

EXPANSION

Taylor's Theorem: If $f(x+h)$ be a function of variable x (where h is any constant) then $f(x+h)$ can be expanded in ascending powers of h such that

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \dots \\ \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^n(x) + \dots$$

Proof:

$$\text{Let } f(x+h) = A_0 + A_1 h + A_2 h^2 + A_3 h^3 + \dots \\ \dots + A_n h^n + \dots$$

OR

Taylor's Theorem: Let $f(x)$ be a function of x . If the function $f(x+h)$ can be expanded in a convergent series of positive integral powers of h , then that expansion is given by

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(x) \\ \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^n(x) + \dots$$

Proof: Let us suppose that $f(x)$ possesses the derivatives of every order in the closed interval $[a, a+b]$ (such that $f(x+h)$). Then,

$$f(x+h) = A_0 + A_1 h + A_2 h^2 + A_3 h^3 + \dots \\ \dots + A_n h^n + \dots \\ \text{--- (1)}$$

where f_0, f_1, f_2 are the functions of x .

Now,

put $h=0$

Then, on substituting value of $h=0$ we get

$$f(x+h) = f_0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

$$f(x) = f_0$$

Now, on differentiating eqn (1) w.r.t h we get

$$f'(x+h) = 0 + A_1 + A_2 \cdot 2h + A_3 \cdot 3h^2 + \dots + A_n \cdot n h^{n-1} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

put $h=0$ in above eqn we get:

$$f'(x) = 0 + A_1 + 0 + 0 + \dots + 0$$

$$\therefore A_1 = f'(x)$$

Now, on again differentiating equation (2) we get:

$$f''(x+h) = 0 + 2A_2 + A_3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2h + \dots + A_n \cdot n(n-1) \cdot h^{n-2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

put $h=0$ we get

$$f''(x) = 0 + 2A_2 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

$$\therefore A_2 = \frac{f''(x)}{2}$$

on again differentiating eqn (3) we get:

$$f'''(x+h) = 0 + A_3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 + A_n \cdot n(n-1)(n-2) h^{n-3} + \dots$$

$$f'''(x+h) = A_3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

put $h=0$

$$\therefore f_3 = \frac{f'''(x+h)}{6} = \frac{f'''(x)}{6}$$

Now, on differentiating equation (1) n times we get.

$$f^n(x+h) = 0 + 0 + A_n n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) \dots h^{n-1}$$

$$= 0 + 0 + A_n n!$$

Now, put $h=0$ we get:

$$f^n(x) = A_n n!$$

$$\text{So } A_n = \frac{f^n(x)}{n!}$$

On substituting the value of $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ in eqn (1) we get:

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + \frac{f''(x)h^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(x)h^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\dots + \frac{f^n(x)h^n}{n!} \quad \text{proved}$$

Maclaurin's Theorem: If the function $f(x)$ possess derivatives of every order in $[0, x]$ and can be expressed in a convergent series of positive integral powers of x , then that expansion is given by:

$$f(x) = f(0) + x \cdot f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(0) + \dots$$

proof: Let (1) $f(x)$ be any function of x and can be expanded in convergent series of positive integral powers of x .

Then let:

$$f(x) = A_0 + A_1 x + A_2 x^2 + A_3 x^3 + \dots$$

$$A_n \cdot x^n + \dots \quad (1)$$

Now, put $x=0$ in eqn (1) we get

$$f(0) = a_0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \dots$$

$$\therefore a_0 = f(0)$$

On differentiating eqn (1) w.r.t x we get

$$f'(x) = 0 + a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 +$$

$$a_n x^{n-1}$$

Now, put $x=0$

(2)

$$f'(0) = 0 + a_1 + 2 \cdot 0 \cdot a_2 + 0 + 0$$

$$\therefore a_1 = f'(0)$$

Now, on again differentiating w.r.t x we get

$$f''(x) = 0 + 2a_2 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot a_3x + \dots$$

$$a_n n(n-1) x^{n-2}$$

put $x=0$ we get

$$f''(0) = 2a_2$$

$$\therefore a_2 = \frac{f''(0)}{2!}$$

$$\text{Similarly } a_3 = \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}$$

$$\text{Similarly } a_n = \frac{f^n(0)}{n!}$$

On substituting the value of $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ in eqn (1)

$$f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(0)x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\dots + \frac{f^n(0)x^n}{n!} \text{ proved}$$

Failure of Taylor's and Maclaurin series

The expansion of any function $f(x)$ by Taylor's series will not be valid for the following values of x if

- i) $f(x)$ or any one of its derivative is ^{infinite} infinite.
- ii) If the series of the expansion is not convergent.

For example:

$$f(x) = e^{\frac{1}{x}} \text{ where } x \neq 0 \text{ and } f(0) = 0.$$

$$\text{Solution: } f'(x) = e^{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot (-1) \cdot x^{-2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{x^2} e^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

At $x=0$,

$$f'(0) = \infty$$

\Rightarrow The differential coefft. $f'(0)$ is ∞ at $x=0$.

Therefore the expansion of $e^{\frac{1}{x}}$ in ascending order power of x is not possible.

$$\text{IV } f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\text{III } f(x) = \log(x)$$

Expansion of some well-known series by means of Maclaurin's Theorem

i) Expansion of e^x

$$\text{Let } f(x) = e^x \quad \therefore f(0) = 1$$

Now on differentiating successively.

$$f'(x) = e^x \quad f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = e^x \quad f''(0) = 1$$

$$f'''(x) = e^x \quad f'''(0) = 1$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^x \quad f^{(n)}(0) = 1$$

Hence from Maclaurin's theorem

$$f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(0) + \dots$$

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

