16 + 2\alpha = 0$$
, $\wedge \beta > 0$

10. For $x \to 0$, it holds:

$$f(x) = 2x + 4x^2 + o(x^2)$$

Compute the first and second derivative in x=0 of the following functions:

a)
$$a(x) = f(\sin x)$$
, b) $b(x) = f(e^x - 1)$, c) $c(x) = e^{f(x)}$

$$(a) \quad a(x) = f(\sin x)$$

Suppose f(x) is differentiable twice $x_0 = 0$, the given expression is the Mac Laurin exchangion of f(x) (Theorem of uniqueness) and thus:

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

Hence: f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 2, f''(0) = 8.

Finally

$$a(x) = f(\sin x) \Rightarrow a'(x) = f'(\sin x)\cos x \Rightarrow a''(x) = f''(\sin x)\cos^2 x - f'(\sin x)\sin x$$

and thus

$$a(0) = f(\sin 0) = f(0) = 0, \ a'(0) = f'(\sin 0)\cos 0 = f'(0) = 2, \ a''(0) = f''(0)\cos^2 0 - f'(0)\sin 0 = f''(0) = 8$$

$$b(x) = f(e^x - 1)$$

As before: f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 2, f''(0) = 8.

Therefore

$$b(x) = f(e^x - 1) \Rightarrow b'(x) = f'(e^x - 1)e^x \Rightarrow b''(x) = f''(e^x - 1)(e^x)^2 + f'(e^x - 1)e^x$$

and thus

$$b(0) = f(e^0 - 1) = f(0) = 0, \ b'(0) = f'(0)e^0 = f'(0) = 2, \ b''(0) = f''(0)(e^0)^2 + f'(0)e^0 = f''(0) + f'(0) = 10$$

$$(c) \quad c(x) = e^{f(x)}$$

As before f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 2, f''(0) = 8.

Therefore

$$c(x) = e^{f(x)} \implies c'(x) = e^{f(x)} f'(x) \implies c''(x) = e^{f(x)} (f'(x))^2 + e^{f(x)} f''(x)$$

and

$$c(0) = e^{f(0)} = e^0 = 1$$
, $c'(0) = e^{f(0)}f'(0) = e^0 \cdot 2 = 2$, $c''(0) = e^{f(0)}(f'(0))^2 + e^{f(0)}f''(0) = 4 + 8 = 12$

- 11. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function in $C^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $f(x) = -x^4 + \frac{1}{16}x^5 + o(x^5)$, for $x \to 0$. Suppose g(x) = f(2x).
 - a) compute the derivatives $g^k(0)$ for k = 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5. Recall the Mac Laurin expansion of g(x):

$$g(x) = g(0) + g'(0)x + \frac{g''(0)}{2}x^2 + \frac{g'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \frac{g^{(4)}(0)}{4!}x^4 + \frac{g^{(5)}(0)}{5!}x^5 + o(x^5)$$

The expansion of g(x) = f(2x) is:

$$g(x) = f(2x) = -16x^4 + \frac{32}{16}x^5 + o(x^5) = -16x^4 + 2x^5 + o(x^5)$$

Comparing the coefficient, we get:

$$g'(0) = 0 \ , \ g''(0) = 0 \ , \ g'''(0) = 0 \ , \ g^{(4)}(0) = -16 \cdot 4! = -324 \ , \ g^{(5)}(0) = 2 \cdot 5! = 240$$

- b) Establish if $x_0 = 0$ is an extremal point for g and, if so, study its nature. From the expansion: $g'(0) = g''(0) = g'''(0) = 0, g^{(4)}(0) = -324 < 0$; thus x = 0 is a relative maximum for g(x).
- c) Can we say something about the behavior of g in $x_0 = \frac{3}{4}$? It is not possible, because we only have information on the behavior of g in $x_0 = 0$.
- 12. Consider the function $f(x) = \cos 2x 1 \log(2 e^{x^2})$
 - a) compute the MacLaurin expansion of order 5 of f(x)

We have

$$f(x) = \cos 2x - 1 - \log(2 - e^{x^2}) = -x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x^4 + o(x^5)$$

b) Compute the order of infinitesimal of f(x), for $x \to 0$

Since, for $x \to 0$, it holds $f(x) \sim -x^2$, the order of infinitesimal of f(x) is n=2

c) Compute the principal part of f(x), for $x \to 0$.

Since $f(x) \sim -x^2$, the principal part of f(x) is $p(x) = -x^2$

d) Say if f(x) has constant sign in a neighborhood of x = 0.

Since, for $x \to 0$, it holds $f(x) \sim -x^2$, in a neighborhood of zero the function is negative, as the parabola $y = -x^2$.

e) Say if x = 0 is a stationary point for f(x).

The coefficient of x in the expansion is null, thus f'(0) = 0 and the point x = 0 is stationary.

f) Compute the order of infinity of $g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{(2x^2)^5}$, for $x \to 0$ (w.r.t. the test function u(x) = 1/x).

It holds:

$$g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{(2x^2)^5} \sim \frac{-x^2}{32x^{10}} = \frac{-1}{32} \frac{1}{x^8}$$

Thus the order of infinity is n = 8.

- 13. Consider the function $f(x) = \log(\cos 2x) + 1 \sqrt{1 + 4x^2}$.
 - a) Find the Mac Laurin expansion of order 4, principal part and order of infinitesimal of f(x), for $x \to 0$.

It holds

$$f(x) = \log(\cos 2x) + 1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x^2} 2x - 1 - \log(2 - e^{x^2}) = -4x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^4 + o(x^4)$$

b) Compute $f^{(4)}(0)$.

Recall the meaning of the Mac Laurin coefficients, then

$$f^{(4)}(0) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 4! = 16$$

c) Compute the order of infinity of $g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x^3 \sin x}$, for $x \to 0$ (w.r.t. u(x) = 1/x).

It holds:

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

Hence the order of infinity of g(x), for $x \to 0$ (w.r.t. u(x) = 1/x) is n = 2.

14. Given the function $f(x) = \sin x \sqrt[5]{\cos x^2} - x$:

a) compute the Mac Laurin expansion of order 6 It holds

$$f(x) = \sin x \sqrt[5]{\cos x^2} - x = -\frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{11}{120}x^5 + o(x^6)$$

b) find the principal part and order of infinitesimal of f(x), for $x \to 0$

Since, for $x \to 0$, it holds $f(x) \sim -\frac{x^3}{6}$, the order of infinitesimal of f(x) is 3 and its principal part is $p(x) = -\frac{x^3}{6}$

c) compute $f^{(4)}(0)$ and $f^{(5)}(0)$

Recall the meaning of the Mac Laurin coefficients, then

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 4! \cdot \frac{-1}{6} = -4, \quad f^{(5)}(0) = 5! \cdot \frac{-11}{120} = -11$$

d) which is the nature of x = 0?

Since, for $x \to 0$, it holds $f(x) \sim -\frac{x^3}{6}$, the point x = 0 is an inflection point.

e) study the sign of f(x) in a neighborhood of x = 0.

Since, for $x \to 0$, it holds $f(x) \sim -\frac{x^3}{6}$, in a left neighborhood of 0 the function is positive, while in a right one, it is negative.

f) compute the limit: $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{f(x)}{\sin^3 x}$

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x)}{\sin^3 x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\frac{-x^3}{6}}{x^3} = \frac{-1}{6}$$

15. Consider the function $f(x) = \sin \frac{2\pi}{x} - 1$.

a) Find the Taylor expansion of order 2 of f(x), with $x_0 = 4$. Recall that:

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

Compute the coefficients:

$$f(x) = \sin\frac{2\pi}{x} - 1$$

$$f(4) = \sin\frac{2\pi}{4} - 1 = \sin\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 = 0$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{2\pi}{x^2}\cos\frac{2\pi}{x}$$

$$f'(4) = -\frac{2\pi}{16}\cos\frac{2\pi}{4} = -\frac{\pi}{8}\cos\frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{4\pi}{x^3}\cos\frac{2\pi}{x} - \frac{2\pi}{x^2}\frac{2\pi}{x^2}\sin\frac{2\pi}{x}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{x^3}\cos\frac{2\pi}{x} - \frac{4\pi^2}{x^4}\sin\frac{2\pi}{x}$$

$$f''(4) = \frac{4\pi}{4^3}\cos\frac{2\pi}{4} - \frac{4\pi^2}{4^4}\sin\frac{2\pi}{4} =$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{4^3}\cos\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{64}\sin\frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{\pi^2}{64}$$

Thus

$$f(x) = -\frac{\pi^2}{128}(x-4)^2 + o((x-4)^2)$$

b) Compute the order of infinitesimal, for $x \to 4$, of f(x).

Since, for $x \to 4$, it holds $f(x) \sim -\frac{\pi^2}{128}(x-4)^2$, the order of infinitesimal is n=2.

- c) Compute the principal part of f(x), for $x \to 4$. Since, for $x \to 4$, it holds $f(x) \sim -\frac{\pi^2}{128}(x-4)^2$, the principal part is $p(x) = -\frac{\pi^2}{128}(x-4)^2$.
- d) Say if f(x) has constant sign in a neighborhood of x=4. Since, for $x \to 4$, it holds $f(x) \sim -\frac{\pi^2}{128}(x-4)^2$, in a neighborhood of x=4 it has negative sign
- e) Say if x = 4 is a stationary point for f(x).

The first derivative is null in x = 4, thus x = 4 is a stationary point.

f) Compute the order of infinity of $g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{(x-4)^{7/2}}$, for $x \to 4$ (w.r.t. u(x) = 1/(x-4)). It holds:

$$g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{(x-4)^{7/2}} \sim \frac{-\frac{\pi^2}{128}(x-4)^2}{(x-4)^{7/2}} = -\frac{\pi^2}{128} \frac{1}{(x-4)^{3/2}}$$

Thus the order of infinity as $x \to 4$ w.r.t. u(x) = 1/(x-4) is 3/2.