

## Taylor Series and Maclaurin Series

Taylor series and Maclaurin series are power series representations of functions (Maclaurin series is a special case of Taylor series where the power series representation is around  $a = 0$ ).

Suppose  $f(x)$  has a power series representation around  $x = a$ :

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1(x - a) + c_2(x - a)^2 + c_3(x - a)^3 + \dots + c_n(x - a)^n + \dots$$

$$\text{for } |x - a| < R; \quad R > 0.$$

Notice that at  $x = a$  we get:

$$f(a) = c_0 + c_1(a - a) + c_2(a - a)^2 + c_3(a - a)^3 + \dots + c_n(a - a)^n + \dots$$

$$\boxed{f(a) = c_0}.$$

Now let's calculate the derivatives of  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$ :

$$f'(x) = c_1 + 2c_2(x - a) + 3c_3(x - a)^2 + \dots + nc_n(x - a)^{n-1} + \dots$$

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$$\boxed{f'(a) = c_1}.$$

$$f''(x) = 2c_2 + 3 \cdot 2c_3(x - a) + 4 \cdot 3c_4(x - a)^2 + \dots + n(n - 1)c_n(x - a)^{n-2} + \dots$$

$$f''(a) = 2c_2, \text{ which means that } \boxed{\frac{f''(a)}{2} = c_2}.$$

$$f'''(x) = 3 \cdot 2c_3 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2c_4(x - a) + 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3c_4(x - a)^2 + \dots \\ + n(n - 1)(n - 2)c_n(x - a)^{n-3} + \dots$$

$$f'''(a) = 3 \cdot 2c_3, \text{ which means that } \boxed{\frac{f'''(a)}{3!} = c_3}.$$

By the same reasoning:

$$f^n(a) = n! c_n, \text{ which means that } \boxed{\frac{f^n(a)}{n!} = c_n}.$$

Theorem: If  $f$  has a power series expansion around  $x = a$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - a)^n; \text{ for } |x - a| < R;$$

$$\text{then } c_n = \frac{f^n(a)}{n!} \text{ so we know}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^n(a)}{n!} (x - a)^n \\ = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x - a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x - a)^3 + \dots \\ + \frac{f^n(a)}{n!} (x - a)^n + \dots$$

This is called the **Taylor series** of the function  $f$  around  $x = a$ .

For the special case when  $a = 0$ , the Taylor series becomes:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^n(0)}{n!} x^n \\ = f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} (x)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} (x)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^n(0)}{n!} (x)^n + \dots$$

This is called the **Maclaurin series** of the function  $f$ .

Ex. Find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = e^x$  (You need to know this series).

To find a Maclaurin series, we need to find  $f$  and all of its derivatives at  $x = 0$  (for a general Taylor series around  $x = a$  we would need to find  $f$  and its derivatives at  $x = a$  and plug into the Taylor series formula).

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

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

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

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

⋮

$$f^n(x) = e^x \qquad f^n(0) = e^0 = 1$$

Now we plug into the Maclaurin series formula:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^n(0)}{n!}(x)^n + \dots \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x. \end{aligned}$$

Let's find the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for  $e^x$ :

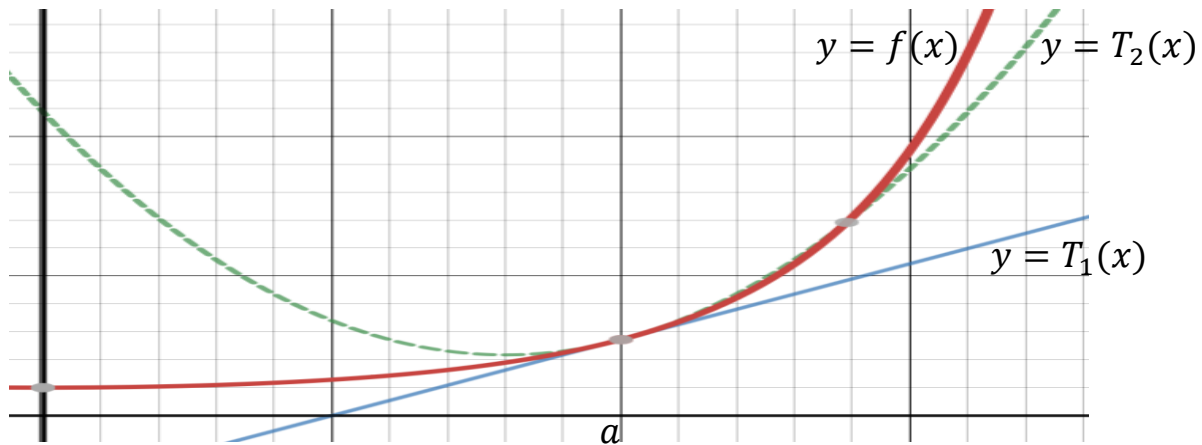
$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x}{n+1} \right| = 0 ; \text{ for all values of } x.$$

Thus,  $R = \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  converges for all values of  $x$ .

So if  $f(x) = e^x$  has a power series expansion about  $x = 0$ ,

$$\text{then } e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} .$$

A Taylor Series (or Maclaurin Series) is a generalization of the linear approximation:



$$T_1(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$

$$T_2(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a)^2$$

$$T_3(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x - a)^3$$

⋮

$$T_n(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x - a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^n(a)}{n!}(x - a)^n .$$

In general,  $f(x)$  is equal to its Taylor Series if:

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x) .$$

The polynomials,  $T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots, T_n$  are called **Taylor Polynomials**.

Ex. Find the Taylor Polynomials  $T_1, T_2, T_3$ , and  $T_n$  for  $f(x) = e^x$  around  $x = 0$ .

Since  $f^i(0) = 1$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  we have:

$$T_1(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x) = 1 + x$$

$$T_2(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x)^2 = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_3(x) &= f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x)^3 \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \end{aligned}$$

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Let  $R_n(x) = f(x) - T_n(x)$ .  $R_n(x)$  is called the **Remainder** of the Taylor series. If we can show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ , then we have:

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x)$$

and the Taylor Series converges to the function.

Theorem: If  $f(x)$  has  $n + 1$  derivatives in an interval  $I$  that contains  $x = a$ , then for  $x$  in  $I$  there is a number  $z$  between  $x$  and " $a$ " such that:

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{n+1}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x - a)^{n+1} .$$

1. Notice that the RHS is close to the  $(n + 1)^{st}$  order term of the Taylor series

$$\frac{f^{n+1}(a)}{(n+1)!} (x - a)^{n+1} .$$

2.  $R_n(x) = \frac{f^{n+1}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x - a)^{n+1}$  is called the **Lagrange form of the remainder**.

Ex. Show that for the function  $f(x) = e^x$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$  for all real values of  $x$ , where  $R_n(x)$  is the remainder of the Taylor polynomials around  $x = 0$ .

Since we are using Taylor Polynomials around  $x = 0$ , the Lagrange form of the

remainder is: 
$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{n+1}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x)^{n+1} .$$

We need to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$  for all real values of  $x$ .

Case 1:  $x > 0$ ; Since  $f(x) = e^x$ ,  $f^{(n)}(x) = e^x$ .

Thus,  $f^{(n)}(z) = e^z$ , where  $0 < z < x$ .

So we have:

$$0 < R_n(x) = \frac{e^z}{(n+1)!} (x)^{n+1} < \frac{e^x}{(n+1)!} (x)^{n+1} .$$

Notice for any fixed number  $x$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0 ; \text{ so we can say:}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x x^n}{n!} = 0 ; \text{ thus by the squeeze theorem}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0.$$

Case 2:  $x < 0$  ; so now  $x < z < 0$ , which means that  $e^z < e^0 = 1$ .

So we have:

$$0 < \left| \frac{e^z}{(n+1)!} (x)^{n+1} \right| < \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right|.$$

Once again we know  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$ , so by the squeeze theorem

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0.$$

Thus,  $f(x) = e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  for all real values of  $x$ .

In particular, for  $x = 1$  we get the following amazing series:

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

Ex. Find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  and show that it equals  $\cos x$  for all  $x$ .

To find a Maclaurin (or Taylor) series we have to find an expression for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative at  $x = 0$  (or  $x = a$  for a general Taylor series).

In this case, there is a pattern in the derivatives of  $\cos x$ , as well as  $\sin x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \cos(x) & f(0) &= 1 \\ f'(x) &= -\sin(x) & f'(0) &= 0 \\ f''(x) &= -\cos(x) & f''(0) &= -1 \\ f'''(x) &= \sin(x) & f'''(0) &= 0 \\ f^4(x) &= \cos(x) & f^4(0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So the odd derivatives at  $x = 0$  are equal to 0 and the even derivatives, i.e. the  $(2n)^{\text{th}}$  derivative is equal to  $(-1)^n$ .

Now let's plug into the Maclaurin series formula:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x)^3 \\ &\quad + \dots + \frac{f^n(0)}{n!}(x)^n + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}. \end{aligned}$$



Now let's show that this series converges to  $\cos x$  for all real numbers.

To do this, we must show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$  for all real numbers  $x$ .

Since we are using a Maclaurin series, i.e. " $a$ " = 0, the remainder has the form:

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{n+1}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x)^{n+1} ; \text{ where } z \text{ is between } 0 \text{ and } x.$$

Notice that every derivative of  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  is either  $\pm \cos(x)$  or  $\pm \sin(x)$ .

In every case, we have  $|f^k(z)| \leq 1$ .

Thus we have:

$$0 \leq |R_n(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{n+1}(z)}{(n+1)!} (x)^{n+1} \right| \leq \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right|.$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$ , by the squeeze theorem we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$  for all real values of  $x$ .

Thus, we have shown that the Maclaurin series converges to the function and:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x) &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}. \end{aligned}$$

**You must know this series as well as the one for  $\sin x$ !!**

Ex. Find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ .

We could find this series the same way we did for  $\cos(x)$ , but it's easier to just differentiate the series for  $\cos(x)$  and multiply by  $-1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = \cos(x) &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}. \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin(x) = -x + \frac{x^3}{3!} - \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x) &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^{(n-1)} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} \\ &\quad + (-1)^{(n)} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

We can use the Maclaurin (or Taylor) series of known functions like  $e^x$ ,  $\sin x$ , or  $\cos x$  to find series for related functions.

Ex. Find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = \frac{e^x - 1}{x}$  and  $g(x) = e^{-x^2}$ .

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$e^x - 1 = x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$\frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1 + \frac{x}{2!} + \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{n!} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{n!}.$$

Now to find  $g(x) = e^{-x^2}$ , just substitute  $-x^2$  into the series for  $e^x$ .

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-x^2} &= 1 + (-x^2) + \frac{(-x^2)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-x^2)^3}{3!} + \frac{(-x^2)^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{(-x^2)^n}{n!} + \dots \\ &= 1 - x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{n!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Find the Taylor series for  $f(x) = e^{ix}$  and show  $e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$ , known as Euler's Formula.

$$\begin{aligned} e^{ix} &= 1 + (ix) + \frac{(ix)^2}{2!} + \frac{(ix)^3}{3!} + \frac{(ix)^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{(ix)^n}{n!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + ix + \frac{i^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{i^3 x^3}{3!} + \frac{i^4 x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{i^n x^n}{n!} + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + i \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \right) \\ &= \cos x + i \sin x. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that at  $x = \pi$  we get:

$$e^{\pi i} = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{e^{\pi i} + 1 = 0}$$

Ex. Find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x)-x}{x^3}$ .

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$\sin x - x = -\frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^3} &= \frac{-\frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots}{x^3} \\ &= -\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{x^2}{5!} - \frac{x^4}{7!} \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-2}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-2}}{(2n+1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Find the Taylor series for  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  around  $a = \pi$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(x) = \sin(x) & f(\pi) = 0 \\ f'(x) = \cos(x) & f'(\pi) = -1 \\ f''(x) = -\sin(x) & f''(\pi) = 0 \\ f'''(x) = -\cos(x) & f'''(\pi) = 1 \\ f^4(x) = \sin(x) & f^4(\pi) = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = f(\pi) + f'(\pi)(x - \pi) + \frac{f''(\pi)}{2!}(x - \pi)^2 \\ + \dots + \frac{f^n(\pi)}{n!}(x - \pi)^n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f^{2k}(\pi) = 0$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} = -(x - \pi) + \frac{1}{3!}(x - \pi)^3 - \frac{1}{5!}(x - \pi)^5 \\ + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!}(x - \pi)^{2n+1} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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

Ex. Find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = (1 + x)^k$ , where  $k$  is a real number.

$$f(x) = (1 + x)^k$$

$$f'(x) = k(1 + x)^{k-1}$$

$$f''(x) = k(k - 1)(1 + x)^{k-2}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = k(k - 1) \cdots (k - n + 1)(1 + x)^{k-n}$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(0) = k$$

$$f''(0) = k(k - 1)$$

$$\vdots$$

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

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^n(0)}{n!}x^n + \cdots$$

$$(1 + x)^k = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{k(k-1)\cdots(k-n+1)}{n!}x^n + \cdots$$

Ex. Find the Maclaurin series for  $\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4+x}}$ .

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x}} = (4+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 4^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

notice this is similar to  $(1+x)^k$ ,  $k = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2!}\right) \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 + \dots \\ &\quad + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \dots \left(-\frac{1}{2} - n + 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{n!}\right) \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4+x}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x^3}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2!}\right) \left(\frac{x^4}{4^2}\right) + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \dots \left(-\frac{1}{2} - n + 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{n!}\right) \left(\frac{x^{n+2}}{4^n}\right) + \dots \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4+x}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ x^2 - \left(\frac{x^3}{8}\right) + \left(\frac{1 \cdot 3}{2! 8^2}\right) x^4 + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\frac{(-1)^n (1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-1))}{n! 8^n}\right) x^{n+2} + \dots \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Evaluate  $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$  using a Maclaurin series. Approximate  $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$  to within 0.001 .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx &= \int_0^1 \left( 1 - x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} + \dots \right) dx \\ &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5(2!)} - \frac{x^7}{7(3!)} + \frac{x^9}{9(4!)} + \dots \Big|_0^1 \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5(2!)} - \frac{1}{7(3!)} + \frac{1}{9(4!)} - \frac{1}{11(5!)} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

This is an alternating series so the error after  $n$  terms is less than the absolute value of the  $(n + 1)^{st}$  term.

Notice that  $\frac{1}{11(5!)} = \frac{1}{1320} < 0.001$  so:

$$\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx \approx 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5(2!)} - \frac{1}{7(3!)} + \frac{1}{9(4!)} \approx 0.7475$$

with an error of less than 0.001 .



Ex. Use Maclaurin series to find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x^3) - 1 + (.5)x^6}{x^{12}}$ .

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$\cos(x^3) = 1 - \frac{(x^3)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x^3)^4}{4!} - \frac{(x^3)^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{x^6}{2!} + \frac{x^{12}}{4!} - \frac{x^{18}}{6!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x^3) - 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^6}{x^{12}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^{12}}{4!} - \frac{x^{18}}{6!} + \dots}{x^{12}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \right) = \frac{1}{4!} = \frac{1}{24}. \end{aligned}$$

Power series can be added, subtracted, multiplied and divided much like polynomials.

Ex. Find the first 3 non-zero terms in the Maclaurin series for:

a.  $(e^x)[\ln(1 - x)]$

b.  $\frac{x}{\sin(x)}$

a. 
$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

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

$$(e^x)(\ln(1 - x)) = \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right) \left(x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots\right)$$

$$= x + \left(x^2 + \frac{x^2}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}\right) + \dots$$

$$= x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \dots$$

$$\text{b. } \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\frac{x}{\sin x} = \frac{x}{x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots} = \frac{x}{x \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} + \dots \right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \left( \frac{x^2}{3!} - \frac{x^4}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{7!} - \dots \right)}$$

$$= 1 + \left( \frac{x^2}{3!} - \frac{x^4}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{7!} - \dots \right) + \left( \frac{x^2}{3!} - \frac{x^4}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{7!} - \dots \right)^2 + \dots$$

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

$$= 1 + \frac{x^2}{3!} - \frac{x^4}{5!} + \frac{x^4}{36} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{x^2}{6} + \left( \frac{1}{36} - \frac{1}{120} \right) x^4 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{7}{360} x^4 + \dots$$