

§11.10 Taylor & Maclauren Series.

How to find a p.s.
given $f(x)$.

$$\text{Assume } f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$$

$$\text{for } |x-a| < R$$

$$= c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + \dots + c_n(x-a)^n + \dots$$

To find c_n , $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$f(a) = c_0$$

$$f'(x) = c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + 3c_3(x-a)^2 + \dots + nc_n(x-a)^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$f'(a) = c_1$$

$$f''(x) = 2c_2 + 2 \cdot 3c_3(x-a) + \dots + (n-1)(n)c_n(x-a)^{n-2} + \dots$$

$$f''(a) = 2c_2$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = 2 \cdot 3 C_3 + \dots + \frac{(n-2)(n-1) \dots n C_n}{(n-2)!} (x-a)^{n-3} + \dots$$

$$f^{(3)}(a) = 2 \cdot 3 C_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(n)}(a) &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot n C_n \\ &= n! C_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore C_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}, \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Taylor Series for $f(x)$
centred at a
for $|x-a| < R$

i.e.

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

$$|x-a| < R.$$

Special Case : $a=0$
centred at $x=0$.

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

is called Maclauren Series.

Example. $f(x) = e^x$
Find Maclauren Series.

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

$$f^{(n)}(0) = e^0 = 1, n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

is the Maclauren Series
for e^x .

Question : If $f(x)$ has
derivatives of all orders
when is $f(x)$ equal
to its Taylor series?

Answer is NOT ALWAYS

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

has derivatives of ALL orders even at $x = 0$.

$$f^{(n)}(0) = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(use e^x Hospital's Rule!)

\therefore Maclaurin Series is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = 0 \quad \text{for all } x$$

But $f(x) \neq 0$ if $x \neq 0$.

When is $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$?

Define n^{th} partial sum.

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i$$

n^{th} order

Taylor Polynomial

i.e. $T_0(x) = f(a)$ $f^{(0)}(a) = f(a)$
 $0! = 1$

$$T_1(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

(Tangent line to $f(x)$ at $x=a$)

$$T_2(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2} (x-a)^2$$

The REMAINDER.

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - T_n(x)$$

tells how good $T_n(x)$ approximates $f(x)$

Thm If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$

for $|x-a| < R$

where $R > 0$ or ∞

then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(x) - R_n(x)) \\ &= f(x) - 0 \\ &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is equal to its Taylor Series.

Estimate $R_n(x)$.

How good is $T_n(x)$ as an estimate of $f(x)$?

Taylor's Inequality.

If $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ for

$|x-a| < d$

then $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1}$ for $|x-a| < d$.

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Application of Taylor's Inequality.

NOTE : We showed

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ converges for all x .
i.e. $R = \infty$
using the Ratio Test.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$ (by the DIVERGENCE TEST)

Is $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

By the Thⁿ we need to show

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = 0$.

Taylor's Inequality

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

for $|x-a| < d$.
 where $|f^{(n+1)}(a)| \leq M$.

($a=0$)

Fix any $d \in \mathbb{R}$.

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

$$\max\{|f^{(n+1)}(x)| : |x| < d\}$$

$$\therefore |R_n(x)| \leq \frac{e^d}{(n+1)!} |d|^{n+1} \quad \text{if } |x| < d.$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{if } |x| < d.$$

But d was arbitrary.

$\therefore R_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
 for all x

$$\therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$