

Some Helpful Examples on Taylor Series

① Find the TSR at zero of $\sin(x^2)$

solution:

we know from class that

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

so we may plug x^2 in on both sides to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x^2 &= x^2 - \frac{(x^2)^3}{3!} + \frac{(x^2)^5}{5!} - \frac{(x^2)^7}{7!} + \dots \\ &= x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} - \frac{x^{14}}{7!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

② Find the TSR at 0 of $\frac{x}{1+x^2}$.

solution: we know from class that

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

Now, we would like to use this. Note

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{1+x^2} &= x \cdot \frac{1}{1 - (-x^2)} = x \cdot \left(1 + (-x^2) + (-x^2)^2 + (-x^2)^3 + \dots \right) \\ &= x \left(1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots \right) \\ &= x - x^3 + x^5 - x^7 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

(This is $\frac{1}{1-x}$ w/ $-x^2$ plugged in)

so, the T.S.R. at 0 of $\frac{x}{1+x^2}$ is

$$x - x^3 + x^5 - x^7 + \dots$$
$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^{2n-1} \cdot (-1)^{n+1}$$