Math 311 Numerical Methods

1.3: Algorithms and Convergence Taylor Series, Big-O-Notation

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## Introduction

## Algorithms

## Definition.

- An algorithm is a procedure that describes, in an unambiguous manner, a finite sequence of steps to be performedin a specific order.
- The object is to implement a numerical procedure to solve a problem or approximate a solution to the problem.

## Pseudocode

## Definition.

- Pseudocode describes the steps of an algorithm.
- Uses basic programming control flow mixed with english
- Note that the code needs to be finite, otherwise the program will never finish.
- We are not that good yet to complete a infinite task in a finite amount of time.

### Basic Program Control Flow

## Definition. You can split decisions and steps using the following basic ideas:

- Decision making
- Definite Looping
- Indefinite Looping

### 0.1 Decision Making

Part of the flow of an algorithm (or program) is making decisions and taking action. The main construct for this is the "If-Then-Else" construct.

- If [a condition is true]; then [take an action]; endif
- If a condition is true, then  $|$  take an action, else (take a different action when false); endif

### 0.2 Definite Looping

Definite Looping is the process of repeating an action a specific number of times.

• Construct is "For  $[var] = 1, 2, 3, ..., n$ ". This performs the action the specified number of times (in this case  $n$  times).

### 0.3 Indefinite Looping

Indefinite Looping is the process of repeating an action an indefinite number of times until a condition is met. This is usually combined with a condition to check that will stop the loop if met (or continue a loop if the condition is met (either way).

- Construct is "While [a condition is true] do [these steps]"
- This will continue a loop as long as the beginning condition is met.
- Another construct is "Repeat [these steps] until [a condition is true]". This is similar to the above. Only difference is that a "Repeat" statement will always be executed once (and the check is at the end instead of the beginning).
- In Numerical Analysis, power series are used throughout the development of many numerical procedures.
- Examples of power series include Taylor Series and Maclaurin Series.
- Maclaurin Series are defined as Taylor Series centered about 0.
- Loosely, we will call them all "Taylor Series"
- 1 Taylor Series

# Definition. Sets of Functions.

- $C(X)$  set of all continuous functions on the set X.
- $\bullet$   $C^1(X)$  set of all functions having **a continuous derivative** on the set X.
- $\bullet$   $C^n(X)$  set of all functions having n **continuous derivatives** on the set X.
- $C^{\infty}(X)$  set of all functions having continuous derivatives of all orders on X.

### Taylor's Theorem (Thm 1.14)

**Theorem.** Suppose  $f \in C^n[a, b], f^{(n+1)}$  exists on  $[a, b],$  and  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ . For every  $x \in [a, b]$  there exists  $\xi(x)$  between  $x_0$  and x with

 $f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x)$ , where

$$
P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k \qquad R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!} (x - x_0)^{n+1} \qquad (1)
$$

- Note that  $P_n(x)$  is called the *n*th **Taylor polynomial** for f about  $x_0$
- $R_n(x)$  is called the **remainder term** (or **trunctation error**) associated with  $P_n(x)$ .
- The limit (as  $n \to \infty$ ) of  $P_n(x)$  is called the **Taylor series** for f about  $x_0$ .
- If  $x_0 = 0$ , then the Taylor polynomial is called a **Maclaurin polynomial** and the Taylor Series is called a Maclaurin Series. (In practice, both are loosely called the Taylor Series or Power Series)

Not all functions have a power series representation (or Taylor Series representation). For example, the function

$$
f(x) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right), & \text{if } x \neq 0\\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}
$$

- You can check and you will find out that this function is in  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ .
- However, every derivative of  $f(x)$  is zero at the origin!
- This means that  $f^{(n)}(0) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .
- Thus, if we tried to form the Taylor Series of it at 0, we would get  $f(x) = 0$ , which it is not!

When a function at a point can be expressed as a power series, then we say the function is analytic



# 2 Big-O Notation

## Big-O Notation

Definition.

$$
a_n = \mathcal{O}(b_n)
$$
 (Read:  $a_n$  is big  $O$  of  $b_n$ ) if the ratio  $\left|\frac{a_n}{b_n}\right|$  is bounded for large n. (2)

Little-o Notation

# Definition.

$$
a_n = \mathcal{O}(b_n) \text{ (Read: } a_n \text{ is little } o \text{ of } b_n) \text{ if the ratio } \left| \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right| \text{ converges to zero.} \tag{3}
$$

- The idea behind these definitions is to compare the approximate size or order of magnitude of  $\{a_n\}$  to that of  $\{b_n\}$ .
- In most applications,  $\{a_n\}$  is the sequence of interest and  $\{b_n\}$  is a comparison sequence.





- Think of Big-O notation as meaning that  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are the "same size".
- In practice, we can use the following proposition (which is equivilent for applications we are interested in).



## Corollary. If

$$
\lim_{x \to L} \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right| = k < +\infty, \text{ then } f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x)) \text{ (read as "f is big-O of g").} \tag{4}
$$

- Note that when  $k = 0$ , then  $f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$ . (little-o)
- However, we are most interested when  $k \neq 0$ , because that conveys more information about the relation between  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ .
- When it is clear, the condition "as  $x \to L$ " is not always explicity stated.
- The value of L can be any number (or also  $\pm \infty$ ).

- 2.1 Combinations of Big-O terms
	- Sometimes we want to combine terms that are either Big-O or little-o together.
	- Here are some rules that can easily be proven by using the definitions above.

## Combinations of Big-O (or little-o) terms.

# Definition.

$$
\bullet \ \mathcal{O}(ca_n) = \mathcal{O}(a_n), c \in \mathbb{R}, c \neq 0
$$

$$
\bullet \, a_n = \mathcal{O}(a_n)
$$

• 
$$
a_n = \mathcal{O}(1) \implies \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0
$$

- $a_n = \mathcal{O}(1) \implies |a_n| < K$ .
- $a_n \mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{O}(a_n)$
- $a_n \mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{O}(a_n)$
- $\bullet$   $\mathcal{O}(a_n) \mathcal{O}(b_n) = \mathcal{O}(a_n b_n)$
- $\bullet$   $\mathcal{O}(a_n) \mathcal{O}(b_n) = \mathcal{O}(a_n b_n)$

$$
\bullet \ \mathcal{O}(a_n) \ \mathcal{O}(b_n) = \mathcal{O}(a_n b_n)
$$

 $\bullet \ \mathcal{O}(a_n) \ \mathcal{O}(b_n) = \mathcal{O}(a_n b_n)$ 

- $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O}(a_n)) = \mathcal{O}(a_n)$
- $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O}(a_n)) = \mathcal{O}(a_n)$
- $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O}(a_n)) = \mathcal{O}(a_n)$
- $\mathcal{O}(a_n) + \mathcal{O}(b_n) = \mathcal{O}(\max(|a_n|, |b_n|))$
- $\bullet$   $\mathcal{O}(a_n) + \mathcal{O}(b_n) = \mathcal{O}(\max(|a_n|, |b_n|))$
- $\mathcal{O}(a_n) + \mathcal{O}(b_n) =$  $\sqrt{ }$  $\int$  $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$  $\mathcal{O}(a_n)$ , if  $b_n = \mathcal{O}(a_n)$  or  $b_n = \mathcal{O}(a_n)$  $\mathcal{O}(b_n)$ , if  $a_n = \mathcal{O}(b_n)$  $\mathcal{O}(b_n)$  , if  $a_n = \mathcal{O}(b_n)$

#### 2.2 Big-O Examples

What above the statement  $5 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ ? Is it true that 5 is big-O of 1? By the corollary above, yes it is since lim  $x \rightarrow L$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\vert$ 5 1  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\vert$  $= 5 < \infty$ . Note that in this case, L doesn't matter as it works for any value of L.

• 
$$
3x^2 = \mathcal{O}(x^2)
$$
?  $\Longrightarrow \lim_{x \to L} \left| \frac{3x^2}{x^2} \right| = 3 < \infty$ , so, yes,  $3x^2$  is big-O of  $x^2$  (as  $x \to 0$ ).

• 
$$
\sin x = \mathcal{O}(1)
$$
?  $\Longrightarrow \lim_{x \to L} \left| \frac{3 \sin(x)}{1} \right| = |\sin L| < \infty$ .

– Note that for all L,  $|\sin(L)| = K < \infty$ , so  $\sin x = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

– Note also that if  $L = 0$ , then it follows that  $\sin x = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

$$
\bullet \sin x = \mathcal{O}(x)? \Longrightarrow \lim_{x \to 0} \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} \right| \stackrel{\text{L.R.}}{=} \lim_{x \to 0} \left| \frac{\cos x}{1} \right| = 1 < \infty, \text{ so, yes, } \sin x \text{ is big-O of } x
$$
\n(as  $x \to 0$ ).

• 
$$
\sin x \neq \mathcal{O}(x^2)
$$
?  $\implies \lim_{x \to 0} \left| \frac{\sin x}{x^2} \right| \stackrel{\text{L.R.}}{=} \lim_{x \to 0} \left| \frac{\cos x}{2x} \right| = \infty$ , so, NO,  $\sin x$  is not big-O of  $x^2$  (as  $x \to 0$ ).

- $\sin x x = \mathcal{O}(x^2)$ ?  $\implies \lim_{x \to 0}$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\int$  $\sin x - x$  $x^2$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\vert$  $\stackrel{\text{L.R.}}{=} \lim_{x \to 0}$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\frac{1}{1}$  $\cos x - 1$  $2x$  $\Big\}$  $\bigg\}$  $\bigg\}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $\stackrel{\text{L.R.}}{=} \lim_{x \to 0}$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $\sin x$ 2  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\Big\}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $= 0 < \infty$ , so, yes, sin x is little-o of  $x^2$ . Note that it is ALSO  $\mathcal{O}(x^2)$  at the same time.
- Simplify  $3x^2 + \mathcal{O}(x^2) + \mathcal{O}(x^3)$ .
	- We already know that  $3x^2 + \mathcal{O}(x^2) = \mathcal{O}(x^2)$ .

$$
-\text{ Next}, \mathcal{O}(x^2) + \mathcal{O}(x^3) = \mathcal{O}(x^2 + |x^3|) = \mathcal{O}\left(x^2 \underbrace{(1+|x|)}_{c}\right) = \mathcal{O}(cx^2) = \mathcal{O}(x^2).
$$

#### 2.3 Examples

- Big-O is used in scenarios where  $n \to \infty$  or  $x \to 0$ .
- The rules in the definition above help with Big-O manipulation.
- Think of Big-O as combining all terms of a certain size or smaller.
- Note, that, as  $x \to 0$ ,  $x^7$  is LARGER than  $x^9$ ,  $x^{11}$ , etc., whereas, when  $n \to \infty$ , then  $n^7$  is bigger than  $n^2$ .
- Computer scientists are interested in analyzing the complexity of algorithms.
- For example, Bubble Sort is  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  and Merge Sort is  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ . In this case, we can see that Merge Sort is a quicker algorithm.

Here are some examples using some of the properties above.

$$
x + \mathcal{O}(x) = \mathcal{O}(x)
$$
  
\n
$$
\mathcal{O}(x^2) + \mathcal{O}(x^4) = \mathcal{O}(x^2)
$$
  
\n
$$
\mathcal{O}(17x^3) = \mathcal{O}(x^3)
$$
  
\n
$$
\mathcal{O}(n^{-1}) + \mathcal{O}(n^{-3/2}) = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1})
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{1}{n}\mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1})
$$
  
\n
$$
\mathcal{O}(n^{-1}) + \mathcal{O}(n^{-3/2}) = \mathcal{O}(n^{-1})
$$
  
\n
$$
\mathcal{O}(n \ln n) = \mathcal{O}(n \ln n)
$$

One very important mistake not to make when combining Big-O terms:

 $\mathcal{O}(x^3) - \mathcal{O}(x^3) \neq 0$  (Not necessarily - it might be zero)

- The reason for that is that we don't know the constant factor for the two terms they may or may not cancel each other out.
- This is a common mistake when first using the notation.
- A good way to not make the mistake is to assume that every Big-O term is positive and never negative.
- So, for example,

$$
-\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}(x^2) = \mathcal{O}(x^2) \neq -\mathcal{O}(x^2).
$$

### Taylor's Theorem (Using Big-O) (Thm 1.14)

#### Theorem.

Suppose  $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$  and  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ . The Taylor expansion can be written as  $f(x) = P_n(x) + \mathcal{O}((x - x_0)^{n+1}), \text{ where } P_n(x) = \sum$  $\sum_{n=1}^n f^{(k)}(x_0)$  $k=0$  $k!$  $(x-x_0)^k$ 

Big-O notation becomes useful when we work with series For example,

$$
\sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \cdots
$$
  
\n
$$
\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \mathcal{O}(x^9) \text{ or}
$$
  
\n
$$
= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \mathcal{O}(x^7) \text{ or}
$$
  
\n
$$
= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \mathcal{O}(x^5) \text{ or}
$$
  
\n
$$
= x + \mathcal{O}(x^3) \text{ or}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \mathcal{O}(x) \text{ or } \mathcal{O}(1)
$$

• What Big-O allows you to do is keep the parts that are important (large) and toss out tiny things not needed for a calculation.

### 2.4 Example 2

- For example, suppose you are interested in the power series for  $\sin x \cos x$ .
- One way to figure that out is to multiply the two series together:

$$
\sin x \cos x = \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \right] \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} \right]
$$
  
=  $\left[ x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \frac{x^{11}}{11!} + \cdots \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \frac{x^{10}}{10!} + \cdots \right]$ 

- This is an infinite multiplication! Very complicated!
- However, suppose we are interested only in the accuracy to  $\mathcal{O}(x^9)$ .
- Then we can reduce the number of multiplications needed by keeping only the terms that we need.
- You do every possible multiplication of terms, but you drop any that have  $x^9$  or higher powers.

• So the problem changes to a simpler one. Think of all the ways to combine a term on the left with a term on the right.

$$
\sin x \cos x = \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \mathcal{O}(x^9)\right] \left[1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \mathcal{O}(x^8)\right]
$$
  
\n
$$
= x - \frac{1}{2!}x^3 + \frac{1}{4!}x^5 - \frac{1}{6!}x^7 + \mathcal{O}(x^9)
$$
  
\n
$$
- \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{3!2!}x^5 - \frac{1}{3!4!}x^7 + \mathcal{O}(x^9)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \frac{1}{5!}x^5 - \frac{1}{5!2!}x^7 + \mathcal{O}(x^9)
$$
  
\n
$$
- \frac{1}{7!}x^7 + \mathcal{O}(x^9)
$$
  
\n
$$
= x - \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 - \frac{4}{315}x^7 + \mathcal{O}(x^9)
$$
  
\n
$$
\sin x \cos x = x - \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 - \frac{4}{315}x^7 + \mathcal{O}(x^9)
$$

• Now the problem is not as difficult!!

#### 2.5 Example 3

Without using L'Hôpital's Rule, show

$$
\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2x \arctan x - \log(1 + x^2) - x^2}{x^2 (1 - \cos x)} = -\frac{1}{3}
$$

We will take only two terms of the series for arctan x,  $\log(1 + x^2)$ , and cos x. So it follows that they are

$$
\arctan x = x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^5)
$$
  
\n
$$
\log(1 + x^2) = x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)
$$
  
\n
$$
1 - \cos x = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)
$$
\n(5)

Using [\(5\)](#page-18-0), the problem proceeds as follows:

$$
\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2x \arctan x - \log(1 + x^2) - x^2}{x^2 (1 - \cos x)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2x \left[ x - \frac{1}{3} x^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^5) \right] - \left[ x^2 - \frac{1}{2} x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6) \right] - x^2}{x^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} x^2 - \frac{1}{24} x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6) \right]}
$$

Note that in the normal multiplication of the terms above, we have  $\mathcal{O}(x^6) - \mathcal{O}(x^6)$ . Remember, this <u>does not</u> cancel. Think of it like  $ax^6 - bx^6 = (a - b)x^6$ . Only when

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 $a = b$  do we have cancellation. So, continuing

$$
\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{2x[x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^5)] - [x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)] - x^2}{x^2[\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)]}
$$
\n
$$
= \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{2x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6) - x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6) - x^2}{x^2[\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)]}
$$
\n
$$
= \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{-\frac{1}{3}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6) + \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)}{\frac{1}{2}x^4 - \frac{1}{24}x^6 + \mathcal{O}(x^8)}
$$
\n
$$
= \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{-\frac{1}{6}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)}{\frac{1}{2}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)}
$$
\n
$$
= \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{-\frac{2}{6}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)}{\frac{1}{2}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)}
$$
\n
$$
= \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{-\frac{2}{6}x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^2)}{1 + \mathcal{O}(x^2)}
$$
\n
$$
= -\frac{1}{3}
$$
\n
$$
(now evaluate the limit)
$$

If you try to do this using L'Hôpital's Rule, you'll see that this is much more difficult.



### 3 Exercises

1. Prove (or disprove) the following statements

(a) 
$$
7 = \mathcal{O}(1)
$$
 as  $x \to 0$ .  
\n(b)  $x = \mathcal{O}(x)$  as  $x \to 0$ .  
\n(c)  $x = \mathcal{O}(x)$  as  $x \to 0$ .  
\n(d)  $x = \mathcal{O}(1)$  as  $x \to 0$ .  
\n(e)  $x = \mathcal{O}(e^x)$  as  $x \to 0$ .  
\n(f)  $\cos x = \mathcal{O}(x)$  as  $x \to 0$ .  
\n(g)  $\tan x = \mathcal{O}(x)$  as  $x \to 0$ .  
\n(h)  $n^{-1/2} = \mathcal{O}(n)$  as  $n \to \infty$ .  
\n(i)  $987x^2 + 7x^5 + x^{11} = \mathcal{O}(x^3)$  as  $x \to 0$   
\n(j)  $x \log x = \mathcal{O}(x^2)$  as  $n \to \infty$ .  
\n(k)  $e^x = \mathcal{O}(1)$  as  $x \to 0$ .

2. Simplify the following expressions (Assume that  $x \to 0$ .)

(a) 
$$
\mathcal{O}(x^2) + \mathcal{O}(x^4) + x + x^6
$$
  
\n(b)  $x\mathcal{O}(x^5)$   
\n(c)  $987x^7 + \mathcal{O}(x^6)$   
\n(d)  $\mathcal{O}(x^2) \mathcal{O}(x^2)$   
\n(e)  $\mathcal{O}(x^3) \mathcal{O}(x^2)$   
\n(f)  $\mathcal{O}((x+1)^3)$   
\n(g)  $\mathcal{O}((1+n^{-1})^2)$   
\n(h)  $\mathcal{O}(1) + \mathcal{O}(x)$   
\n(i)  $\mathcal{O}(x\mathcal{O}(x^5))$   
\n(j)  $\cos x - 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2$  (expand as appropriate)  
\n(k)  $(x + 3x^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^5))^3$  (Note this is easy

if you figure the smallest Big-O power first (suppose it is  $\mathcal{O}(x^b)$ ). Then any terms that have that

power or larger  $(x^a, \text{ where } a \geq b)$  will be absorbed into it.)

3. Calculate the following limits using Big-O notation.

(a) 
$$
\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x - x + 2x^3}{x^2}
$$
  
\n(b) 
$$
\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\log(1 + x \arctan x) - e^{x^2} + 1}{\sqrt{1 + x^4} - 1}
$$
  
\n(c) 
$$
\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{24 - 24 \cos(\sin(x)) - 12x^2 + 5x^4}{\sin(1 - \cos(x)) - 1 + \cos x}
$$

- 4. Find the first 4 terms for the power series for  $e^x \sin x$  (centered at 0).
- 5. Find the first 4 terms for the power series for  $\frac{x}{1}$  $1 - x$ (centered at 0).
- 6. Find the first two terms for the power series expansion of the sequence

$$
x_{k+1} = 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{1 - x_k}}{2 - x_k}.
$$

# 4 Common Taylor Series

$$
e^{x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{k}}{k!}
$$
 (for all  $x$ )  
\n
$$
\log(1+x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}x^{k}}{k}
$$
 (for  $-1 < x \le 1$ )  
\n
$$
\log(1-x) = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{k}}{k}
$$
 (for  $-1 < x < 1$ )  
\n
$$
\log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) = 2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k-1}}{2k-1}
$$
 (for  $-1 < x < 1$ )  
\n
$$
\frac{1}{1+x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{k}
$$
 (for  $|x| < 1$ )  
\n
$$
\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{k} x^{k}
$$
 (for  $|x| < 1$ )



$$
(1+x)^{\alpha} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} { \alpha \choose k} x^{k}
$$
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$$
(x+k)^{\alpha} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} { \alpha \choose k} x^{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{4^{k}(2k-1)} {2k \choose k}
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$$
= 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^{2}}{8} + \frac{x^{3}}{16} - \frac{5x^{4}}{128} + \cdots
$$
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$$
(x+k)^{\alpha} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}
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$$
= x - \frac{1}{3!}x^{3} + \frac{1}{5!}x^{5} - \frac{1}{7!}x^{7} + \cdots
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(x+k)^{\alpha} = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^{2} + \frac{1}{4!}x^{4} - \frac{1}{6!}x^{6} + \cdots
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= 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^{2} + \frac{1}{4!}x^{4} - \frac{1}{6!}x^{6} + \cdots
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$$
(x+k)^{\alpha} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}2^{2k}(2^{2k}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!}x^{2k-1}
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$$
= x + \frac{1}{3}x^{3} + \frac{2}{15}x^{5} + \frac{17}{315}x^{7} + \cdots
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(|x| < \frac{\pi}{2})
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$$
csc x = \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}2(2^{2k-1}-1)B_{2k}}{(2k)!}x^{2k-1}
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$$
= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{6}x + \frac{7}{360}x^{3} + \frac{31}{15120}x^{5} + \cdots
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(|x| < \frac{\pi}{2})
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$$
= \frac{1}{2! \cdot 3!}x^{5} + \frac{11}{15120}x^{5} + \cdots
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(|x| < \frac{\pi}{2})
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$$
\sec x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k E_{2k}}{(2k)!} x^{2k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{5}{24}x^4 + \frac{61}{720}x^6 + \cdots \ (|x| < \frac{\pi}{2})
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$$
\cot x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 2^{2k} B_{2k}}{(2k)!} x^{2k-1} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{45}x^3 - \frac{2}{945}x^5 + \cdots \ (|x| < \frac{\pi}{2})
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\arcsin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^k (2k+1)} {2k \choose k} x^{2k+1}
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\arccos x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^k (2k+1)} {2k \choose k} x^{2k+1}
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(|x| \le 1)
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\arctan x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k-1} x^{2k-1}
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(|x| \le 1)
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- $B_k$  is the  $k^{\text{th}}$  Bernoulli number
- $E_k$  is the  $k^{\text{th}}$  Euler number.

