

## Series expansions & linear combinations (continued)

### Taylor series by substitution

Find the Taylor series of  $\cos(x^2)$

1. Start with the Taylor series of  $\cos(x)$
2. Substitute  $x^2$  for  $x$  to get the Taylor series for  $\cos(x^2)$ .

$$\cos(x) = \cos(0) - \sin(0)x + \frac{\cos''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{\cos''''(0)}{4!}x^4 + \dots + \frac{\cos^{(n)}(0)x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

Since  $\sin(0) = 0$ , every other term is 0.

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

Radius of convergence of  $\cos(x)$ :

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{x^{2n+2}}{x^{2n}} \frac{(2n)!}{(2n+2)!} \right|$$

$$= x^2 \frac{1}{(2n+2)(2n+1)}$$

$$\text{As } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{so } R = \infty$$

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

we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(x^2) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(x^2)^{2n}}{(2n)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{4n}}{(2n)!}\end{aligned}$$

Find the Taylor series of  $e^x \cos(x)$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

Radius of convergence:  $a_n = \frac{x^n}{n!}$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{x^n} \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \right| = |x| \frac{1}{n+1}$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow 0$  i.e.  $R = \infty$

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

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

Term in  $x^n$  will have a coefficient of

the form  $(x^n = x^{p+2q})$

$$\sum_{\substack{p, q \geq 0 \\ p+2q=n}} \frac{1}{p!} (-1)^q \frac{1}{(2q)!}$$

If you are interested in the first few terms, then

$$\begin{aligned} e^x \cos(x) &= \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots\right) \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots \\ &\quad - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \underbrace{O(x^4)}_{\text{order of } x^4} \end{aligned}$$

Taylor series by differentiation & integration

Example: Find the Taylor series of  $\arctan(x)$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\arctan(x)) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

We recognize the sum of a geometric

series with  $a=1$  & " $x$ " =  $-x^2$ .

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8 - \dots$$

By integration,

$$\arctan(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

## Expansion of functions onto other functions

Given a smooth function  $f$ , can we write  $f$  as an expansion onto functions in the set  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, \dots\}$ .

Yes, with the Taylor series

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

assuming that  $R \neq 0$ .

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + f''(0) \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$$

$$= C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + \dots + C_n x^n + \dots$$

where  $C_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$