

Recall:

- Maclaurin series of a function  $f(x)$

$$\boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n}$$

- Binomial series

$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n \quad |x| < 1$$

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-n+1)}{n!} \quad \text{"Binomial coefficient."}$$

Other Maclaurin series we have

seen:

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \quad |x| < 1$$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}, \quad \text{all } x$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \text{all } x$$

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

$$\arctan x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \quad |x| < 1$$

$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} \quad |x| < 1$$

will not have to memorize these for exams, but they should feel familiar.

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$$\text{Ex: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2) - x^2}{x^6}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x^2) = x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} - \dots) - x^2}{x^6} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} - \dots}{x^6} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \dots = -\frac{1}{3!} = -\frac{1}{6}. \end{aligned}$$


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Ex Approximate  $\int_0^{1/2} x e^{-x^2} dx$ .

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

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

$$\int_0^{1/2} x e^{-x^2} dx = \int_0^{1/2} x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{n!} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} x^{2n+1} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_0^{1/2} x^{2n+1} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \left[ \frac{x^{2n+2}}{2n+2} \right]_0^1 \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \frac{1}{2n+2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! (2n+2) 4^n} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} + \frac{-1}{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 16} - \dots \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{192} - \dots \right) \\
&\approx \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{48} + \frac{1}{768} \\
&= \frac{27}{256} \approx 0.1055
\end{aligned}$$

Bonus exercise: Can compute this integral exactly via  $u$ -substitution & compare to our approximated result.

(Exact value is  $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt[4]{e}-1) \approx 0.1420$ )

Ex Approximate  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x^4} dx$

Recall from earlier

$$\sqrt{1+x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{n} x^n, \text{ so}$$

$$\sqrt{1+x^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{n} x^{4n}.$$

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x^4} dx = \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{n} x^{4n} dx$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{n} \int_0^1 x^{4n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{n} \left[ \frac{x^{4n+1}}{4n+1} \right]_0^1.$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/2}{n} \frac{1}{4n+1} = \underbrace{\binom{1/2}{0}}_{=1} \cdot \frac{1}{1} + \underbrace{\binom{1/2}{1}}_{=1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{5}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\binom{1/2}{2}}_{=-1/8} \cdot \frac{1}{9} + \underbrace{\binom{1/2}{3}}_{=-1/16} \cdot \frac{1}{13} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{72} + \frac{1}{208} + \dots$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{72} + \frac{1}{208} = \frac{10211}{9360} \approx 1.0909$$