

RECALL: The k^{th} Taylor Polynomial P_k centered at c for a function f is given by

$$P(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \frac{f'''(c)}{3!}(x-c)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n$$

Definitions of Taylor and Maclaurin Series

If a function f has derivatives of all orders at $x = c$, then the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n + \dots$$

is called the **Taylor series for $f(x)$ at c** . Moreover, if $c = 0$, then the series is the **Maclaurin series for f** .

Sample Problem #1:

Use the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ to form the **Taylor Series centered at $c = 1$** . Determine the Radius of Convergence and the Interval of Convergence. **SHOW WORK IN YOUR NOTEBOOK!**

$$\begin{array}{l}
 f(x) = x^{-1} \quad f(1) = 1 \\
 f'(x) = -x^{-2} \quad f'(1) = -1 \\
 f''(x) = 2x^{-3} \quad f''(1) = 2 \\
 f'''(x) = -6x^{-4} \quad f'''(1) = -6 \\
 f^{(4)}(x) = 24x^{-5} \quad f^{(4)}(1) = 24
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} f(x) \\ f'(x) \\ f''(x) \\ f'''(x) \\ f^{(4)}(x) \end{array}} \right\} f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n n!$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (x-1)^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^{n+1}}{(-1)^n (x-1)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x-1| = |x-1| < 1$$

$$R = 1 \quad (0, 2)$$

at $x=0$: Not included in the original domain of $f(x)$ $\therefore x=0$ is excluded

at $x=2$: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (1)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$ Diverge.

Interval of Convergence: $(0, 2)$

THEOREM 9.22 The Form of a Convergent Power Series

If f is represented by a power series $f(x) = \sum a_n(x - c)^n$ for all x in an open interval I containing c , then $a_n = f^{(n)}(c)/n!$ and

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x - c)^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n + \cdots$$

Sample Problem #2:

Find a formula for the n^{th} coefficient $\frac{f^{(n)}(3)}{n!}$ of the Taylor Series centered at 3 for $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x-5}$.

$$f(x) = (2x-5)^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = -(2x-5)^{-2} \cdot 2$$

$$f''(x) = 2(2x-5)^{-3} \cdot 4$$

$$f'''(x) = -6(2x-5)^{-4} \cdot 8$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 24(2x-5)^{-5} \cdot 16$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^n n! (2x-5)^{-(n+1)} \cdot 2^n$$

$$\text{Coefficient: } (-1)^n 2^n$$

RECALL: The REMAINDER of a Taylor Approximation of degree n is given by:

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

Where z is a value between x and c .

THEOREM 9.23 Convergence of Taylor Series

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = 0$ for all x in the interval I , then the Taylor series for f converges and equals $f(x)$,

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

Sample Problem #3:

Set up the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Determine the radius of convergence and interval of convergence.

$$f(x) = \sin x \quad f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x \quad f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin x \quad f''(0) = 0$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos x \quad f'''(0) = -1$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x \quad f^{(4)}(0) = 0$$

$$0 + \frac{x}{1!} + 0\frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + 0\frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + 0\frac{x^6}{6!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n+2} x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}}{\frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1) x^2}{(2n+1)(2n)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{(2n+1)(2n)} = 0 < 1$$

$R = \infty \Rightarrow$ Interval of Convergence: $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$R_n \leq \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{The series converges to } f(x) = \sin x \text{ for } \mathbb{R}.$$

Guidelines for Finding a Taylor Series

1. Differentiate $f(x)$ several times and evaluate each derivative at c .

$$f(c), f'(c), f''(c), f'''(c), \dots, f^{(n)}(c), \dots$$

Try to recognize a pattern in these numbers.

2. Use the sequence developed in the first step to form the Taylor coefficients $a_n = f^{(n)}(c)/n!$, and determine the interval of convergence for the resulting power series

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

3. Within this interval of convergence, determine whether or not the series converges to $f(x)$.

Sample Problem #4:

Set up the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$.

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From Sample Problem #3: $\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)!} x^{2n-1}$

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

$$\sin(x^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)!} x^{4n-2}$$

Sample Problem #5:

Set up the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = e^{5x}$. Determine for which values of x this series equals

$$f(x) = e^{5x}.$$

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} g(x) = e^x \quad g(0) = 1 \\ g^{(n)}(x) = e^x \quad g^{(n)}(0) = 1 \end{array} \right\} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$$

$$f(x) = e^{5x} \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (5x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5^n}{n!} x^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{5^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{5^n x^n}{n!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x}{n+1} = 0 < 1 \Rightarrow R = \infty$$

$$e^{5x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5^n}{n!} x^n \text{ for all } \mathbb{R}.$$

Sample Problem #6:

Set the Taylor series centered at $\frac{\pi}{2}$ for $f(x) = \cos(x)$. Then determine for which x values this series equals $f(x) = \cos(x)$.

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HINT: Odd numbers have the form $2n+1$ and evens have the form $2n$. So write the formula for $f^{(2n)}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and another formula for $f^{(2n+2)}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(x) = \cos x \quad f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \\ f'(x) = -\sin x \quad f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1 \\ f''(x) = -\cos x \quad f''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \\ f'''(x) = \sin x \quad f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \end{array} \right\} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!} (x - \pi/2)^{2n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n+2} (x - \pi/2)^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)!}}{\frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x - \pi/2)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1) x^2}{(2n+3)(2n+2)} \right| = 0 < 1$$

$R = \infty$

Interval of Convergence: $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$R_n \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (x - \pi/2)^{n+1} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x - \pi/2)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = 0$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} (x - \pi/2)^{2n+1}$$

for \mathbb{R} .