

Series



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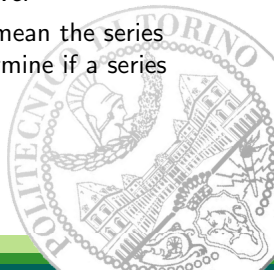


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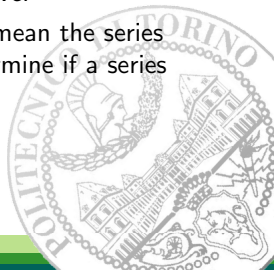
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- Sometimes you can not apply it directly: $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{8n!}{e^{n^2}}$



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- Geometric Series
- Integral Test
- p-series
- Direct Comparison Test
- Limit Comparison Test (Taylor series)
- Alternating Series Test
- Ratio Test
- Root Test



Geometric Series

- This formula not only tell you the convergence, but also can give you the **exact value** of series or function.
- Find the sum of series $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty}$
- To what simple function $f(x)$ does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n2^n}$ converge near $x = 0$?
- Find the sum of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}$



Integral Test

- When a_n contains some $\ln(n)$ or $\ln(\ln(n))$ terms
- Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{\ln(n)n}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{\ln(\ln(n)) \ln(n)n}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{\ln^2(n)n}$$

Note: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(n) = \infty$, $\frac{1}{\infty} = 0$



Comparison Test

- Combine the comparison test with p -series and Taylor series.
- Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{n^{1.6}}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2n + 7^n}{3n + 8^n}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2n + (0.5c)^n}{3n + c^n}$$



Alternating Series Test

- a_n has the alternating term ($a_n = (-1)^n b_n$ where $b_n > 0$)
- Determine whether the series is conditionally convergent, absolutely convergent or divergent.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4n+5}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n(3n+2)}{4n^5+n^3}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3n}{4n^2+5}$$

- Estimate the sum with given error

$$|S - S_n| < b_{n+1}$$



Ratio Test

- a_n has factorial term like $n!$, $(2n)!$ or x^n .
- Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{e^{n^2}}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2}{(kn)!}$$



Root Test

- a_n has term like x^n , x^{n^2} .
- Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n+3}{3n+2} \right)^n$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 7 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{n^2}$$



Power Series

- Series $\sum a_n(x)$ is a function $f(x)$.

$$\sum x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

- Series $\sum a_n$ is a number.

$$\sum (1/2)^n = \frac{1}{1-1/2} = 2$$

Thus, for series containing variable x , there are convergence interval or radius.

And for series only without x , there are only convergent or divergent.



Taylor Series

If f has a power series representation at a , that is, if

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

then its coefficients are given by the formula $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$.

- Find a Taylor or Maclaurin series for a function
- Find a binomial series.
- Use a basic list of Taylor series to find other Taylor series or evaluate the limit or integrand.



Taylor Series

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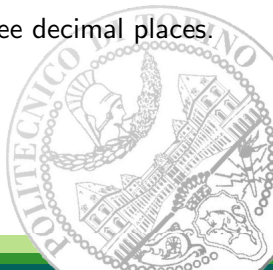
- Use a list to find the pattern after successive differentiation of $f(x)$
- Find the associated radius of convergence R . (Ratio test)
- Find the Taylor series for $f(x) = \frac{4}{x}$ centered at the given value of $a = 2$



Taylor Series

Find a binomial series.

- Use the binomial series to expand the function as a power series.
- Follow up question which is based on the answer you have computed.
- (a1) Use the binomial series to expand $\frac{7}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
(b1) Use part (a1) to find the Maclaurin series for $7 \arcsin(x)$
- (a2) Use the binomial series to expand $\frac{5}{\sqrt[4]{1+x}}$
(b2) Use part (a2) to estimate $\frac{5}{\sqrt[4]{1.1}}$ correct to three decimal places.



Taylor Series

Use a basic list of Taylor series to find other Taylor series or evaluate the limit or integrand.

- Given a table of Maclaurin series to obtain the Maclaurin series for given function.

$$f(x) = 3 \sin 2(x)$$

- Evaluate the indefinite integral as an infinite series.

$$\int \frac{e^x - 1}{7x} dx$$

- Use series to evaluate the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(5x)}{1 + 5x - e^{5x}}$$



Work

Since work=force \times distance, we can rewrite the work as

$W = \int_a^b f(x)dx$, when the force is a function about distance x .

- Stretch a spring.
 - Hooke's Law $f(x) = k(x - x_0) = k\delta x$.
- Pump water out of the tank.
 - Find the volume of layer and distance to the top.



Vector

- Dot Product $a \cdot b = |a||b| \cos(\theta)$
 - $a \cdot b = 0$ if and only if a and b are orthogonal.
- Cross Product $c = a \times b = \left\langle \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \right\rangle$.
 - Right-hand Rule to find the direction of c .
 - $a \times b = 0$ if and only if a and b are parallel.
- Triple Products $a \cdot (b \times c)$
 - $V = |a \cdot (b \times c)|$



Arc Length

- Given $y = f(x)$
 - $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$
- Given $x = g(y)$
 - $L = \int_c^d \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} dy$
- Given $x = x(t), y = y(t)$
 - $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2} dt$
- Given $r = f(\theta)$
 - $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$

