

How to calculate mathematics π (圆周率的计算方法)

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Taylor's theorem and Taylor series

In this section, we shall consider a polynomial approximation which mimics a function f near one given point. We will seek coefficients a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n such that the polynomial

$$P_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - a) + a_2(x - a)^2 + \dots + a_n(x - a)^n + R((x - a)^{n+1})$$

approximates to $f(x)$ near $x = a$, where assuming that $f(x)$ is n th differentiable at $x = a$. Therefore $f(x) \approx P_n(x)$, and we try to choose the coefficients $a_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

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

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

where $n!$ denotes the factorial of n and $f^{(n)}(a)$ denotes the n th derivative of f evaluated at the point a . In the more compact sigma notation, this can be written as

$$\text{泰勒级数 } f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x - a)^n.$$

The derivative of order zero of f is defined to be f itself and $(x - a)^0$ and $0!$ are both defined to be 1. When $a = 0$, the series is also called a [Maclaurin series][2].

For instance:

The Taylor series for the exponential function e^x at $a = 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} &= \frac{x^0}{0!} + \frac{x^1}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \frac{x^5}{120} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The above expansion holds because the derivative of e^x with respect to x is also e^x and e^0 equals 1. This leaves the terms $(x - 0)^n$ in the numerator and $n!$ in the denominator for each term in the infinite sum.

Euler formula: $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$

The Taylor series of function e^z at $a = 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
e^z &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} \\
&= \frac{z^0}{0!} + \frac{z^1}{1!} + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots \\
&= 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{6} + \frac{z^4}{24} + \frac{z^5}{120} + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

Let $z = ix$, where i is imaginary unit, which satisfied $i^{4k} = 1, i^{4k+1} = i, i^{4k+2} = -1, i^{4k+3} = -i$.

left side means $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$

right side equals to $1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2!} - i\frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + i\frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} - i\frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$

Therefore

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

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

The above sums are the Taylor series sum for function $\cos(x)$ and $\sin(x)$. (they have the following **Colin Maclaurin series**, for all x)

$$\begin{aligned}
\cos(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \\
&= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sin(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\
&= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

可见, $\cos(x)$ 是偶函数, $\sin(x)$ 是奇函数。

Of course, we can use Taylor expansion to get the above formula.

$$\sin^{(2k)}(x) = \frac{d^{(2k)} \sin(x)}{dx} = (-1)^k \sin(x)$$

$$\sin^{(2k+1)}(x) = (-1)^k \cos(x)$$

The even-th derivative function of $\sin(x)$ at $x = 0$ equals to 0, and odd-th derivative function of $\sin(x)$ at $x = 0$ equals to $(-1)^k$

Polynomial approximation theorem

Question: How to solve the equation $\sin(x) = 0$?

1. First, $\sin(x) = 0$ has the solution $\{k\pi, k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$

2. According to the fundamental theorem of algebra (polynomial approximation theorem) , Let's suppose $\sin(x)$ is a polynomial.

$$\sin(x) = c * \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (k\pi - x)(k\pi + x)x$$

$$\frac{\sin(x)}{x} = c * \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (k\pi - x)(k\pi + x)$$

Now limit at x tends to 0, we shall get

$$c = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 \pi^2}$$

Therefore we got

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x) &= x \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x}{k\pi}\right) \left(1 + \frac{x}{k\pi}\right) \\ &= x \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[1 - \frac{x^2}{(k\pi)^2}\right] \end{aligned}$$

Let $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{2} &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{2k-1} \cdot \frac{2k}{2k+1} \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4k^2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{6}{7} \cdots \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{16}{15} \cdot \frac{36}{35} \cdot \frac{64}{63} \cdots \end{aligned}$$

see also [John Wallis' product for \$\pi\$](#)

Similarly, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x) &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{2x}{(2k-1)\pi}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2x}{(2k-1)\pi}\right) \\ &= x \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4x^2}{(2k-1)^2 \pi^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan(x) = \frac{x}{\pi/4} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \frac{x}{k\pi}}{1 - \frac{1}{4k}} \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{x}{k\pi}}{1 + \frac{1}{4k}}$$

Euler identity

1. From Taylor expansion, we get

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

2. From polynomial approximation theorem and equation solution, we get

$$\sin(x) = x \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{(k\pi)^2}\right)$$

3. Compare the degree 3 of x-term, we get the coefficients should be equivalent.

$$\frac{1}{3!} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k\pi)^2}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi^2}{6} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

收敛速度还可以接受。

Gregory-Leibniz series

The series for the **inverse tangent** function, which is also known as **Gregory's series**, can be given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan(x) &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{2k+1} \end{aligned}$$

推导过程如下:

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{d(\arctan x)}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ \therefore 1-x^n &= (1-x)(1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{n-1}) \\ \therefore \frac{1}{1-x} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, |x| < 1 \\ \frac{1}{1+x^2} &= \frac{1}{1-(-x^2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} \\ \therefore \arctan(x) &= \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \\ &= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}, |x| < 1 \end{aligned}$$

The **Leibniz formula** for $\frac{\pi}{4}$ can be obtained by putting $x = 1$ (**TODO?**) into the above inverse-tangent series.

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

As you can see, this converges very slowly (收敛极慢! 不可取), with large, alternating over-estimates and under-estimates.

Nilakantha Series

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &= 3 + \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} - \frac{4}{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} + \frac{4}{6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8} - \frac{4}{8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10} + \dots \\ &= 3 + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 7 \cdot 4} - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 9 \cdot 5} + \dots \\ &= 3 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n-1)n(2n-1)} \end{aligned}$$

This is the **faster convergent method** for pi.

这是计算圆周率的更快一点的收敛方法。

Viète's Formula

Viète's formula is the following infinite product of nested radicals representing the mathematical constant π :

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}}{2} \dots$$

It is named after François Viète (1540–1603), who published it in 1593.

Viète's formula may be rewritten and understood as a limit expression.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{2} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

where $a_n = \sqrt{2 + a_{n-1}}$, with initial condition $a_1 = \sqrt{2}$.

Viète's formula may be obtained as a special case of a formula given more than a century later by Leonhard Euler, who discovered that:

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} = \cos \frac{x}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{8} \dots$$

Substituting

$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ in this formula yields:

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{8} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{16} \dots$$

Then, expressing each term of the product on the right as a function of earlier terms using the half-angle formula:

$$\cos \frac{x}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos x}{2}}$$

gives Viète's formula.

It is also possible to derive from Viète's formula a related formula for π that still involves nested square roots of two, but uses only one multiplication: [ref Viète formula](#)

$$\pi = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 2^k \sqrt{\underbrace{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \dots + \sqrt{2}}}}}}}_{k \text{ square roots}}$$

反三角函数 $\arcsin(x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \sin^{-1} x &= \int (1-x^2)^{-1/2} dx + c(\text{constant}) \\ &= \int \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{3x^4}{8} + \frac{5x^6}{16} + \dots + c\right), |x| < 1 \\ &= x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4} \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots + c \end{aligned}$$

$$\because \sin^{-1} x = 0 \text{ at } x = 0 \implies c = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sin^{-1}(x) &= x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4} \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots, |x| < 1 \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2(2n+1)} x^{2n+1} \end{aligned}$$

同理可以得到

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \cos^{-1}(x) &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4} \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots\right), |x| < 1 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2(2n+1)} x^{2n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Taylor级数和Maclaurin Series的实现

在GeoGebra中可以轻松实现多项式之和逼近各种函数。

1. 先定义次数Order的滑条 $n = \text{slider}(1, 20, 1)$
2. 再定义要逼近的函数, 如 $f(x) = \arctan(x), g(x) = \sin(x), h(x) = \cos(x), \dots$
3. 调用函数 $g = \text{TaylorPolynomial}(f, x(A), n), A = (0, 0)$
4. 调用函数 $\text{FormulaText}(g, \text{true}, \text{true})$ 可以显示级数

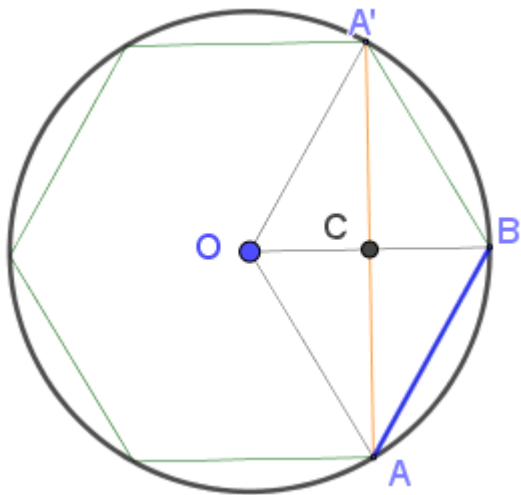
[TaylorSeries的多项式逼近演示GGB](#)

计算 π 收敛速度极快算法

代数和几何结合的方法。

采用刘徽割圆术, 用正n边形逼近圆的方法, 实现计算圆周率 π 的目的。

记正 n 边形的边长为 L_n , 由正 n 边形产生的正 $2n$ 边形的边长为 L_{2n} , 则如图可有



$$\begin{aligned}
 L_n &= AA', L_{2n} = AB \\
 L_{2n}^2 &= \left(\frac{L_n}{2}\right)^2 + (1 - OC)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}L_n^2 + \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}L_n^2}\right)^2 \\
 &= 2 - 2\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}L_n^2} \\
 L_{2n} &= \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{4 - L_n^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

假定圆的半径 $r = 1$, 则有正6边形的边长 $L_6 = 1$, 利用迭代关系式可以快速求出周长

$$C_0 = 2\pi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n \times L_n)$$

$$\pi = \frac{1}{2} \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n \times L_n)$$

上述算法收敛性很快!

在GeoGebra中实现起来也很方便。

1. 先建立迭代次数滑动条 $n = slider(1, 10, 1)$
2. 再建立迭代函数 $f(x) = sqrt(2 - sqrt(4 - xx))$
3. 然后用GGB的迭代命令 $value = Iteration(f, 1, n) \rightarrow L_{2n} = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{4 - L_n \times L_n}}, L_6 = 1$, 初始值取正6边形时的值1.
4. 正 $2n$ 边形的半周长为 $\pi = value \times 6 \times 2^{n-1}$

这一算法的收敛也极快, 正多边形的边数以指数级增长。边数 = $6 \times 2^{n-1}$