

Exercises. Find the Maclaurin series for the following functions.

$$1)y = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$2)y = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$3)y = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$4)y = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$5)y = \ln(1-x)$$

$$6)y = \ln(1+x)$$

$$7)y = \tan^{-1} x$$

$$8)y = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$$

$$9)y = \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$$

$$10)y = \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x}$$

Solution. 1) $y = \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{(1-x) + (x-x^2) + (x^2-x^3) + (x^3-x^4) + \dots}{1-x}$

$$= \frac{(1-x) + x(1-x) + x^2(1-x) + x^3(1-x) + \dots}{1-x}$$

$$= \frac{(1-x)(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots)}{1-x}$$

$$= 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots \quad |x| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} x^n, \quad |x| < 1 \quad (1)$$

$$(2) y = \frac{1}{1+x}$$

$$x \xrightarrow{(1)} -x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+x} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-x)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k x^k, | -x | < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 1$$

$$(3) y = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$x \xrightarrow{(2)} x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+x^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k (x^2)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k x^{2k}, |x| < 1$$

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

$$(5) \ln(1-x) = \ln|x-1| = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1-t} dt = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1} \quad |x| < 1$$

$$(6) \ln(1+x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t} dt = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1} \quad |x| < 1$$

$$(7) \tan^{-1} x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{2k+1} \quad |x| < 1$$

$$(8) \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = -\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right)' = -(-1 + 2x - 3x^2 + \dots + (-1)^k kx^{k-1} + \dots) =$$

$$-\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^k kx^{k-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} k(-1)^{k+1} x^{k-1}, \quad |x| < 1$$

$$(9) \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) = \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x) =$$

$$(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots) + (x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots)$$

$$= 2(x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} + \dots) = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$$

$$(10) \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} = \frac{1}{x} \tan^{-1} x. \quad \text{Now by (7)}$$

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

Exercise.

Prove that: $\pi = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots\right)$

Solution. Put $x = 1$ in

$$(7) \tan^{-1} x = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots\right)$$

Taylor and Maclaurin Series

Taylor Series of $y=f(x)$ about $x=a$ is
$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$$

Taylor series about $x=0$ is called the **Maclaurin Series**. So

Maclaurin Series of $y=f(x)$ is
$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$$

Exercise. Find the Maclaurin series of the following functions

1) $f(x) = e^x$, 2) $f(x) = x^3 e^x$

3) $f(x) = \sin x$, 4) $f(x) = \cos x$, 5) $f(x) = \cos^2 x$

Solution.

$$1) f(x) = e^x \quad f(0) = e^0 = 1$$

$$f'(x) = e^x \Rightarrow f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = e^x \Rightarrow f''(0) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Maclaurin Series of } = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$2) f(x) = x^3 e^x \Rightarrow \text{Maclaurin Series of } = x^3 \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^{n+3}}{n!}$$

$$(3) f(x) = \sin x \rightarrow f(0) = 0 \quad f'(x) = \cos x \rightarrow f'(0) = 1$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{Maclaurin Series of} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1}$$

$$4) f(x) = \cos x$$

$$\text{Maclaurin Series of } \sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1} \Rightarrow$$

Now take the derivative on both sides:

$$\Rightarrow \text{Maclaurin Series of } \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n}$$

$$5) f(x) = \cos^2 x \quad f(x) = \cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x) \Rightarrow$$

\Rightarrow **Maclaurin Series of**

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

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

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

Exercise. Find the Taylor series of the functions about the given point.

$$1) f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}, \quad a = 1$$

$$2) f(x) = \sin x, \quad a = 3, a = -2,$$

$$3) f(x) = \ln x, \quad a \text{ arbitrary}$$

$$4) f(x) = x^3 e^x$$

Solution.

$$1) f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} \quad a = 1$$

$$f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow f(1) = 1 \quad f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \Rightarrow f'(1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times x^{-\frac{5}{3}} \Rightarrow f''(1) = -\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{1 \times 2}{3^2}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{3} \times x^{-\frac{8}{3}} \Rightarrow f'''(1) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{3} = \frac{1 \times 2 \times 5}{3^3}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{3} \times \frac{8}{3} \times x^{-\frac{11}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{(4)}(1) = -\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{3} \times \frac{8}{3} = -\frac{1 \times 2 \times 5 \times 8}{3^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow f^{(n)}(1) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \times 2 \times 5 \times 8 \times \dots \times (3n-4)}{3^n}$$

\Rightarrow Taylor series about $a = 1$ is

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

$$2) f(x) = \sin x, \quad a = 3$$

Solution.

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \sin((x-3)+3) = \cos 3 \cdot \sin(x-3) + \sin 3 \cdot \cos(x-3)$$

Now it is enough to substitute x by $x-3$ in the Maclaurin series of

$\sin x$ and $\cos x$

So Taylor series $= \cos 3 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} (x-3)^{2n+1}$

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

3) $f(x) = \ln x$ about arbitrary a

Solution.

$$\ln x = \ln(a + x - a) = \ln\left(a\left(1 + \frac{x-a}{a}\right)\right)$$

$$= \ln a + \ln\left(1 + \frac{x-a}{a}\right)$$

Now it is enough to substitute x by $\left(\frac{x-a}{a}\right)$ in

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

So Taylor series=

$$\ln a + \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k \frac{\left(\frac{x-a}{a}\right)^{k+1}}{k+1} = \ln a + \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{a^{k+1} \cdot (k+1)} (x-a)^{k+1}$$

$$(4) f(x) = x^3 e^x \text{ about } a = -2$$

Solution.

$$x^3 e^x = ((x+2) - 2)^3 e^{(x+2)-2} =$$

$$((x+2)^3 - 6(x+2)^2 + 12(x+2) - 8)e^{-2} \cdot e^{x+2} =$$

$$e^{-2}(x+2)^3 e^{x+2} - 6e^{-2}(x+2)^2 e^{x+2} + 12e^{-2}(x+2)e^{x+2} - 8e^{-2}e^{x+2}$$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \implies e^{x+2} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(x+2)^n}{n!} \implies$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e^{-2}(x+2)^3 e^{x+2} - 6e^{-2}(x+2)^2 e^{x+2} + 12e^{-2}(x+2)e^{x+2} - 8e^{-2}e^{x+2} \\
&= e^{-2}(x+2)^3 \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(x+2)^n}{n!} - 6e^{-2}(x+2)^2 \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(x+2)^n}{n!} \\
&+ 12e^{-2}(x+2) \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(x+2)^n}{n!} - 8e^{-2} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(x+2)^n}{n!} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-2}(x+2)^{n+3}}{n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{-6e^{-2}(x+2)^{n+2}}{n!} \\
&+ \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{12e^{-2}(x+2)^{n+1}}{n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{-8e^{-2}(x+2)^n}{n!}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=3}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-2}(x+2)^n}{(n-3)!} + \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{-6e^{-2}(x+2)^n}{(n-2)!} \\
&+ \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{12e^{-2}(x+2)^n}{(n-1)!} + \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{-8e^{-2}(x+2)^n}{n!} = \\
&= \left(-8e^{-2} - 8e^{-2}(x+2) + \frac{-8e^{-2}(x+2)^2}{2!} \right) + \\
&\left(12e^{-2}(x+2) + 12e^{-2}(x+2)^2 \right) + \left(-6e^{-2}(x+2)^2 \right) \\
&\sum_{n=3}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{e^{-2}}{(n-3)!} - \frac{6e^{-2}}{(n-2)!} + \frac{12e^{-2}}{(n-1)!} - \frac{8e^{-2}}{n!} \right) (x+2)^n
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -8e^{-2} + (-8e^{-2} + 12e^{-2})(x + 2) + \\
&\left(\frac{-8e^{-2}}{2!} + 12e^{-2} - 6e^{-2}\right)(x + 2)^2 + \\
&\sum_{n=3}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(n-3)!} - \frac{6}{(n-2)!} + \frac{12}{(n-1)!} - \frac{8}{n!} \right) e^{-2} (x + 2)^n
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -8e^{-2} + 4e^{-2}(x + 2) + 2e^{-2}(x + 2)^2 + \\
&\sum_{n=3}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(n-3)!} - \frac{6}{(n-2)!} + \frac{12}{(n-1)!} - \frac{8}{n!} \right) e^{-2} (x + 2)^n
\end{aligned}$$