

Matematiske metoder (MM 529)

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Taylor series of functions defined by an integral

Some integrals not expressible in standard functions (or you just do not know a method to solve the integral).

Example: Sine integral

$$\text{Si}(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\sin t}{t} dt$$

not expressible in standard functions.

Idea: Replace function by its power series and manipulate the power series instead.

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Substitute $-t^2$ for x :

$$e^{-t^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-t^2)^n}{n!} = 1 - t^2 + \frac{t^4}{2} - \frac{t^6}{6} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n}}{n!}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt &= \int_0^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n}}{n!} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^x (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n}}{n!} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_0^x t^{2n} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E(1) &= \int_0^1 e^{-t^2} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(2n+1)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{42} + \frac{1}{216} + \gamma \end{aligned}$$

where $0 \geq \gamma \geq \frac{-1}{5! \cdot 11} = \frac{-1}{1320}$ by the error criterion for alternating series. We obtain $0.7465 < E(1) < 0.7475$.

(First) binomial formula: $(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$.

What is $(x + y)^n$?

$$\begin{aligned}(x + y)^3 &= (x + y) \cdot (x + y) \cdot (x + y) \\&= x^3 + x^2y + xyx + xy^2 + yx^2 + yxy + y^2x + y^3 \\&= x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3.\end{aligned}$$

$$(x + y)^4 = x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4.$$

Each summand of $(x + y)^n$ has the form $x^k y^{n-k}$, $0 \leq k \leq n$.

Denote by $\binom{n}{k}$ the number of summands of the form $x^k y^{n-k}$, then $\binom{n}{0} = 1 = \binom{n}{n}$. Terms $\binom{n}{k}$ are called **binomial coefficients**.

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Why **Binomial** Theorem?

Lat. *nomen*: name.

Bi-nomial: two names: two variables (i.e. x and y).

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$$f^{(0)}(x) = (x + a)^n.$$

$$f^{(1)}(x) = n \cdot (x + a)^{n-1}.$$

$$f^{(2)}(x) = n(n-1) \cdot (x + a)^{n-2}.$$

$$f^{(k)}(x) = n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1) \cdot (x + a)^{n-k}, \text{ for } k \leq n$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = n!,$$

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where $f^{(k)}(0) = n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1) \cdot a^{n-k}$ for $k \leq n$.

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

Binomial coefficients

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

for $n \geq k \geq 0$.

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Substituting 1 for a :

Binomial Series for integers

For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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Observe: $\binom{n}{k} = 0$ if $k > n$, since the numerator has a factor $= 0$.

Power series of the sequence of coefficients

$$(\binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \binom{n}{2}, \dots) = (\binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \dots, \binom{n}{n-1}, \binom{n}{n}, 0, 0, \dots).$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{k!} \text{ for } n, k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Binomial recursion

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1} \text{ if } n, k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1} &= \frac{(n-1)\cdots(n-k)}{k!} + \frac{(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{(k-1)!} \\&= \left(\frac{n-k}{k} + 1\right) \frac{(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{(k-1)!} \\&= \frac{n}{k} \cdot \frac{(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{(k-1)!} \\&= \binom{n}{k}. \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

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Pascal's Triangle for $\binom{n}{k}$:

$n \backslash k$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
3	1	3	3	1	0	0	0
4	1	4	6	4	1	0	0
5	1	5	10	10	5	1	0
6	1	6	15	20	15	6	1

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Summation over binomial coefficients in a row (set $x = 1$):

$$2^n = (1+1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 1^k = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k}.$$

Alternating sum over binomial coefficients in a row (set $x = -1$):

$$0 = (1-1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k}.$$

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$$(1+x)^n = (x+1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} x^k,$$

where $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{k!}$ for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

What is $\sqrt{1+x} = (1+x)^{1/2}$?

Binomial Series

For every $r \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(1+x)^r = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{r}{k} x^k,$$

where $\binom{r}{k} = \frac{r(r-1)\cdots(r-k+1)}{k!}$, if $-1 < x < 1$.

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For $|x| < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^{1/2} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{k} x^k \\ &= \binom{1/2}{0} x^0 + \binom{1/2}{1} x^1 + \binom{1/2}{2} x^2 + \binom{1/2}{3} x^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})}{2} x^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{3!} x^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{16}x^3 - \frac{5}{128}x^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Binomial Series

For every $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$(1+x)^z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{z}{k} x^k,$$

where $\binom{z}{k} = \frac{z(z-1)\cdots(z-k+1)}{k!}$, if $-1 < x < 1$.

Example:

$$\binom{i}{2} = \frac{i(i-1)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(-1-i),$$

the complex number whose real and imaginary parts are both $-\frac{1}{2}$.
Complex numbers $z = a + ib$ in the exponent of a function:

$$\begin{aligned}(1+x)^z &= (e^{\ln(1+x)})^z = e^{(a+ib)\cdot\ln(1+x)} = e^{a\ln(1+x)} \cdot e^{ib\ln(1+x)} \\ &= (1+x)^a \cdot [\cos(b\ln(1+x)) + i\sin(b\ln(1+x))],\end{aligned}$$

by Euler's formula $e^{ix} = \cos x + i\sin x$.