

Discussion 18: Taylor and Maclaurin Series

Maclaurin Series

1. $f(x) = \sin x$

$f(x) = \sin x$	$f(0) = 0$	Maclaurin series: For all x $f(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$ $ f^{n+1}(x) \leq 1$
$f'(x) = \cos x$	$f'(0) = 1$	
$f''(x) = -\sin x$	$f''(0) = 0$	
$f'''(x) = -\cos x$	$f'''(0) = -1$	

Taylor's inequality: $M = 1$

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{|x^{n+1}|}{(M+1)!}$$

Therefore, $\sin x$ is the sum of its Maclaurin series for all x .
 $n \rightarrow \infty, |R_n(x)| \rightarrow 0$

2. $f(x) = 2^x$

$f(x) = 2^x$	$f(0) = 1$	Maclaurin series: $f(x) = 1 + \frac{\ln 2}{1!} x + \frac{(\ln 2)^2}{2!} x^2 + \frac{(\ln 2)^3}{3!} x^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\ln 2)^n \frac{x^n}{n!}$
$f'(x) = (\ln 2)2^x$	$f'(0) = \ln 2$	
$f''(x) = (\ln 2)^2 2^x$	$f''(0) = (\ln 2)^2$	
$f'''(x) = (\ln 2)^3 2^x$	$f'''(0) = (\ln 2)^3$	

Ratio test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0 < 1$, for all x . $R = \infty$

3. Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2}$$

We know $e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right) - 1 - x}{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right)}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{3!} + \frac{x^2}{4!} + \dots = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Taylor Series

1. $f(x) = x^6 - x^4 + 2, a = -2$

$f(x) = x^6 - x^4 + 2$	$f(-2) = 50$	Taylor series: $f(x) = 50 + (-160)(x+2) + \frac{432}{2!}(x+2)^2 + \frac{-912}{3!}(x+2)^3 + \dots$
$f'(x) = 6x^5 - 4x^3$	$f'(-2) = -160$	
$f''(x) = 30x^4 - 12x^2$	$f''(-2) = 432$	
$f'''(x) = 120x^3 - 24x$	$f'''(-2) = -912$	

2. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}, a = 16$

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$	$f(16) = 4$
$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	$f'(16) = \frac{1}{2.4}$
$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{2.2x^{\frac{3}{2}}}$	$f''(16) = -\frac{1}{2.2.4^3}$
$f'''(x) = \frac{3}{2.2.2x^{\frac{5}{2}}}$	$f'''(16) = \frac{3}{2.2.2.4^5}$
$f^4(x) = \frac{3.5}{2.2.2.2x^{\frac{7}{2}}}$	$f^4(16) = -\frac{3.5}{2.2.2.2.4^7}$

Taylor series:

$$f(x) = 4 + \frac{1}{2.4}(x-16) - \frac{1}{2.2.4^3}(x-16)^2 + \frac{3}{2.2.2.4^5}(x-16)^3 - \frac{3.5}{2.2.2.2.4^7}(x-16)^4 + \dots$$

$$= 4 + \frac{(x-16)}{8} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-3)}{2^{5n-2} \cdot n!} (x-16)^n$$

Ratio test: , for all x.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{x}{16} - 1 \right| < 1 \Rightarrow \text{converging}$$

$$0 < x < 32$$

$$R = 16$$