

Solution MATH 102 [Homework 5]

1. Find the local quadratic approximation of $f(x) = \cos^{-1} x$ about $a=0$, and approximate $\cos^{-1}(0.01)$.

i- $p_2(x) = f(0) + f'(0) \cdot x + \frac{1}{2!} f''(0) x^2$

$f(x) = \cos^{-1} x$	$f(0) = \cos^{-1} 0 = 1$
$f'(x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$f'(0) = -1$
$f''(x) = \frac{-x}{(1-x^2)^{3/2}}$	$f''(0) = 0$

(iii) $p_2(x) = 1 - x$

(iv) $\cos^{-1}(0.01) \approx p_2(0.01) = 1 - 0.01 = 0.99$

2. Find the n^{th} Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = \sin x$ about $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

i) $p_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(\pi/3)}{k!} (x - \frac{\pi}{3})^k$

(ii) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x) = \sin x \\ f'(x) = \cos x \\ f''(x) = -\sin x \\ f'''(x) = -\cos x \\ f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x \\ \vdots \\ f^{(n)}(x) = -\cos x \end{array} \right.$

- When $n=0, 4, 8, \dots$
 $f^{(n)}(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- When $n=1, 5, 9, \dots$
 $f^{(n)}(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$
- When $n=2, 6, 10, \dots$
 $f^{(n)}(\frac{\pi}{3}) = -\sin \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- When $n=3, 7, 11, \dots$
 $f^{(n)}(\frac{\pi}{3}) = -\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}$

3. i. Find the n^{th} Maclaurin polynomial of $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$.

(i) $p_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$

(ii) $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$
 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} = (1+x)^{-1}$
 $f''(x) = (-1)(1+x)^{-2}$
 $f'''(x) = (-1)(-2)(1+x)^{-3}$

$f(0) = \ln 1 = 0$

$f^{(k)}(x) = (-1)(-2)\dots(-(k-1))(1+x)^{-k}$
 $= (-1)^{k-1} (k-1)! (1+x)^{-k}$
 when $k \geq 1$

$p_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1} (k-1)!}{k!} x^k$

$\Rightarrow p_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} x^k$

ii. Using (i), approximate $\ln(1.1)$ to 3 decimal accuracy. [Use the interval $[0,1]$]

1) Want to find n so that $|R_n(0.1)| \leq 0.0005$

2) Note $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1}$

• Here $M = \max_{[0,1]} |f^{(n+1)}(x)| = \max_{[0,1]} |(-1)^n \cdot n! (1+x)^{-(n+1)}|$ (see above)

• Note $(1+x)^{-(n+1)} = \frac{1}{(1+x)^{n+1}} \downarrow$ on $[0,1]$

$\Rightarrow \text{Max}_{[0,1]} \left| \frac{1}{(1+x)^{n+1}} \right| = \frac{1}{(1+0)^{n+1}} = 1$

• $M = n!$

• $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1}$

$\Rightarrow |R_n(0.1)| \leq \frac{(0.1)^{n+1}}{n+1}$

• Find n so that $\frac{(0.1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \leq 0.0005$

Using Calculator: For $n=2$

$|R_2(0.1)| \leq \frac{(0.1)^3}{3} \approx 0.0003$

(3) Therefore $\ln(1.1) = f(0.1) \approx p_2(0.1) = \frac{(-1)^0}{1!} (0.1) + \frac{(-1)^1}{2!} (0.1)^2$
 $= 0.1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{100} \right) = 0.0950$

4. Find the general (n^{th}) term of the following sequences, and find the limit if it exists:

i. $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{5}{11}, \frac{7}{15}, \dots$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{1+2}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{7} = \frac{2(2)-1}{4(2)-1}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{5}{11} = \frac{2(3)-1}{4(3)-1}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{7}{15} = \frac{2(4)-1}{4(4)-1}$$

⋮

$$a_n = \frac{2n-1}{4n-1}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(*) Note: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

ii. $(1-\frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{3}), (\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{4}), \dots$

$$a_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{1+1}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2+1}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3+1}$$

⋮

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

i.e.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

(*) Note $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}) = 0$

5. Find the limit of the following sequences if exists:

i. $\left\{ \left(\frac{n^2+5n-5}{n^2+6} \right)^n \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\ln y)$

$$y = \left(\frac{x^2+5x-5}{x^2+6} \right)^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2+6}{x^2+5x-5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y = x \ln \left(\frac{x^2+5x-5}{x^2+6} \right)$$

($\infty \cdot 0$ form)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{x^2+5x-5}{x^2+6} \right)}{(1/x)}$$

($\frac{0}{0}$ form)

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Term in Highest Power of } x}{\text{Term in Highest Power of } x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2(-5x^2)}{x^4} = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y = e^{-5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e^{-5}$$

ii. $\left\{ \sqrt{4n^6+5n^3}-2n^3 \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

① $f(x) = \sqrt{4x^6+5x^3}-2x^3$ ($\infty - \infty$)

$$= \frac{\sqrt{4x^6+5x^3}-2x^3}{\sqrt{4x^6+5x^3}+2x^3}$$

$$= \frac{4x^6+5x^3-4x^6}{\sqrt{4x^6+5x^3}+2x^3}$$

② $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^3}{\sqrt{4x^6+5x^3}+2x^3}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^3/x^3}{\sqrt{4x^6/x^6+5x^3/x^6}+2x^3/x^3}$$

$$= \frac{5}{2+2} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{5}{4}$$

iii. $\left\{ (-1)^n \frac{8n^4+9}{7n^4-6n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

i. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n (8n^4+9)}{7n^4-6n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8n^4+9}{7n^4-6n} = \frac{8}{7}$ (n even)

ii. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n (8n^4+9)}{7n^4-6n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-(8n^4+9)}{7n^4-6n} = -\frac{8}{7}$ (n odd)

iii- Ans. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ D.N.E.

6. i. Page 657: Q. 31 (C): Starting with $n=1$, and considering the even and odd terms separately, find a formula for the general term of the sequence:

$$1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{9}, \dots$$

$$a_1 = 1 \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3} \quad a_4 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{1}{5} \quad a_6 = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$a_{2n+1} = \frac{1}{2n+1} \quad a_{2n} = \frac{1}{2n+1}$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{(n+1)}, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

- ii. Page 657: Q. 38 : Consider the sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, where

$$a_n = \frac{1^2}{n^3} + \frac{2^2}{n^3} + \frac{3^2}{n^3} + \dots + \frac{n^2}{n^3}$$

- a. Find

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{1^3} = 1$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{2^2}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{4}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3^3} + \frac{2^2}{3^3} + \frac{3^2}{3^3} = \frac{1+4+9}{3^3} = \frac{14}{27}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{4^3} + \frac{2^2}{4^3} + \frac{3^2}{4^3} + \frac{4^2}{4^3} = \frac{1+4+9+16}{4^3} = \frac{30}{64}$$

- b. Use a numerical evidence to make a conjecture about the limit of the sequence.

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = \frac{5}{8} \approx 0.62$$

$$a_3 = \frac{14}{27} \approx 0.51 \dots$$

$$a_4 = \frac{30}{64} \approx 0.46$$

$$a_5 = \frac{55}{125} \approx 0.44$$

$$a_6 = \frac{91}{216} \approx 0.42$$

Guess $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0.4$

- c. Confirm your conjecture by expressing a_n in closed form and calculating the limit.

$$a_n = \frac{1^2}{n^3} + \frac{2^2}{n^3} + \dots + \frac{n^2}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^3} \left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{2}{6} = \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

- iii. Page 657: Q.40: Use numerical evidence to make a conjecture about the limit

of the sequence $\left\{ \left(\frac{1+n}{2n} \right)^n \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, and then use

the Squeezing theorem for Sequences to confirm that your conjecture is correct.

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

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

$$= 0 \cdot e$$

$$= 0$$