

Last time: infinite series

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex. } e &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

This also works for functions.

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

In general, any fcn can be expressed:
(Taylor's Thm)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= P_{n,x_0}(x) + R_n(x) \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x-x_0)^k + R_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

If $R_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $P_{n,x_0}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$
or $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x-x_0)^k$

We use the notation

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x-x_0)^k$$

This is the Taylor series of f about x_0 . Condition for convergence. ($R_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$).

If $\exists M$ such that $|f^{(n)}(x)| \leq M \quad \forall n=0,1,2,\dots$
and all x in an interval I containing x_0 , then the Taylor series of $f(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ for all $x \in I$.

For $f(x) = e^x$. Consider an arbitrary interval $[a, b]$ that contains 0.

$$|f^{(n)}(x)| = e^x \leq e^b \text{ on } [a, b]$$

Let $M = e^b$. Since any number can be placed in an arbitrary interval, containing 0, the Taylor Series of e^x about 0 converges for all x .

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} \text{ for all } x.$$

• $f(x) = \sin x$ about 0.

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \pm \sin x \text{ or } \pm \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow |f^{(n)}(x)| \leq 1 \text{ for all } n \text{ and all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

\Rightarrow The Taylor Series for $\sin x$ converges for all x .

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

Similarly for $\cos x$ about 0,

$$\cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} \text{ for all } x$$

Not all Taylor Series converge for all values of x .

e.g. $f(x) = \ln x$ about $x = 1$

The Taylor Series is:

$$\ln x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} (x-1)^k = (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3 - \dots$$

Suppose we want to use this to estimate $\ln 3$.

$$\Rightarrow \ln 3 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} (3-1)^k}{k} = 2 - \frac{2^2}{2} + \frac{2^3}{3} - \frac{2^4}{4} + \frac{2^5}{5} - \dots$$

$$= 2 - 2 + \frac{8}{3} - \frac{16}{4} + \frac{32}{5} - \dots$$

terms are getting larger in magnitude.

→ diverges

In fact, the interval of convergence of the above Taylor Series is $(0, 2]$.

Note: $\ln 2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$

If we look at $|f^{(n)}(x)|$:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}, f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}, f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}, f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4}$$

Observe the pattern.

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (n-1)!}{x^n} \Rightarrow |f^{(n)}(x)| = \frac{(n-1)!}{x^n}$$

Bounding this quantity depends on x & n
 ($x=0$ is a problem) We can't find a single value of k .

Doesn't necessarily mean it never converges, we just have to do more work.