

POWER SERIES AND TAYLOR SERIES:  
APPLICATIONS

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## Add these series

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

*Hint:* Think of  $\sin$ 

$$2 \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (4n+1)x^{4n+2}$$

*Hint:*  $\frac{d}{dx} [x^{4n+1}] = ???$ 

$$3 \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{(2n)!}$$

*Hint:* Combine  $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$ 

$$4 \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} x^n$$

With two methods!

## Other operations with Taylor series

Obtain the **terms of degree less than or equal to 4** of the Maclaurin series of these functions:

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

$$2 \quad g(x) = e^{\sin x}$$

*Hint:* Treat the power series the same way you would treat a polynomial.

Follow-up questions:

Compute  $g^{(3)}(0)$  and  $g^{(4)}(0)$ .

## Limits

Compute these limits by writing out the first few terms of the Maclaurin series of numerator and denominator:

$$1 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^3}$$

$$3 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin x^2 - x^4}{e^{x^8} - 1}$$

$$2 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6 \sin x - 6x + x^3}{x^5}$$

4 Find a value of  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\sin x} - e^x + ax^3}{x^4}$$

exists and is not 0. Then compute the limit.

Consider the function

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\sin t}{t} dt.$$

It is not possible to find an elementary antiderivative.

- 1 Write  $F(x)$  as a power series.
- 2 Estimate  $F(1)$  with an error smaller than 0.01.

Add these series:

$$5 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{3^n}$$

$$8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)3^n}$$

$$6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{3^n}$$

$$9 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n+1}{(2n)!} 2^n$$

$$7 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n+2)n!}$$

*Hint:* Take derivatives or antiderivative of series whose value you know.

For each of the following power series:

- a Determine the radius of convergence, and,
- b write them in terms of usual functions when  $x$  is in the interior of the interval of convergence.

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

$$3 \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (n^2 + 1) 2^{n+1} x^n$$

$$2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4n} x^{4n-1}$$

- 1 Let  $f$  be an odd  $C^\infty$  function. What can you say about its Maclaurin series? What if  $f$  is even?

*Hint:* Think of sin and cos.

- 2 Prove it.

*Hint:* Use the general formula for the Maclaurin series. What can you say about  $h(0)$  if  $h$  is odd? If  $h$  is even?

## A $C^\infty$ but not analytic function

Consider the function  $F(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x} & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0. \end{cases}$

- 1 Prove that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^n e^{-t} = 0$ .
- 2 Prove that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{-1/x}}{x^n} = 0$ .
- 3 Compute  $F'(x)$  for  $x > 0$ .
- 4 Compute  $F'(x)$  for  $x < 0$ .
- 5 Compute  $F'(0)$  from the definition.
- 6 Compute  $F''(0)$  from the definition.
- 7 Prove that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $F^{(n)}(0) = 0$ .
- 8 Write the Maclaurin series for  $F$  at 0.
- 9 Is  $F$  analytic? Is  $F C^\infty$ ?

## An interesting power series<sup>1</sup>

Denote by  $a_n$  the  $n$ -th decimal digit of  $\pi$ .

Define the power series  $S(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ .

Find the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence of  $S$ .

Hint:

3.141592653589793238462643383279502884197169399375105820974944592307816406286208998628034825342117677

So  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 4$ ,  $a_3 = 1$ ,  $a_4 = 5 \dots$

<sup>1</sup>From the lecture of March 25.