

# Outline.

1. Finding a Taylor Series.

2. Radius of convergence.

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# 1. Finding a Taylor Series

- Definition of the Taylor series of  $f(x)$  centered at  $x=a$  is:

Taylor series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} \cdot (x-a)^n$

because it is an infinite sum.

- The Taylor polynomial of degree  $N$  is the finite series:

Taylor polynomial  $\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$

because it is a finite sum.

## (a) Direct Calculation

- Calculate  $f(a)$ ,  $f'(a)$ ,  $f''(a)$ , etc. and plug into the Taylor series / polynomial definition.

### Example.

Find the degree 6 Taylor Polynomial of  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  with  $a = 2\pi$ .

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \cos(x) \\f'(x) &= -\sin(x) \\f''(x) &= -\cos(x) \\f'''(x) &= \sin(x) \\f^{(iv)}(x) &= \cos(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f(2\pi) &= 1. \\f'(2\pi) &= 0. \\f''(2\pi) &= -1 \\f'''(2\pi) &= 0 \\f^{(iv)}(2\pi) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$f^{(iv)}(x) = -\sin(x) \quad f^{(iv)}(2\pi) = 0$$

$$f^{(vi)}(x) = -\cos(x) \quad f^{(vi)}(2\pi) = -1.$$

$$\text{Taylor polynomial} = 1 + \frac{0}{1!} (x-2\pi)^1$$

$$+ \frac{-1}{2!} (x-2\pi)^2$$

$$+ \frac{0}{3!} (x-2\pi)^3$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4!} (x-2\pi)^4$$

$$+ \frac{0}{5!} (x-2\pi)^5$$

$$+ \frac{-1}{6!} (x-2\pi)^6$$

Guess for Taylor series:

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

## (b) Adapting a known Taylor Series

- Adaptation methods include:
  - Taking a derivative or integral.
  - Adding or subtracting power series
  - Multiplying a series by a certain factor.
  - Strategically "Give it and Take it away" a constant.  
(Good when you want to change the "a" that the series is based at.)

## Good Taylor Series to Know:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \cdot x^n \quad \boxed{a=0}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \cos(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} \quad \boxed{a=0}$$

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

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad \boxed{a=0}$$

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

### Example

Find the Taylor series for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$  with  $a=0$ .

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1+x} &= \frac{1}{1-(-x)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot x^n \end{aligned}$$

## Example

Find the Taylor series for

$$g(x) = \ln(1+x) \quad \text{with } a=0.$$

## Solution

(Don't worry about  $+C$ ):

$$\int \frac{1}{1+x} dx = \ln(1+x)$$

To get Taylor series for

$$g(x) \quad \text{integrate} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot x^n.$$

$$\text{Taylor series for } g(x) = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n dx$$

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



## Example

Find Taylor series for  
 $g(x) = e^{-x}$  with  $a = 0$ .

## Solution

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-x} &= e^{(-x)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-x)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \cdot x^n \end{aligned}$$

## Example

Find Taylor series for:

$$\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

with  $a = 0$ .

## Solution

$$\sinh(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^x - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x}$$

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

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

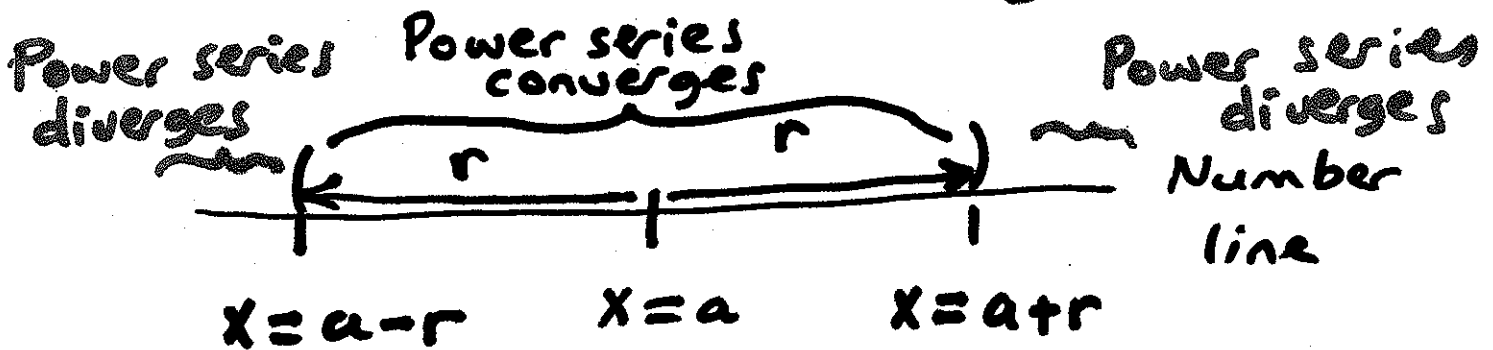
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{n!} x^n - \frac{1}{2!} \cdot \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} x^n \right)$$

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

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

## 2. Radius of Convergence

- Power series converges at  $x = a$  no matter what.
- The distance,  $r$ , that you can go away from  $x = a$  and still get convergence of the power series is the radius of convergence.



### Example

Find the radius of convergence of the power series:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{7^n} \cdot (x+4)^n.$$

### Solution

- Use Ratio Test.

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{7^n} \cdot (x+4)^n \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{7^{n+1}} \cdot (x+4)^{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{7^{n+1}} \cdot (x+4)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{7^n}{(-1)^n} \cdot \frac{1}{(x+4)^n} \\ &= \frac{-1}{7} \cdot (x+4) \end{aligned}$$

- Calculate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{-1}{7} (x+4) \right| = \frac{1}{7} \cdot |x+4|.$$

- Set limit to be less than 1 and solve for  $|x-a|$ .

$$\frac{1}{7} |x+4| < 1$$

$$|x+4| < \textcircled{7} \text{ Radius of convergence}$$

• So any x-value between

$$x = -4 - 7 = -11 \quad \text{and}$$

$$x = -4 + 7 = 3 \quad \text{will give}$$

a convergent infinite series  
when plugged into:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{7^n} \cdot (x+4)^n.$$

## Example

Find the radius of convergence of :

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+3)}{5^n} \cdot (x-7)^n$$

## Solution

• Use the Ratio Test:

$$a_n = \frac{(n+3)}{5^n} \cdot (x-7)^n \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+4)}{5^{n+1}} (x-7)^{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{(n+4)}{5^{n+1}} (x-7)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{5^n}{(n+3)} \cdot \frac{1}{(x-7)^n} \\ &= \frac{(n+4)}{(n+3)} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot (x-7) \end{aligned}$$

Now calculate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+4)}{(n+3)} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot |x-7| \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \cdot |x-7| \end{aligned}$$

To give convergence, force this to be less than 1 and make  $|x-a|$  the subject.

$$\frac{1}{5} |x-7| < 1$$

$$|x-7| < \textcircled{5}$$

the radius of convergence.

- At the very least, all  $x$ -values from  $7-5=2$  up to  $7+5=12$  will give convergence if plugged into <sup>power</sup> series