

Math Formulas: Taylor and Maclaurin Series

Definition of Taylor series:

1. $f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)(x - a)^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n-1)}(a)(x - a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} + R_n$
2. $R_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)(x - a)^n}{n!}$ where $a \leq \xi \leq x$, (Lagrange's form)
3. $R_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)(x - \xi)^{n-1}(x - a)}{(n-1)!}$ where $a \leq \xi \leq x$, (Cauchy's form)

This result holds if $f(x)$ has continuous derivatives of order n at last. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} R_n = 0$, the infinite series obtained is called **Taylor series** for $f(x)$ about $x = a$. If $a = 0$ the series is often called a **Maclaurin series**.

Binomial series

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad (a+x)^n &= a^n + na^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}a^{n-2}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}a^{n-3}x^3 + \cdots \\ &= a^n + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}x + \binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}x^2 + \binom{n}{3}a^{n-3}x^3 + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

Special cases of binomial series

5. $(1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \cdots \quad -1 < x < 1$
6. $(1+x)^{-2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \cdots \quad -1 < x < 1$
7. $(1+x)^{-3} = 1 - 3x + 6x^2 - 10x^3 + \cdots \quad -1 < x < 1$
8. $(1+x)^{-1/2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4}x^2 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}x^3 + \cdots \quad -1 < x \leq 1$
9. $(1+x)^{1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4}x^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}x^3 + \cdots \quad -1 < x \leq 1$

Series for exponential and logarithmic functions

10. $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots$
11. $e^x = 1 + x \ln a + \frac{(x \ln a)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x \ln a)^3}{3!} + \cdots$
12. $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \cdots \quad -1 < x \leq 1$
13. $\ln(1+x) = \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^3 + \cdots \quad x \geq \frac{1}{2}$

Series for trigonometric functions

14. $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$
15. $\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$
16. $\tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots + \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)B_n x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$
17. $\cot x = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x^3}{45} - \dots - \frac{2^{2n}B_n x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} \quad 0 < x < \pi$
18. $\sec x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{5x^4}{24} + \frac{61x^6}{720} + \dots + \frac{E_n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$
19. $\csc x = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{7x^3}{360} + \dots + \frac{2(2^{2n}-1)E_n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad 0 < x < \pi$

Series for inverse trigonometric functions

20. $\arcsin x = x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4} \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad -1 < x < 1$
21. $\arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4} \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots \right) \quad -1 < x < 1$
22. $\arctan x = \begin{cases} x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots & -1 < x < 1 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3x^3} - \frac{1}{5x^5} + \dots & x \geq 1 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3x^3} - \frac{1}{5x^5} + \dots & x < 1 \end{cases}$
23. $\operatorname{arccot} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan x = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} - \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots \right) & -1 < x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3x^3} + \frac{1}{5x^5} - \dots & x \geq 1 \\ \pi + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3x^3} + \frac{1}{5x^5} - \dots & x < 1 \end{cases}$

Series for hyperbolic functions

24. $\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$
25. $\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$
26. $\tanh x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots - \frac{(-1)^{n-1} 2^{2n} (2^{2n}-1) B_n x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} + \dots \quad |x| < \frac{\pi}{2}$
27. $\coth x = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x^3}{45} + \dots - \frac{(-1)^{n-1} 2^{2n} B_n x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} + \dots \quad 0 < |x| < \pi$