

Let $f(x) = e^x \cos(x)$. The power series expansion of $f(x)$ centered at 0 is $f(x) = 1 + x - x^3/3 - x^4/6 + c_5 x^5 + x^7/630 + \dots$

a) show that $c_5 = -1/30$

b) estimate integral from 0 to 1 $e^x \cos(x) dx$ using the given series.

c) estimate $f'(1)$ using the given series

Solution:

We expand our function in a Taylor series.

The Taylor series of a real or complex-valued function $f(x)$ that is infinitely differentiable at a real or complex number a is the power series

$$f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

which can be written in the more compact sigma notation as

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

where $n!$ denotes the factorial of n and $f^{(n)}(a)$ denotes the n th derivative of f evaluated at the point a . The derivative of order zero f is defined to be f itself and $(x-a)^0$ and $0!$ are both defined to be 1. In the case that $a = 0$, the series is also called a Maclaurin series.

So

$$f(x) = e^x \cos(x) \rightarrow f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = e^x (\cos(x) - \sin(x)) \rightarrow f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = -2e^x \sin(x) \rightarrow f''(0) = 0$$

$$f'''(x) = -2e^x (\sin(x) + \cos(x)) \rightarrow f'''(0) = -2$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -4e^x \cos(x) \rightarrow f^{(4)}(0) = -4$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = -4e^x (\cos(x) - \sin(x)) \rightarrow f^{(5)}(0) = -4$$

$$f(x) = 1 + x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^4 - \frac{1}{30}x^5 + \frac{1}{630}x^7 + \dots$$

b) estimate integral from 0 to 1 $e^x \cos(x) dx$ using the given series.

$$\int_0^1 e^x \cos(x) dx \approx \int_0^1 \left(1 + x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^4 - \frac{1}{30}x^5 + \frac{1}{630}x^7\right) dx = 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{5040} = 1.383532$$

estimate $f'(1)$ using the given series

$$f(x) = 1 + x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^4 - \frac{1}{30}x^5 + \frac{1}{630}x^7 + \dots$$

$$f'(x) = 1 - x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^4 + \frac{1}{90}x^6$$

$$f'(1) = -0.82222$$