

Section 11.11

The Binomial Series

From algebra, how do we expand two-term-expression \rightarrow Pascal Triangle \rightarrow Binomial for positive integer exponent.

$$\begin{aligned}(a+b)^0 &= \\(a+b)^1 &= \\(a+b)^2 &= \\(a+b)^3 &= \\(a+b)^4 &=\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&1a^1 + 1b^1 \\&1a^2 + 2ab + 1b^2 \\&1a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + 1b^3 \\&1a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + 1b^4 \\&\vdots\end{aligned}$$

Pascal's Δ \rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & & 2 & \\ & & 1 & & 3 & & 1 \\ & 1 & & 4 & & 6 & \\ 1 & & 6 & & 4 & & 1\end{array}$$

$$(a+b)^n = \binom{n}{0}a^n + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{k}a^{n-k}b^k + \dots + \binom{n}{n}b^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}a^{n-k}b^k$$

n choose k

$$\binom{n}{k}$$

Taylor

$$\binom{10}{3}$$

$n \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\binom{10}{3} = \frac{10!}{3!(10-3)!} = \frac{10!}{3! \cdot 7!} = \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7!}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7!} = 120$$

One of Newton's accomplishments was to extend the Binomial Theorem to the case in which k is no longer a positive integer. In this case for $(a+b)^k$ is no longer a finite sum; it becomes an infinite series. Let's exam the Maclaurin series of $(1+x)^k$.

k is any real number.

$$f(x) = (1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$$

$$n=0 \Rightarrow f(0) = (1+0)^k = 1$$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow f'(x) = k(1+x)^{k-1} \Rightarrow f'(0) = k$$

$$n=2 \Rightarrow f''(x) = k(k-1)(1+x)^{k-2} \Rightarrow f''(0) = k(k-1)$$

$$n=3 \Rightarrow f'''(x) = k(k-1)(k-2)(1+x)^{k-3} \Rightarrow f'''(0) = k(k-1)(k-2)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$n=n \Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = k(k-1)(k-2) \dots (k-(n-1)) = \frac{k(k-1)(k-2) \dots (k-(n+1))}{(k-(n+1))}$$

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

The Binomial Series: If k is any real number and $|x| < 1$, then $(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n$ where

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k!}{n!(k-n)!} = \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-n+1)}{n!} \text{ and } \binom{k}{0} = 1$$

$n=1 \quad \frac{k-1+1}{1!} = k$

Binomial Series: $(1+x)^k = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \binom{m}{k} x^k$ where we define $\binom{m}{1} = m$; $\binom{m}{2} = \frac{m(m-1)}{2!}$

And $\binom{m}{k} = \frac{m(m-1)(m-2)\dots(m-k+1)}{k!}$ for $k \geq 3$

Binomial: $f(x) = (1+x)^k = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n$ (for k is any real number)

Ex: Using Binomial series to expand: $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$

Sol: $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = (1+x)^{-2} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k = -2 \end{array} \right.$

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{-2} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{-2}{n} x^n$$

✓ $n=1 \Rightarrow \binom{-2}{1} = \frac{-2}{1!} = -2$

✓ $n=2 \Rightarrow \binom{-2}{2} = \frac{-2(-2-1)}{2!} = \frac{2 \cdot 3}{2} = 3$ ✓

✓ $n=3 \Rightarrow \binom{-2}{3} = \frac{-2(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!} = \frac{-2(-3)(-4)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = -4$ ✓

✓ $n=4 \Rightarrow \binom{-2}{4} = \frac{-2(-2-1)(-2-2)(-2-3)}{4!} = \frac{-2(-3)(-4)(-5)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = 5$ ✓

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + 5x^4 + \dots$$

x^0

$$b) \quad f(x) = \sqrt{1+x} = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k = \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$f(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n} x^n. \quad \binom{k}{0} = 1$$

$$\underline{n=1} \Rightarrow \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \binom{k}{1} = k. \quad (k-4)$$

$$\underline{n=2} \Rightarrow \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)}{2!} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})}{1 \cdot 2} = -\frac{1}{8} \quad n=5 \quad k(k-1)(k-2) = \underline{\underline{-5}}$$

$$n=3 \Rightarrow \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{3} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)(\frac{1}{2}-2)}{3!} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{16} \quad \frac{-5}{2^3}$$

$$n=4 \Rightarrow \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{4} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)(\frac{1}{2}-2)(\frac{1}{2}-3)}{4!} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{5}{2})}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = \underline{\underline{-\frac{5}{2^7}}}$$

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

$$f(x) = \sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{16}x^3 - \frac{5}{2^7}x^4 + \dots$$

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k = \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right.$$

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{3}}{n} x^n.$$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow \binom{\frac{1}{3}}{1} = \frac{1}{3} ;$$

$$n=2 \Rightarrow \binom{\frac{1}{3}}{2} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(\frac{1}{3}-1)}{2!} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(-\frac{2}{3})}{1 \cdot 2} = -\frac{1}{9}$$

$$\binom{\frac{1}{3}}{3} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(\frac{1}{3}-1)(\frac{1}{3}-2)}{3!} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{5}{3})}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = \frac{10}{27}$$

$$n=3 \Rightarrow \binom{3}{3} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(\frac{1}{3}-1)(\frac{1}{3}-2)}{3!} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{5}{3})}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = \frac{5}{81}$$

$$d) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{(3+8x^3)^3} \quad n=4 \Rightarrow \binom{4}{4} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(\frac{1}{3}-1)(\frac{1}{3}-2)(\frac{1}{3}-3)}{4!} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{5}{3})(-\frac{8}{3})}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = -\frac{10}{3^5} = -\frac{10}{403}$$

$$f(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{9}x^2 + \frac{5}{81}x^3 - \frac{10}{403}x^4 + \dots$$

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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(3+8x^3)^3}$$

Section 11.12 Applications of Taylor Polynomials

Approximating Functions by polynomials

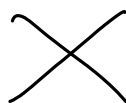
Suppose that $f(x)$ is equal to the sum of its Taylor series at a : $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$

So, we let $T_n(x)$ be the first n th partial sum of this series and called it the n th-degree Taylor polynomial of f at a .

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i \quad \text{and let the error be } R_n(x) = \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i = |f(x) - T_n(x)|$$

We have from Taylor Inequality

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



- Ex: a) Approximate the function $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$ by Taylor polynomial of degree 2 at $a = 8$
- b) How accurate is this approximation when $7 \leq x \leq 9$?

Ex: The third Maclaurin polynomial for $\sin x$ is given by: $\sin x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3!}$. Use Taylor's Theorem to approximate $\sin(0.1)$ by $T_3(0.1)$ and determine the accuracy of the approximation:

Ex: Determine the degree of the Taylor polynomial $T_n(x)$ expanded about $a = 1$ that should be used to approximate $\ln(1.2)$ so that the error is less than 0.001.

Ex: Approximate $\sin 2^\circ$ accurate to four decimal places.

Ex: a) What is the maximum error possible in using the approximation $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$ where $-0.3 \leq x \leq 0.3$? Use this approximation to find $\sin 12^\circ$ correct to six decimal places?

b) For what values of x is this approximation accurate to within 0.00005?