

## Chap. 17 Taylor Approximation

### 17.1 Taylor polynomials

Def. Two fns  $f$  and  $g$  have **n-th order agreement** at  $a$  if they are  $n$  times diff at  $a$  and

$$\boxed{f(a) = g(a), f'(a) = g'(a), \dots, f^{(n)}(a) = g^{(n)}(a)}$$

Exa. Show that  $\sin x$  and  $x - x^3$  have the **second-order** agreement at  $0$ .

Pf. Follows since both functions satisfy  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1, f''(0) = 0$

However  $\frac{d^3}{dx^3}(\sin x)|_{x=0} = -1, \quad \frac{d^3}{dx^3}(x - x^3)|_{x=0} = -6$

$\therefore$  they do **not have third-order** agreement at  $0$ .

Remark.  $\sin x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3!} (= x - \frac{x^3}{6})$  for  $x \approx 0$

Theorem-Definition 17.1

Suppose  $f^{(n)}$  exists. Then the polynomial

$$\boxed{T_n(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x - a)^n}$$

is the **unique polynomial** of degree  $n$  in powers of  $x - a$  having  $n$ -th order agreement with  $f(x)$  at  $a$ .  $T_n(x)$  is called the **n-th order Taylor polynomial** for  $f(x)$  at  $a$ .

Pf. Let  $p(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  written in powers of  $x - a$ :

$$p(x) = c_0 + c_1(x - a) + c_2(x - a)^2 + \dots + c_n(x - a)^n, \quad c_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Differentiating  $k$  ( $k \leq n$ ) times gives

$$p^{(k)}(x) = k!c_k + \begin{cases} \text{terms having } (x - a) \text{ as a factor} & \text{if } k < n \\ 0 & \text{if } k = n \end{cases}$$

So  $p^{(k)}(a) = k!c_k$

Therefore,

$f(x)$  and  $p(x)$  have  $n$ -th order agreement at  $a$

$$\Leftrightarrow f^{(k)}(a) = k!c_k \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p(x) \text{ is the } n\text{-th order Taylor polynomial of } f(x) \text{ at } a$$

Ex. Taylor polynomials for the standard functions [**remember the result**]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{1-x} &\approx 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n \quad (T_n(x) \text{ at } x = 0) \\
 e^x &\approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad (T_n(x) \text{ at } x = 0) \\
 \sin x &\approx x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad (T_{2n+1}(x) \text{ or } T_{2n+2}(x) \text{ at } x = 0) \\
 \cos x &\approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad (T_{2n}(x) \text{ or } T_{2n+1}(x) \text{ at } x = 0) \\
 (1+x)^r &\approx 1 + rx + \frac{r(r-1)}{2!}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{r(r-1)\cdots(r-n+1)}{n!}x^n, \text{ for } \forall r \in \mathbb{R} \quad (T_n(x) \text{ at } x = 0) \\
 \left( \text{i.e., } (1+x)^r &\approx 1 + \binom{r}{1}x + \binom{r}{2}x^2 + \cdots + \binom{r}{n}x^n, \text{ for } \forall r \in \mathbb{R} \quad (T_n(x) \text{ at } x = 0) \right) \\
 \left[ \begin{aligned} \text{e.g., } \sqrt{1+x} &\approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1/2 \cdot (-1/2)}{2!}x^2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 \quad (T_2(x) \text{ at } x = 0) \\ \sqrt{1-x} &= (1+(-x))^{1/2} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}(-x) + \frac{1/2 \cdot (-1/2)}{2!}(-x)^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 \quad (T_2(x) \text{ at } x = 0) \end{aligned} \right] \\
 \ln(1+x) &\approx x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} \quad (T_n(x) \text{ at } x = 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark

① Let  $T_n(x)$  be the Taylor polynomial for  $\sin x$  at 0. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_1(x) &= T_2(x), \quad T_3(x) = T_4(x), \cdots \\
 (\because (\sin x)^{(\text{even order})} \Big|_{x=0} &= 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

② Let  $T_n(x)$  be the Taylor polynomial for  $\cos x$  at 0. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_0(x) &= T_1(x), \quad T_2(x) = T_3(x), \cdots \\
 (\because (\cos x)^{(\text{odd order})} \Big|_{x=0} &= 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

③  $\tan x \approx ?$  (not easy to expect the formula  $T_n(x)$ )

$$(\text{odd function}) \tan x \approx x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{17x^7}{5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9} = T_7(x)$$

[the polynomial above gives **no** clue what  $T_9(x)$  might be &

$$\text{it is not easy to calculate } \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \tan x \Big|_{x=0} ]$$

Question: Assume the approximation  $f(x) \approx T_n(x)$  for  $x \approx a$ .

What is its remainder (or error)? How can we estimate the error?

## 17.2 Taylor's theorem with Lagrange remainder

Theorem 17.2 (**Taylor Theorem** with Lagrange remainder)

Suppose  $f(x)$  is  $(n + 1)$  times diff in an open interval  $I \ni a, x$ .

Then  $\exists c$  between  $a$  and  $x$  such that

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x - a)^n + R_n(x);$$

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n + 1)!}(x - a)^{n+1} \quad \text{where } a < c < x \text{ or } x < c < a$$

$R_n(x)$  is called the remainder term or the error term

[The remainder of the above form is usually called the **Lagrange remainder**]

Remark. If we write  $b$  instead of  $x$ , the above result can be stated as

$$f(b) = f(a) + f'(a)(b - a) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(b - a)^n + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n + 1)!}(b - a)^{n+1},$$

for some  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Remark.

$n = 0$ : Taylor theorem is just the MVT

$n = 1$ : Taylor theorem is just the Extended MVT (or the Linearization Error Theorem)

Lemma (**Extended Rolle's theorem**)

If  $f^{(n+1)}(x)$  exists on  $[a, b]$  (with  $a < b$ ), and

$$f(a) = f'(a) = \cdots = f^{(n)}(a) = 0 = f(b),$$

then  $\exists c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $f^{(n+1)}(c) = 0$ .

(Lemma is also valid on  $[b, a]$ , under the same hypothesis)

Pf. Assume  $a < b$ .

$$f(a) = 0 = f(b) \quad \text{Rolle's Theorem} \quad f'(c_1) = 0 \quad \text{for some } c_1, a < c_1 < b$$

$$f'(a) = 0 = f'(c_1) \quad \text{Rolle's Theorem} \quad f''(c_2) = 0 \quad \text{for some } c_2, a < c_2 < c_1$$

$\vdots$

$$f^{(n)}(a) = 0 = f^{(n)}(c_n) \quad \text{Rolle's Theorem} \quad f^{(n+1)}(c) = 0 \quad \text{for some } c, a < c < c_n$$

$$a < c < c_n < \cdots < c_1 < b \quad \Rightarrow \quad c \in (a, b)$$

**Proof of the Taylor theorem**

$$P(x) \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a)^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x - a)^n + C(x - a)^{n+1},$$

where  $C$  is a constant chosen to satisfy  $P(b) = f(b)$ . That is,  $C$  is a number such that

$$f(b) = f(a) + f'(a)(b-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(b-a)^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(b-a)^n + C(b-a)^{n+1}.$$

Note that  $P(a) = f(a)$ ,  $P'(a) = f'(a)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $P^{(n)}(a) = f^{(n)}(a)$  &  $P(b) = f(b)$

Now we let  $g(x) = f(x) - P(x)$

$$\Rightarrow g(a) = g'(a) = \cdots = g^{(n)}(a) = 0 = g(b)$$

Lemma  
 $\Rightarrow \exists c \in (a, b)$  such that  $g^{(n+1)}(c) = 0$  (i.e.  $f^{(n+1)}(c) = P^{(n+1)}(c) = C(n+1)!$ )

$$\therefore C = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} \text{ for some } c \in (a, b)$$

**Remark:** “Taylor Theorem with Lagrange remainder” can be stated as follows:

Suppose  $f(x)$  is  $(n+1)$  times diff in an open interval  $I$ .

Then for any  $a, a+h \in I \Rightarrow [a, a+h] \subset I$  if  $h > 0$ ;  $[a+h, a] \subset I$  if  $h < 0$ ,  $\exists 0 < \theta < 1$  such that

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!}f''(a) + \cdots + \frac{h^n}{n!}f^{(n)}(a) + \frac{h^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}f^{(n+1)}(a+\theta h)$$

$$\text{That is, } \exists 0 < \theta < 1 \text{ s.t. } f(a+h) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!}f^{(k)}(a)h^k + \frac{1}{(n+1)!}f^{(n+1)}(a+\theta h)h^{n+1}$$

### 17.3 Estimating error in Taylor approximation

Recall: The expression for the error (or remainder) term in  $f(x) \approx T_n(x)$  at  $a$  is

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}(x-a)^{n+1}, \text{ for some } c \text{ between } a \text{ and } x$$

Note: Since we don't know exactly where  $c$  is, we can not find the exact error.

So what we get is rather a way of estimating the error.

For example, we consider  $f(x) = e^x$

$$e^x \stackrel{\text{Taylor's formula at } a=0}{=} 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!}x^{n+1}, \quad 0 < c < x \text{ or } x < c < 0$$

In using the formula, there are three things to handle with:

- the size of the error
- the size of the interval
- $n$  (the order of approximation)

We can fix two of these, and ask how the third is affected.

Exa A. Is  $e^x \approx_{0.01} T_3(x)$  at 0?, whenever  $|x| \leq 0.5$

That is,  $|R_3(x)| < 0.01?$ , whenever  $|x| \leq 0.5$

Sol.  $R_3(x) = \frac{e^c}{4!} x^4$ , where  $0 < |c| \leq 0.5$  ( $\leftarrow 0 < c < x$  or  $x < c < 0$ )

$$e^c \underset{e < 3, |c| \leq 0.5}{\leq} 3^{0.5} = \sqrt{3} < 1.75$$

$$\therefore |R_3(x)| < \frac{1.75}{4!} (0.5)^4 \underset{\text{easy}}{<} 0.005 \quad \text{for } |x| \leq 0.5$$

$$\therefore |R_3(x)| < 0.01 \quad \text{is true} \quad \text{whenever } |x| \leq 0.5$$

Exa B. Calculate  $e$  to two decimal places.

Sol. Taking  $x = 1$  in Taylor's formula of  $e^x$  at 0 gives

$$e = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} + \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!}, \quad 0 < c < 1$$

We know that  $0 < e < 3$ , so that

$$1 < e^c < 3 \quad (\Leftarrow 0 < c < 1)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{(n+1)!} < \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} = R_n(1) < \frac{3}{(n+1)!}$$

We want to find (smallest)  $n$  such that

$$\frac{3}{(n+1)!} < 0.01 = \frac{1}{10^2} \quad (\text{i.e. } (n+1)! > 300)$$

$$n = 4 : 5! = 120 < 300$$

$$n = 5 : 6! = 720 > 300 \quad (\therefore n = 5 \text{ is the desired one})$$

$$\text{In fact, } R_5(1) = \frac{e^c}{6!} < \frac{3}{6!} = \frac{1}{240} < \frac{1}{200} = 0.005$$

So, taking  $n = 5$  and calculating give

$$e \approx 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{120} = 2.716 **$$

Since the missing later terms are all positive,

$$e = 2.716 + E, \quad 0 < E < 0.005 \quad \text{---} \quad \blacklozenge$$

Moreover, since  $\frac{1}{6!} = \frac{1}{720} > \frac{1}{1000} = 0.001$ , we see that  $0.001 < E < 0.005$

$$\Rightarrow e = 2.72 + (E - 0.004), \quad -0.003 < \hat{E} := E - 0.004 < 0.001; \quad |\hat{E}| < 0.003 < 0.01$$

$$\therefore e \underset{0.01}{\approx} 2.72$$

Remark: From  $\blacklozenge$  we see that  $e < 2.8$ . Hence

$$R_5(1) = \frac{e^c}{6!} < \frac{e}{6!} < \frac{2.8}{720} = 0.00388\ldots < 0.0039; \text{ so } e = 2.716 + \tilde{E}, \quad 0.001 < \tilde{E} < 0.0039$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 2.71 + (\tilde{E} + 0.006), \quad 0.007 < \check{E} := \tilde{E} + 0.006 < 0.0099; \quad |\check{E}| < 0.0099 < 0.01$$

Thus  $e \underset{0.01}{\approx} 2.71$  is also true. However

$$e \underset{0.01}{\approx} 2.72 \text{ is better than } e \underset{0.01}{\approx} 2.71, \text{ since } |\hat{E}| < 0.003 \text{ but } \check{E} > 0.007$$

(This is also clear if we remember  $e = 2.7182\ldots$ )

**Caution:** In doing this sort of estimation, one should take advantage of *missing terms* in the Taylor polynomial.

For example,

$$f(x) := \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + R_3(x)$$

$$\text{or } = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + 0 + R_4(x)$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\text{4th-order term}$$

$$(R_4(x) \text{ is much smaller than } R_3(x) \text{ for } |x| \approx 0)$$

$$\vdash R_3(x) = \frac{f^{(4)}(c)}{4!} x^4 = \frac{\sin c}{4!} x^4$$

$$R_4(x) = \frac{f^{(5)}(c)}{5!} x^5 = \frac{\cos c}{5!} x^5 : \text{ much smaller than } R_3(x) \text{ for } |x| \approx 0 \quad \perp$$

Consequently, in the approximation  $\sin x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3!}$ , the polynomial on the right should be viewed as

$$T_4(x), \text{ not } T_3(x)$$

Ex1. Use Taylor's theorem to prove that

$$1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} < \sqrt{1+x} < 1 + \frac{x}{2}, \text{ for all } x > 0$$

Sol. Taylor's theorem (applied to  $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$  ( $x > 0$ )) gives

$$\sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} + R_1(x); \quad \sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + R_2(x),$$

where  $R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1}$  for some  $c \in (0, x)$ .

Since  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+x}}$ ,  $f^{(2)}(x) = -\frac{1}{4(1+x)^{3/2}}$ ,  $f^{(3)}(x) = \frac{3}{8(1+x)^{5/2}}$ , we obtain

$$R_1(x) = \frac{f^{(2)}(c)}{2!}x^2 < 0 \quad \& \quad R_2(x) = \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{3!}x^3 > 0 \quad \text{whenever } x > 0$$

Therefore,  $1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} < \sqrt{1+x} < 1 + \frac{x}{2}$ , for all  $x > 0$ .

Ex2. Prove that  $|\ln(1+x) - x| < \frac{x^2}{2}$  for  $x > 0$

Pf.  $f(x) := \ln x \ (x > 0) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \ f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$

By Taylor's theorem,

$$f(1+x) = f(1) + xf'(1) + \frac{x^2}{2}f''(1+\theta x), \quad \text{for some } 0 < \theta < 1$$

$$\therefore \ln(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2(1+\theta x)^2}x^2 \quad (x > 0) \quad \text{for some } 0 < \theta < 1$$

$$\therefore |\ln(1+x) - x| = \frac{1}{2(1+\theta x)^2}x^2 < \frac{1}{2}x^2 \quad (x > 0) \quad \left[ \leftarrow 1+\theta x > 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(1+\theta x)^2} < 1 \right]$$

Ex3. Suppose that  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is nonnegative, twice differentiable, and  $f''(x) \leq 1/2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Use Extended Mean Value Theorem (or Taylor's theorem) to prove that

$$|f'(x)| \leq \sqrt{f(x)} \quad \text{Hint: Consider } f(x+h).$$

Pf. By Extended MVT (or Taylor's theorem),

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(\xi) \quad \text{for some } \xi \text{ between } x \text{ and } x+h.$$

Since  $f(x+h) \geq 0 \ (\forall h \in \mathbb{R})$  and  $f''(\xi) \leq 1/2$ , we get

$$0 \leq \underbrace{f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{4}}_{\text{quadratic polynomial in } h} \quad \forall h \in \mathbb{R}$$

This implies  $D \leq 0$ , and so  $f'(x)^2 - f(x) \leq 0$ . Equivalently,  $|f'(x)| \leq \sqrt{f(x)}$ .

## 17.4 Taylor series

Recall (Taylor theorem)

If  $f(x)$  is  $(n+1)$  times diff in some open interval  $I \ni 0$ , then for each  $x \in I$ ,

$\exists c$  between 0 and  $x$  such that

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

**Question:** What about if  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

Suppose  $f(x)$  is infinitely diff in some open interval  $I \ni 0$ .

Is it possible that for any  $x \in I$ :

$$f(x) \stackrel{??(\text{can be represented as})}{=} f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \dots$$

Ans: Not true in general

$$f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Claim:**  $f(x)$  is infinitely diff at each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . [It is clear that  $f(x)$  is infinitely diff at each  $x \neq 0$ ]

Moreover,  $f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \quad \forall n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  (i.e.,  $f$  is infinitely flat at  $x = 0$ )

Pf of claim:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x} \\ &\stackrel{\frac{1}{x^2}=t}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} t e^{-t^2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{t}{e^{t^2}} \left( \frac{\pm\infty}{\infty} - \text{form} \right) \stackrel{\text{L'Hospital}}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{2te^{t^2}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x) - f'(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \frac{1}{x^3} e^{-1/x^2}}{x} \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x^4} \stackrel{\frac{1}{x^2}=t}{=} 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^2}{e^t} \stackrel{\text{L'Hospital}}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

From these, one may expect that  $f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Indeed, we can prove this by using **Mathematical Induction**:

Assume  $f^{(k)}(0) = 0$ . Then for  $x \neq 0$ , we can verify (by Math. Induction) that

$f^{(k)}(x) = R(1/x) e^{-1/x^2}$ , where  $R(1/x)$  is a polynomial in  $1/x$  --- **Check**

So is  $\frac{R(1/x)}{x}$ . Thus  $\frac{R(1/x)}{x} = a_m \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^m + a_{m-1} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  (for some  $m$ )

Note that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{-n} e^{-1/x^2} \stackrel{\frac{1}{x^2}=t}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{t^n}{e^{t^2}} \stackrel{\text{L}}{=} 0$ .

Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{R(1/x) e^{-1/x^2}}{x} = 0$ . Therefore,

$$f^{(k+1)}(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f^{(k)}(x) - f^{(k)}(0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{R(1/x) e^{-1/x^2}}{x} = 0$$

Now suppose that  $f(x) = \sum \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$  for  $x \neq 0$ .

Notice that RHS = 0 since  $f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \quad \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Then we must have  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ , which is **absurd** since  $f(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$ .



**Def.** Let  $f$  be infinitely diff at  $0$ . The power series

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

is called the **Taylor series** of  $f$  at  $0$  (or the **MacLaurin series** of  $f$ )

**Def.** If  $\exists R > 0$  such that  $f(x)$  can be expressed as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n \quad \forall x \text{ with } |x| < R,$$

we say that  $f$  is (real) **analytic at  $0$** .

**Remark.** Let  $f$  be infinitely diff on  $(-R, R)$ . Then we know that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}x^{n+1} \\ &\quad \left( 0 < c < x < R, \text{ or } -R < x < c < 0 \right) \\ &= T_n(x) + R_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus if  $R_n(x) \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall x$  with  $|x| < R$  (i.e.  $T_n(x) \rightarrow f(x) \quad \forall x$  with  $|x| < R$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\text{(which means } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n = f(x) \quad \forall x \text{ with } |x| < R)$$

then  $f$  is (real) analytic at  $x = 0$ .

Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f \text{ is analytic at } 0 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} f(x) \stackrel{\text{can be expressed}}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n \quad \forall x \text{ with } |x| < (\text{some})R \\ &\Leftrightarrow \exists R > 0 \quad \text{s.t. } T_n(x) \rightarrow f(x) \quad \forall |x| < R \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ &\Leftrightarrow \exists R > 0 \quad \text{s.t. } R_n(x) \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall |x| < R \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

**Later** (Chapter 22: Cor 22.6A)

If a power series  $\sum_0^{\infty} a_n x^n$  has radius of convergence  $R > 0$ , it will be proved that

$$f(x) := \sum_0^{\infty} a_n x^n \in C^{\infty}(-R, R) \quad \& \quad \sum_0^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_0^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n \quad (= \text{T.S. of } f(x)) \text{ on } (-R, R)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f \text{ is analytic at } x = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists R > 0 \quad \text{s.t. } f(x) \stackrel{\text{expressed as}}{=} \sum_0^{\infty} a_n x^n \text{ on } (-R, R)}$$

**Ex.** Show that

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

$$(ii) \quad e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots, \quad \text{all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Pf (i) Exercise

(ii) Have to show: Given any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $R_{n-1}(x) (= \frac{e^c}{n!} x^n) \rightarrow 0$  ( $0 < c < x$  or  $x < c < 0$ ).

Take an arb  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and fix it. Choose  $N$  so that  $|x| < N/2$ .

If  $0 < c < x$ , then  $0 < e^c < e^x$ , let  $A = e^x$

If  $x < c < 0$ , then  $e^x < e^c < 1$ , let  $A = 1$

For  $n > N$ , we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|e^c x^n|}{n!} &\leq \frac{A |x|^n}{n!} = \frac{A |x|^N \cdot |x|^{n-N}}{N! (N+1) \cdots n} \\ &= \frac{A |x|^N}{N!} \cdot \frac{|x|}{N+1} \cdot \frac{|x|}{N+2} \cdots \frac{|x|}{n} \\ &\leq \underbrace{\frac{A |x|^N}{N!}}_{\text{indep of } n} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdots \frac{1}{2}}_{n-N \text{ times}} \leq \frac{K}{2^{n-N}} \quad (K : \text{indep of } n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^c}{n!} x^n = 0, \quad \text{for each } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Alternative way:**

Given any fixed  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^x &\stackrel{\text{Taylor's theorem}}{=} 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \frac{e^c x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, \quad 0 < c < x \text{ or } x < c < 0 \\ \therefore \left| e^x - \left( 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) \right| &= \frac{e^c |x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \leq \frac{e^{|x|} |x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

Remains to show:

$$(*) : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{|x|} |x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = 0 \quad (\text{note: } x \text{ is fixed \& } e^{|x|} \text{ is indep of } n)$$

Actually, it suffices to show

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[ =: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n(x) \right] = 0 \quad \text{---} \blacklozenge$$

$\blacklozenge$  can be proved by applying Ratio test as follows:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}(x)}{a_n(x)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{|x|^{n+1}} \times \frac{|x|^{n+2}}{(n+2)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+2} = 0 < 1$$

Ex. Use Taylor's theorem to prove

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \cdots \left( = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} / n \right) = \ln 2$$

Pf. **Idea:**  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \Big|_{x=1}$

$$f(x) := x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 - x + x^2 - \dots = \frac{1}{1+x} \text{ for } |x| < 1$$

Based on this observation, we let  $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ .

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

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{(1+x)^n} \text{ for every } n \geq 1$$

Taylor's theorem applied to  $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$  ( $x > 0$ ) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(1+x) &= f(0) + f'(0)x + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n + R_n(x) \\ &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} x^n + R_n(x), \quad R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \quad (0 < c < x) \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $x = 1$  gives

$$\ln 2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} + R_n(1), \quad R_n(1) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} \quad (0 < c < 1)$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} |R_n(1)| &= \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} \right| = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left| \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(1+c)^{n+1}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} / n &= \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

Def. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\exists R > 0$  such that  $f(x)$  can be expressed as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \quad \forall x \text{ with } |x-a| < R,$$

we say that  $f$  is (real) **analytic at  $a$** .

Or, equivalently,  $f$  is (real) **analytic at  $a$**  if  $\exists R > 0$  such that

$$R_n(x) := \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ for any } x \text{ with } |x-a| < R$$

$$(\text{equivalently, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-a)^n = 0 \quad \forall x \text{ with } |x-a| < R)$$

Later, it will be proved that

$$f \text{ is analytic at } x = a \Leftrightarrow \exists R > 0 \text{ s.t. } f(x) \stackrel{\text{is expressed as}}{=} \sum_0^{\infty} a_n (x-a)^n \text{ on } (a-R, a+R)$$

## More on Taylor's theorem (보충)

### ☉ Taylor's theorem with integral remainder

**Version 1.** Let  $I$  be an interval in  $\mathbb{R}$

① Suppose  $f \in C^1(I)$  (i.e.,  $f'$  is continuous on  $I$ ) and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$f(a+h) - f(a) = h \int_0^1 f'(a+th) dt$$

Pf. 
$$h \int_0^1 f'(a+th) dt \stackrel{a+th=u}{=} \int_a^{a+h} f'(u) du = f(a+h) - f(a)$$

② Suppose  $f \in C^2(I)$  (i.e.,  $f''$  is continuous on  $I$ ) and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + h^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) f''(a+th) dt$$

Pf. By ①,  $f(a+h) - f(a) = h \int_0^1 f'(a+th) dt$

$$\begin{aligned} h \int_0^1 f'(a+th) dt &= h \int_0^1 -(1-t)' f'(a+th) dt \\ &\stackrel{\text{integration by parts}}{=} \left[ -h(1-t) f'(a+th) \right]_{t=0}^{t=1} + h \int_0^1 (1-t) f''(a+th) h dt \\ &= hf'(a) + h^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) f''(a+th) dt \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the result follows.

③ Suppose  $f \in C^3(I)$  (i.e.,  $f^{(3)}$  is continuous on  $I$ ) and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(a) + \frac{h^3}{2!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^2 f^{(3)}(a+th) dt$$

Pf. By ②,  $f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + h^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) f''(a+th) dt$

$$\begin{aligned} h^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) f''(a+th) dt &= h^2 \int_0^1 \left( -\frac{(1-t)^2}{2} \right)' f''(a+th) dt \\ &\stackrel{\text{integration by parts}}{=} \left[ h^2 \frac{-(1-t)^2}{2} f''(a+th) \right]_{t=0}^{t=1} + h^2 \int_0^1 \frac{(1-t)^2}{2} f^{(3)}(a+th) h dt \\ &= \frac{h^2}{2} f''(a) + \frac{h^3}{2} \int_0^1 (1-t)^2 f^{(3)}(a+th) dt \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the result follows.

④ Suppose  $f \in C^{(n+1)}(I)$  and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$f(a+h) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{h^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(a) + \frac{h^{n+1}}{n!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^n f^{(n+1)}(a+th) dt$$

Ex. Another equivalent form ( $\Leftarrow$  apply **integration by parts**, or substitute  $x = a+h$  in version 1)

①  $f \in C^1(I)$  and  $a \in I \Rightarrow$  for every  $x \in I$ ,  $f(x) = f(a) + \int_a^x f'(t) dt$  (FTC)

②  $f \in C^2(I)$  and  $a \in I \Rightarrow$  for every  $x \in I$ ,  $f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \int_a^x (x-t) f^{(2)}(t) dt$

③  $f \in C^3(I)$  and  $a \in I \Rightarrow$  for every  $x \in I$ ,

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{1}{2!} \int_a^x (x-t)^2 f^{(3)}(t) dt$$

④  $f \in C^{(n+1)}(I)$  and  $a \in I \Rightarrow$  for every  $x \in I$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!}(x-a)^k + \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^x (x-t)^n f^{(n+1)}(t) dt$$

Pf. ②:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(a) + \int_a^x f'(t) dt = f(a) + \int_a^x [-(x-t)'] f'(t) dt \\ &= f(a) - (x-t)f'(t) \Big|_{t=a}^t - \int_a^x [-(x-t)] f''(t) dt \quad [\leftarrow \text{integration by parts}] \\ &= f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \int_a^x (x-t) f''(t) dt \\ &= f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \int_a^x -\left(\frac{(x-t)^2}{2}\right)' f''(t) dt \\ &= f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) - \frac{(x-t)^2}{2} f''(t) \Big|_{t=a}^t + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^x (x-t)^2 f^{(3)}(t) dt \\ &\quad [\leftarrow \text{integration by parts again}] \\ &= f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{1}{2!} \int_a^x (x-t)^2 f^{(3)}(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

**Version2.** Let  $I$  be an interval in  $\mathbb{R}$

① Suppose  $f \in C^1(I)$  (i.e.,  $f'$  is continuous on  $I$ ) and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$f(a+h) - f(a) - hf'(a) = h \int_0^1 [f'(a+th) - f'(a)] dt$$

Pf. This comes from subtracting  $hf'(a)$  on both sides of version1-①)

② Suppose  $f \in C^2(I)$  (i.e.,  $f''$  is continuous on  $I$ ) and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$f(a+h) - f(a) - hf'(a) - \frac{h^2}{2} f''(a) = \frac{h^2}{1!} \int_0^1 (1-t) [f''(a+th) - f''(a)] dt$$

Pf. By version1-②,  $f(a+h) - f(a) - hf'(a) = h^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) f''(a+th) dt$

Subtracting  $f''(a) \frac{h^2}{2}$  on both sides of the above gives

$$\begin{aligned} f(a+h) - f(a) - hf'(a) - f''(a) \frac{h^2}{2} &= h^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) f''(a+th) dt - f''(a) \frac{h^2}{2} \\ &= h^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) [f''(a+th) - f''(a)] dt \quad \left( \leftarrow \frac{h^2}{2} = h^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

③ Suppose  $f \in C^3(I)$  (i.e.,  $f^{(3)}$  is continuous on  $I$ ) and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$f(a+h) - f(a) - hf'(a) - \frac{h^2}{2} f''(a) - \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(a) = \frac{h^3}{2!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^2 [f^{(3)}(a+th) - f^{(3)}(a)] dt$$

Pf. Use  $\frac{h^k}{k!} = \frac{h^k}{(k-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} dt$

**Cor.** Suppose  $f \in C^k(I)$  (i.e.,  $f^{(k)}$  is continuous on  $I$ ) and  $a \in I$ . Then

$$\frac{R_{a,k}(h)}{h^k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $R_{a,k}(h) := \frac{h^k}{(k-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} [f^{(k)}(a+th) - f^{(k)}(a)] dt$

Pf.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{R_{a,k}(h)}{h^k} \right| &\leq \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} |f^{(k)}(a+th) - f^{(k)}(a)| dt \\ &\leq \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f^{(k)}(a+th) - f^{(k)}(a)| \cdot \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \cdot \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f^{(k)}(a+th) - f^{(k)}(a)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0, \text{ since } f^{(k)} \text{ is conti at } a \end{aligned}$$