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## What is on today

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Briggs-Cochran-Gillett-Schulz §11.3 pp. 731 - 740

**Example 1** (§11.3 Ex. 30, 32). Find the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for the given function centered at a and write the power series using summation notation.

1. 
$$f(x) = 1/x, a = 2$$

2. 
$$f(x) = e^x, a = \ln 2$$

Here are commonly used Taylor series and the functions to which they converge.

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^k + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k, \text{ for } |x| < 1$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 + \dots + (-1)^k x^k + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k, \text{ for } |x| < 1$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^k}{k!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}, \text{ for } |x| < \infty$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}, \text{ for } |x| < \infty$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!}, \text{ for } |x| < \infty$$

$$\ln(x+1) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{k+1} x^k}{k} + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} x^k}{k}, \text{ for } -1 < x \le 1$$

$$-\ln(1-x) = x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{x^k}{k} + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k}, \text{ for } -1 \le x < 1$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{2k+1} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}, \text{ for } |x| \le 1$$

$$\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}, \text{ for } |x| < \infty$$

$$\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}, \text{ for } |x| < \infty$$

$$(1 + x)^p = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} {p \choose k} x^k, \text{ for } |x| < 1 \text{ and } {p \choose k} = \frac{p(p-1)(p-2) \dots (p-k+1)}{k!}, {p \choose 0} = 1$$

**Example 2** (§11.3 Ex. 36, 42). Use the Taylor series in the table above to find the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for the following functions centered at 0.

1.  $\sin x^2$ 

2.  $x \tan^{-1} x^2$