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## Taylor's Formula and Limited Development

The limited development  $LD_n(x_0)$  is useful in many areas of mathematics and physics, including solving differential equations, computing integrals, evaluating limits, and analyzing the local behavior of a function along with its polynomial approximation.

### 1.1 Taylor's Formula

#### 1.1.1 Taylor's Formula

The Taylor formula allows the approximation of a function that is differentiable multiple times in the neighborhood of a point by a polynomial whose coefficients depend only on the derivatives of the function at that point.

**Definition 1.1.1.** A function that is continuous on [a, b] and differentiable at  $x_0 \in ]a, b[$  can be expressed in a neighborhood of  $x_0$  as follows

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0)f'(x_0) + R(x),$$

where  $R(x) = \varepsilon(x)(x - x_0)$ , and  $\lim_{x \to x_0} \varepsilon(x) = 0$ , This shows that if f is differentiable, then f can be approximated by a polynomial of degree 1 (a line).

**Example 1.1.2.** Consider the function  $f = e^x$ , and  $x_0 = 0$ . f can be written as

$$f(x) \simeq f(0) + (x - 0)f'(0) = x + 1$$

Taylor's formula generalizes this result by showing that functions that are n-times differentiable can be approximated in a neighborhood of  $x_0$  by polynomials of degree n, that is to say

$$f(x) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \ p_n(x)}}^n \frac{f^{(k)(x_0)}(x-x_0)^k}{k!} + R_n(x),$$
  
=  $f(x_0) + (x-x_0)f'(x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x-x_0)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x-x_0)^n + R_n(x),$ 

where  $R_n(x)$  is the remainder of order n, such that

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(x_0)}{(n+1)!} (x - x_0)^{n+1} + \cdots$$
  
=  $\varepsilon(x)(x - x_0)^n$  and  $\lim_{x \to x_0} \varepsilon(x) = 0.$ 

#### 1.1.2 Taylor's Theorem

Let f and  $g: [a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two functions satisfying the following conditions:

- 1.  $f \in C^n([a, b])$ , and  $f^{(n)}$  is differentiable on ]a, b[.
- 2. The function  $g \in C([a, b])$  and it is differentiable on ]a, b[ and  $\forall x \in ]a, b[$ ,  $g'(x) \neq 0$ , for  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ : then  $\forall x \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \neq x_0$  we have:

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n + R_n(x_0, x).\dots(*)$$
  
=  $\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!}(x - x_0)^k + R_n(x_0, x)$   
such that  $R_n(x_0, x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)(x - c)^n g(x)g(x_0)}{n! g'(c)}, \ c \in ]x, x_0[\dots(**)]$ 

- The expression (\*) is called the Taylor formula with generalized remainder (\*\*).
- he choice of different functions g satisfying condition (\*\*) leads to different forms of the remainder  $R_n(x_0, x)$ .

#### 1.1.3 Taylor's three formulas

**Notation 1.1.3.** Let I = [a, b] be an interval of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_0$  be an interior point of I, and let  $f: I \longrightarrow R$  be a function. We fix a natural number n.

We say that a function is of class  $C^n$  on I if it is n times differentiable on I, and its n-th derivative is continuous on I.

#### **Taylor-Lagrange**

**Theorem 1.1.4.** Let f be of class  $C^{n+1}$  on I, and  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ . For all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \neq x_0$ , we have:

 $f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}(x - x_0)^{n+1}, \ c \in ]x, x_0[.$ The term  $\frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!}(x - x_0)^{n+1}$  is called the Lagrange remainder.

**Example 1.1.5.** 1. Consider the function sin(x). The **Taylor-Lagrange** formula up to order 3 in the neighborhood of 0 is written as follows

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}\cos(c)$$

2. Consider again  $x \longrightarrow e^x$ . The **Taylor-Lagrange** formula up to order 4 in the neighborhood of 0 is written follows

$$e^{x} = 1 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \frac{x^{4}}{4!} + \frac{x^{5}}{5!}e^{c}$$

#### **Taylor-Maclaurin**

If we set  $x_0 = 0$  in Taylor-Lagrange's formula, we obtain Maclaurin's formula

$$f(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\theta x)}{(n+1)!}x^{n+1}, \quad 0 < \theta < 1.$$

#### **Taylor-Young**

**Theorem 1.1.6.** Let  $f : [a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, and let  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ , suppose that  $f^{(n)}(x_0)$  exists and finite, then  $\forall x_0 \in [a, b]$ 

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k + o(x - x_0)^n,$$

the remainder  $R_n(x_0, x) = o(x - x_0)^n$  is called Young's remainder, and it satisfies the following property:

$$\lim_{x \to x_0} \frac{R_n(x_0, x)}{(x - x_0)^n} = 0$$

By setting  $\varepsilon(x) = \frac{R_n(x_0, x)}{(x - x_0)^n}$  for  $x \neq x_0$  and  $\varepsilon(x_0) = 0$  we obtain the Young remainder in the following form:  $R_n(x_0, x) = \varepsilon(x)(x - x_0)^n$  where  $\lim_{x \to x_0} \varepsilon(x) = 0$ 

If  $x_0 = 0$ , we obtain the Maclaurin-Young formula

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^{k} + x^{n} \varepsilon(x) \quad where \quad \lim_{x \to 0} \varepsilon(x) = 0$$

**Example 1.1.7.** The Taylor-Young formula for the function sin(x) up to order 2n + 1 at 0 is written as follows

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + x^{2n+1} \varepsilon(x).$$

Indeed, we must calculate the successive derivatives of sin(x) at 0. We have

$$\sin(0) = 0$$
,  $\sin'(0) = \cos(0) = 1$ ,  $\sin''(0) = -\sin(0) = 0$ ,...

More generally, for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\sin^{(2k)}(0) = 0$$
, and  $\sin^{(2k+1)}(0) = (-1)^k \cos(0) = (-1)^k$ 

hence the result.

### **1.2** Limited Development

#### **1.2.1** Developments limited to the neighborhood of 0

**Definition 1.2.1.** Let f be a function defined in the neighborhood of x = 0, possibly except at 0. We say that f admits a limited development of order n in the neighborhood of 0 if there exist real numbers  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and a function  $\varepsilon$  such that for any non-zero element x of an interval I of  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n + x^n \varepsilon(x)$$
$$= P_n(x) + x^n \varepsilon(x)$$

such that  $\lim_{x \to 0} \varepsilon(x) = 0.$ 

**Remark 1.2.2.** The polynomial  $P_n(x)$  is called regular part of the limited development and  $x^n \varepsilon(x)$  is remainder or complementary part.

**Example 1.2.3.** Let  $f = \frac{1}{1-x}$ . f admits  $LD_n(0)$ , indeed: Since  $1 - x^{n+1} = (1-x)(1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^n)$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{x^{n+1}}{1-x} = \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} = \frac{(1-x)(1+x+\dots+x^n)}{1-x} = 1+x+\dots+x^n,$$

where

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + \dots + x^n + \frac{x^{n+1}}{1-x} = 1 + x + \dots + x^n \frac{x}{1-x},$$

Therefore, the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ ,  $x \neq 1$  admits a limited development of order n at x = 0, with  $\varepsilon(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$ , where  $\lim_{x \to 0} \varepsilon(x) = 0$ .

#### 1.2.2 Properties of Limited Development

• If f admits a  $LD_n(x_0)$ , then  $\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x)$  exists, is finite, and is equal to  $a_0$ . This criterion is generally used to show that a function does not admit  $LD_n(x_0)$ .

For example the function  $\ln(x)$  does not admit  $LD_n(0)$ , because  $\lim_{x\to 0} \ln(x) = -\infty$ .

- A function does not necessarily have an  $LD_n(x_0)$ , but if it does, it is unique.
- Parity
  - Even function The  $LD_n(x_0)$  of an even function has a main part that contains only monomials of even degree. That is to say the coefficients  $a_{2k+1} = 0$ .
  - Odd function The  $LD_n(x_0)$  of an odd function has a main part that contains only monomials of odd degree. That is to say the coefficients  $a_{2k} = 0$ .
- The  $LD_n(x_0)$  of a polynomial of degree n is the polynomial itself.

## 1.2.3 Obtaining Limited Development Using the Taylor-Young Formula

**Theorem 1.2.4.** If f is of class  $C^{n-1}$  in a neighborhood of a and  $f^{(n)}(a)$  exists, then f has a limited expansion of order n in a neighborhood of a, given by the Taylor-Young formula

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

where  $\lim_{x \to a} \varepsilon(x) + 0.$ 

**particular case:** If  $f^{(n)} = (0)$  exists then f has the following limited development

$$f(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + x^n\varepsilon(x), \quad such \ that \quad \lim_{x \to 0} \varepsilon(x) + 0.$$

**Corollary 1.2.5.** If  $f^{(n)}(0)$  exists and if f admits a limited expansion of order n

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n + x^n \varepsilon(x)$$

then  $f(0) = a_0$ ,  $\frac{f'(0)}{1!} = a_1$ ,  $\frac{f''(0)}{2!} = a_2$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = a_n$ .

#### **1.2.4** Limited Development of usual Functions

Below, we show some well-known limited development of common function of order n, at x = 0using Maclaurin's formula :

$$e^{x} = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^{n}}{n!} + o(x^{n})$$

$$\ln(x1 + x) = x - \frac{x^{2}}{2} + \frac{x^{3}}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{n}}{n} + o(x^{n})$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - x} = 1 + x + x^{2} + x^{3} + \dots + x^{n} + o(x^{n})$$

$$\sqrt{1 + x} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^{2}}{8} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots \times (2n - 3)}{2^{n} n!} x^{n} + o(x^{n})$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x}} = 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{3x^{2}}{8} - \dots + (-1)^{n} \frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots \times (2n - 1)}{2^{n} n!} x^{n} + o(x^{n})$$

$$(1 + x)^{\alpha} = 1 + \alpha x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}{2!} x^{2} + \dots + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1) \dots (\alpha - n + 1)}{n!} x^{n} + o(x^{n})$$

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

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \frac{x^{5}}{5!} + \dots + (-1)^{n} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + o(x^{2n+2})$$

**Remark 1.2.6.** We will often work with  $x_0 = 0$ , based on changes of variables:

- 1. If  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^*$ , we put  $t = x x_0$ , and then  $t \longrightarrow 0$  when  $x \longrightarrow x_0$ .
- 2. If  $x_0 \longrightarrow \infty$ , we put  $t = \frac{1}{x}$ , and then  $t \longrightarrow 0$  when  $x \longrightarrow \infty$ .

**Example 1.2.7.** Find  $LD_3(\frac{\pi}{4})$  for the function  $x \longrightarrow \sin(x)$ . We put  $t = x - \frac{\pi}{4}$ , then  $t \to 0$  when  $x \to \frac{\pi}{4}$ . Thus,  $x = t + \frac{\pi}{4}$ . So

$$f(x) = \sin x = \sin(t + \frac{\pi}{4}) = \sin(t)\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) + \cos(t)\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\sin(t) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\cos(t).$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\left(t - \frac{t^3}{6} + o(t^3)\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\left(1 - \frac{t^2}{2} + o(t^3)\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}t - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}t^2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{12}t^3 + o(t^3).$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{12}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3 + o\left(\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3\right)$$

**Example 1.2.8.** Find  $LD_n(1)$  for the function  $x \longrightarrow e^x$ .

We put t = x - 1, then  $t \to 0$  when  $x \to 1$ . Thus, x = t + 1. Thus

$$e^{x} = e\left(1 + y + \frac{y^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{y^{n}}{n!} + o(y^{n})\right)$$
$$= e\left(1 + (x - 1) + \frac{(x - 1)^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{(x - 1)^{n}}{n!} + o((x - 1)^{n})\right)$$

#### 1.2.5 Operation on Limited Development

• Sum: If f admits a  $LD_n(0)$ :  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n + o(x^n)$ , and g also admits a  $LD_n(0)$ :  $g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_nx^n + o(x^n)$ .

Then f + g admits a  $LD_n(0)$ , given by the sum of the two expansions:

$$(f+g)(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n + o(x^n).$$

**Example 1.2.9.** *Find the*  $LD_4(0)$  *of*  $ln(1 + x) + e^x$ . *As* 

$$\ln(x+1) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + o(x^4)$$
$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + o(x^4)$$

Hence:  $ln(1+x) + e^x = 1 + 2x + \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{5x^4}{24} + o(x^4)$ 

Product: If f admits a LD<sub>n</sub>(0): f(x) = a<sub>0</sub> + a<sub>1</sub>x + a<sub>2</sub>x<sup>2</sup> + ··· + a<sub>n</sub>x<sup>n</sup> + o(x<sup>n</sup>), and g also admits a LD<sub>n</sub>(0): g(x) = b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>x + b<sub>2</sub>x<sup>2</sup> + ··· + b<sub>n</sub>x<sup>n</sup> + o(x<sup>n</sup>). Then the product fg admits a LD<sub>n</sub>(0), obtained by retaining only the monomials of degree at most n in the expansion of the product:

$$(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n)(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_nx^n)$$

**Example 1.2.10.** Find  $LD_3(0)$  of  $x \longrightarrow \sin(x)\cos(x)$ .

We have

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^3)$$
  
$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + o(x^3)$$

Then, we develop the product, only considering terms of order 3 or less:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x)\sin(x) &= \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^3)\right) \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + o(x^3)\right) \\ &= x - \frac{2x^3}{3} + o(x^3) \end{aligned}$$

Quotient: If f admits a LD<sub>n</sub>(0): f(x) = a<sub>0</sub> + a<sub>1</sub>x + a<sub>2</sub>x<sup>2</sup> + ··· + a<sub>n</sub>x<sup>n</sup> + o(x<sup>n</sup>), and g also admits a LD<sub>n</sub>(0): g(x) = b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>x + b<sub>2</sub>x<sup>2</sup> + ··· + b<sub>n</sub>x<sup>n</sup> + o(x<sup>n</sup>), with b<sub>0</sub> ≠ 0. Then <sup>f</sup>/<sub>g</sub> admits a LD<sub>n</sub>(0), obtained by performing the division according to increasing degrees, up to order n, of the polynomial (a<sub>0</sub> + a<sub>1</sub>x + a<sub>2</sub>x<sup>2</sup> + ··· + a<sub>n</sub>x<sup>n</sup>) by the polynomial (b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>x + b<sub>2</sub>x<sup>2</sup> + ··· + b<sub>n</sub>x<sup>n</sup>).

**Example 1.2.11.** Let us compute  $LD_5(0)$  for  $x \longrightarrow \tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$ We have

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} + o(x^5)$$
  
$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} + o(x^5)$$

Thus,

$$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = \frac{x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} + o(x^5)}{1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} + o(x^5)}$$

Then, we develop the division according to increasing degrees up to order 5:

$$\begin{array}{c} x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} + o(x^5) \\ x - \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^5}{24} + o(x^5) \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{30} + o(x^5) \\ \hline \\ \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{6} + o(x^5) \\ \hline \\ \frac{2x^5}{15} + o(x^5) \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ 0(x^5) \end{array}$$

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Therefore, 
$$\tan(x) = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + o(x^5)$$

• Composition If f admits a  $LD_n(g(0))$ :

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - g(0)) + a_2(x - g(0))^2 + \dots + a_n(x - g(0))^n + (x - g(0))^n \varepsilon(x),$$

and g also admits a  $LD_n(0)$ :  $g(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \dots + b_n x^n + x^n \varepsilon(x)$ .

Then,  $f \circ g$  admits a  $LD_n(0)$ , obtained by substituting the limited development of g into that of f and keeping only the monomials of degree n or less.

**Example 1.2.12.** Let us compute  $LD_3(0)$  for  $x \longrightarrow \sin\left(\frac{1}{1-x}-1\right)$ . Since,

$$\frac{1}{1-x} - 1 = -x + x^2 - x^3 + o(x^3)$$
$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + o(x^3)$$

Then, we compose, considering only terms of order 3 or less:

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{1-x} - 1\right) = -x + x^2 - x^3 - \frac{1}{6}(-x^3) + o(x^3)$$
$$= -x + x^2 - \frac{5x^3}{6} + o(x^3)$$

Differentiability: If f: I → ℝ admits a LD<sub>n+1</sub>(0) and f is differentiated at least n+1 times, then f' admits a LD<sub>n</sub>(0), obtained by differentiating the limited development of f.

Example 1.2.13. compute 
$$LD_3(0)$$
 for  $x \longrightarrow \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$ .  
Since  $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)'$ , and  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + o(x^4)$ . Derive the  $LD_4(0)$   
of  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ , we obtain  $LD_3(0)$  for  $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$ :  
 $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + o(x^3)$ .

• Integration: If  $f: I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  admits a  $LD_n(0)$ , and f is integrable on I, then f admits a  $LD_{n+1}(0)$ , obtained by integrating the limited development of f. i.e. if

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n + x^n \varepsilon(x)$$
, where  $\lim_{x \to 0} \varepsilon(x) = 0$ 

then

$$F(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt = a_0 x + \frac{a_1}{2}x^2 + \dots + \frac{a_n}{n+1}x^{n+1} + x^{n+1}\tau(x), \text{ where } \lim_{x \to 0} \tau(x) = 0.$$

#### 1.2.6 Generalized LD

Let f be a function defined in the neighborhood of 0 except possibly at 0. Suppose that f does not admit a limited expansion in the neighborhood of 0 but the function  $x^{\alpha}f(x)$  ( $\alpha$  positive real) admits a limited development in the neighborhood of 0 then for  $\alpha \neq 0$ 

$$x^{\alpha}f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n + o(x^n)$$

Hence  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^{\alpha}} (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n + o(x^n)).$ 

this expression is called the generalized limited development in the neighborhood of 0.

**Example 1.2.14.** Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x - x^2}$ . The function f does not admit a LD(0) because  $\lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = +\infty$ . But

$$xf(x) = x \cdot \frac{1}{x - x^2} = \frac{1}{1 - x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + o(x^n).$$

The generalized limited expansion of f is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + o(x^n))$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{x} + 1 + x + \dots + x^{n-1} + o(x^{n-1})$ 

**Exercise:** Find the  $LD_4(0)$  of the following functions:

1. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sin(x)}$$
.  
2.  $g(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$ .  
3.  $h(x) = \frac{\ln(1+x)}{1+x}$ .

4. 
$$k(x) = e^{\cos(x)}$$