

Operations on Power Series Related to Taylor Series

In this problem, we perform elementary operations on Taylor series – term by term differentiation and integration – to obtain new examples of power series for which we know their sum. Suppose that a function f has a power series representation of the form:

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - c) + a_2(x - c)^2 + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$$

convergent on the interval $(c - R, c + R)$ for some R . The results we use in this example are:

- (Differentiation) Given f as above, $f'(x)$ has a power series expansion obtained by differentiating each term in the expansion of $f(x)$:

$$f'(x) = a_1 + a_2(x - c) + 2a_3(x - c) + \cdots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n(x - c)^{n-1}$$

- (Integration) Given f as above, $\int f(x) dx$ has a power series expansion obtained by integrating each term in the expansion of $f(x)$:

$$\int f(x) dx = C + a_0(x - c) + \frac{a_1}{2}(x - c)^2 + \frac{a_2}{3}(x - c)^3 + \cdots = C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1}(x - c)^{n+1}$$

for some constant C depending on the choice of antiderivative of f .

Questions:

1. Find a power series representation for the function $f(x) = \arctan(5x)$. (Note: $\arctan x$ is the inverse function to $\tan x$.)
2. Use power series to approximate

$$\int_0^1 \sin(x^2) dx$$

(Note: $\sin(x^2)$ is a function whose antiderivative is not an elementary function.)

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