

## 10.9 Convergence of Taylor Series

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### Taylor's Theorem:

If  $f$  and its first  $n$  derivatives  $f', f'', \dots, f^{(n)}$  are continuous on the closed interval between  $a$  and  $b$  and  $f$  is differentiable on the open interval between  $a$  and  $b$ , then there exists a number  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  s

$$f(b) = f(a) + f'(a)(b-a) + \frac{f''(a)(b-a)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)(b-a)^n}{n!} + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)(b-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

### Taylor's formula:

If  $f$  has derivatives of all orders in an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$ , then for each positive integer  $n$  and for each  $x$  in  $I$

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

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

where

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

\* So Taylor's Theorem says  $\forall x \in I$

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$$f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x)$$

\*  $R_n$  depends on the value of  $(n+1)$ st derivative  $f^{(n+1)}$  at a point  $c$ , that depends on both  $a$  and  $x$

\*  $R_n$  is called the remainder of order  $n$  or the error term for the approximation of  $f$  by  $P_n(x)$  over  $I$ .

\* If  $R_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in I$ , we say that the Taylor series generated by  $f$  at  $x=a$

converges to  $f$  on  $I$ , and we write

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

Example: show that the Taylor series generated by  $f(x) = e^x$  at  $x=0$ , converges to  $f(x)$  for every real value of  $x$ .

$$f(x) = e^x$$

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

$$\text{so } f(x) = e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + R_n(x)$$

$$R_n(x) = \frac{e^c x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \text{ for some } c \text{ between } 0 \text{ and } x$$

If  $R_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  so Taylor series  $\rightarrow f$

so we have to show that  $R_n(x) \rightarrow 0$

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

The value of  $R_n(x)$  depends on  $e^c$

$e^x$  is increasing function of  $x$

$e^c$  lies between  $e^0$  and  $e^x$

①  $x$  is negative

$$\text{so } e^c < 1$$

②  $x = 0$

$$\text{so } e^c < e^0 = 1 \text{ and } e^c = 1 \text{ and } R_n(x) = 0$$

⑤ If  $x$  is positive

$$e^c < e^x$$

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, \quad x \leq 0 \quad [e^c < 1]$$

$$|R_n(x)| \leq e^x \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, \quad x > 0 \quad [e^c < e^x]$$

In both cases  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$   
So the series converges to  $e^x \quad \forall x$ .

So

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

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

for  $x=1$

$$e^1 = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} + R_n(1)$$

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

## Estimating the Remainder.

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The Remainder Estimation Theorem:

If there is a positive constant  $M$  such that  $f^{(n+1)}(t) \leq M$  for  $t$  between  $a$  and  $x$  inclusive, then the remainder term  $R_n(x)$  in Taylor's Theorem satisfies the inequality

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

If this inequality holds for every  $n$  and the other conditions of Taylor Theorem are satisfied by  $f$ , then the series converges to  $f(x)$ .

**Example:**

Show that the Taylor series for  $\sin x$  at  $x=0$  converges for all  $x$ .

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \sin x, \quad f'(x) = \cos x, \quad f''(x) = -\sin x, \quad f'''(x) = -\cos x$$

$$f^{(2k)}(x) = (-1)^k \cos x, \quad f^{(2k+1)}(x) = (-1)^k \sin x$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} + R(x)$$

all the derivatives of  $\sin x$  have absolute value less than or equal to 1 so we can apply the Remainder Estimation Th. **RET**

$$\left| R_{2k+1}(x) \right| \leq \frac{1 \cdot |x|^{2k+2}}{(2k+2)!}$$

$$R_{2k+1}(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

So the Maclaurine series for  $\sin x$  converges to  $\sin x$   $\forall x$

$$\text{So } \sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$

**Example:**  
Show that the Taylor series for  $\cos x$  at  $x=0$  converges to  $\cos x$  for every value of  $x$

**Solution:**

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} + R_{2k}(x)$$

$$R_{2k} = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} \cos(x) \cdot |x|^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

$$M = 1$$

$$\text{So } \left| R_{2k}(x) \right| \leq \frac{1 \cdot |x|^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

$\forall x$

$$\text{as } k \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow R_{2k} \rightarrow 0$$

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$$\text{So } \cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

Using Taylor Series:

Example: Use known series, find the first few terms of Taylor series for the given function using power series operations

$$a) \frac{1}{3} (2x + x \cos x)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} x + \frac{1}{3} x \cos x$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} x + \frac{1}{3} x \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} x + \frac{1}{3} x - \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 2!} + \frac{x^5}{3 \cdot 4!} - \frac{x^7}{3 \cdot 6!} + \dots$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{4! \cdot 3} - \frac{x^7}{3 \cdot 6!} + \dots$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{72} - \frac{x^7}{2160} + \dots$$

(b)  $e^x \cos x$

$$= \left( 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right) \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \right)$$

$$= \left( 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right) - \left( \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{1! \cdot 2!} + \frac{x^5}{2! \cdot 3!} + \dots \right)$$

$$+ \left( \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{2! \cdot 4!} + \dots \right) + \dots$$

$$= 1 + x - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{6} + \dots$$

(c)  $\cos 2x = 1 - \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^4}{4!} - \frac{(2x)^6}{6!} + \dots$

$$= 1 - \frac{2^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{2^4 x^4}{4!} - \frac{2^6 x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

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

Example: For what values of  $x$  can we  
replace  $\sin x$  by  $x - \frac{x^3}{3!}$  with an error of  
magnitude no greater than  $3 \times 10^{-4}$ ? 9

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

all terms after  $\frac{x^3}{3!}$  are less than or equal  $\frac{|x^5|}{5!}$

$$\text{so } \frac{|x^5|}{5!} = \frac{|x|^5}{5!} < 3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$|x|^5 < 3 \times 10^{-4} \times 5!$$

$$|x| < \sqrt[5]{3 \times 10^{-4} \times 5!} \approx 0.514$$

(22) Use power series to find the Taylor series 10

at  $x=0$

$$\frac{2}{(1-x)^3} = 2(1-x)^{-3} \xrightarrow{\int} \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \xrightarrow{\int} \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{a}{1-r} \rightarrow a=1, r=x, |r|=|x| < 1$$

$-1 < x < 1$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots + x^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \quad -1 < x < 1$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)' = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots + nx^{n-1} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}\right)' = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3} = 2 + 6x + 12x^2 + \dots + n(n-1)x^{n-2} + \dots = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)x^{n-2}$$

$$\frac{2}{(1-x)^3} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)x^n$$