

Section 11.11

The Binomial Series

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

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^0 &= 1 \\ (a+b)^1 &= a+b \\ (a+b)^2 &= a^2+2ab+b^2 \\ (a+b)^3 &= a^3+3a^2b+3ab^2+b^3 \\ (a+b)^4 &= a^4+4a^3b+6a^2b^2+4ab^3+b^4 \end{aligned}$$

Pascal's Δ .

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

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

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

Taylor

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 $(1+x)^k$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} n=0 &\Rightarrow f(0) = (1+0)^k = 1 \\ n=1 &\Rightarrow f'(0) = k(1+0)^{k-1} = k \\ n=2 &\Rightarrow f''(0) = k(k-1)(1+0)^{k-2} = k(k-1) \\ n=3 &\Rightarrow f'''(0) = k(k-1)(k-2)(1+0)^{k-3} = k(k-1)(k-2) \\ n=4 &\Rightarrow f^{(4)}(0) = k(k-1)(k-2)(k-3) \\ n=n &\Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = k(k-1)(k-2)(k-3) \dots (k-(n-1)) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

Binomial Series: $(1+x)^m = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \binom{m}{k} x^k$ 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 $k \geq 3$

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

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

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

$$f(x) = (1+x)^k = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Know this.

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

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{-2} = \underbrace{1}_{n=0} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{-2}{n} \cdot x^n$$

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

$$n=2: \binom{-2}{2} = \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!} = \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2} = +3$$

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

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

4!

b) $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$

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

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

$k \in \mathbb{R}$ where $\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-(n-1))}{n!}$

c) $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{1+x} = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \left\{ k = \frac{1}{3} \right.$

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

$$n=1 \Rightarrow \binom{\frac{1}{3}}{1} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} - 0}{1!} = \frac{1}{3} \checkmark$$

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

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

$$n=4 \Rightarrow \binom{\frac{1}{3}}{4} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(\frac{1}{3}-1)(\frac{1}{3}-2)(\frac{1}{3}-3)}{4!} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{5}{3})(-\frac{8}{3})}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}$$

$$= -\frac{10}{243} = -\frac{10}{243}$$

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

5 terms

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{1+x} = \underline{1} + \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{9}x^2 + \frac{5}{81}x^3 - \frac{10}{243}x^4 + \dots$$

$n=0 \quad n=1 \quad n=2$

d) $f(x) = \frac{1}{(3+8x^3)^3} = \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{8x^3}{3}\right)^k$

$$= \frac{1}{3^3 \left(1 + \frac{8x^3}{3}\right)^3} = \frac{1}{27} \left(1 + \frac{8x^3}{3}\right)^{-3} = \frac{1}{27} \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{-3}{n} \left(\frac{8x^3}{3}\right)^n \right]$$

$n=1 \Rightarrow \binom{-3}{1} = -3$

$n=2 \Rightarrow \binom{-3}{2} = \frac{-3(-3-1)}{2!} = \frac{12}{2} = 6$

$n=3 \Rightarrow \binom{-3}{3} = \frac{-3(-3-1)(-3-2)}{3!} = \frac{-3(-4)(-5)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = -10$

$n=4 \Rightarrow \binom{-3}{4} = \frac{-3(-3-1)(-3-2)(-3-3)}{4!} = \frac{-3(-4)(-5)(-6)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = 15$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{27} \left[1 - 3\left(\frac{8x^3}{3}\right) + 6\left(\frac{8x^3}{3}\right)^2 - 10\left(\frac{8x^3}{3}\right)^3 + 15\left(\frac{8x^3}{3}\right)^4 + \dots \right]$$

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 .

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

We have from Taylor Inequality

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

- 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?