

Using Binomial Theorem to get a Taylor Series

For large N , $e \approx (1 + \frac{1}{N})^N$

$$\text{Binomial Theorem: } (a+b)^N = \sum_{n=0}^N \binom{N}{n} a^n b^{N-n} = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} a^n b^{N-n}$$

$$e \approx (1 + \frac{1}{N})^N = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n!} \frac{N!}{(N-n)!} \left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (N-i)}{N^n} \right)$$

If $N \gg n, i$, then $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (N-i) \approx N^n$,

$$\text{so } \frac{\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (N-i)}{N^n} \approx 1$$

$$e \approx (1 + \frac{1}{N})^N \approx \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n!} \quad \text{Taylor Series}$$

What about the Taylor Series for e^x , where x is small?

$$e^x \approx (1 + \frac{1}{N})^{Nx}$$

Let's set $x = \frac{1}{N-m}$, where $N \gg m$. When $m=0$, you instantly get the well

known approximation $e^x \approx 1+x$. From what I know, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^x$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$,

it's ok to have these limits be the same/similar/related rates, so a function

where $x = f(N)$ where $N \rightarrow \infty$ and $x \rightarrow 0$ is ok.

Apply Binomial Theorem again.

$$e^x \approx (1 + \frac{1}{N})^{N-m} = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{N!}{(N-m-n)!} \right) \left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (N-m-i)}{N^n} \right)$$

If $N \gg m, n, i$, then $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (N-m-i) \approx \frac{N^n}{(N-m)^n}$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{1}{N-m}\right)^n = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{x^n}{n!}} \quad \text{Taylor Series}$$