

Math.375

II - Pandora's box

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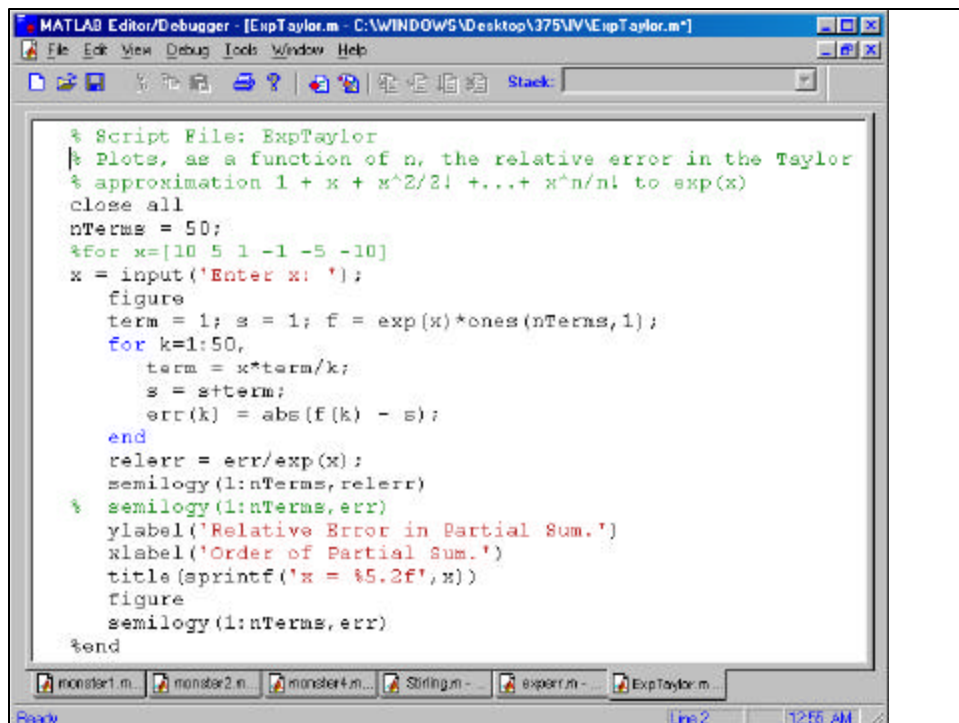
Some things do work!

- Evaluating a convergent series
- Asymptotic formulas
- Polynomial evaluations
- Dynamical system calculations
- Recursive functions and fractals
- But: beware of errors and timing subtleties!

Taylor series for exp(x)

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

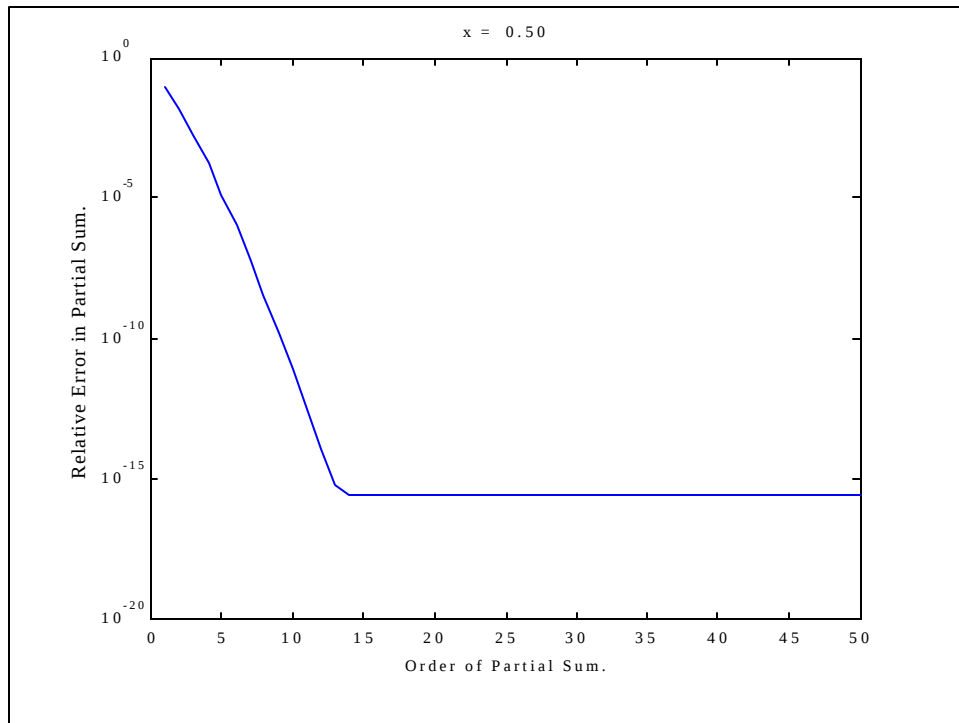
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function y = expF(x,n)
term = 1; y = 1;
for k = 1:n
    x = x*term/k;
    y = y + term;
end
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The image shows a MATLAB Editor/Debugger window titled "MATLAB Editor/Debugger - [ExpTaylor.m - C:\WINDOWS\Desktop\375\IV\ExpTaylor.m*]". The window contains the following MATLAB script:

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% Script File: ExpTaylor
% Plots, as a function of n, the relative error in the Taylor
% approximation 1 + x + x^2/2! +...+ x^n/n! to exp(x)
close all
nTerms = 50;
%For x=[10 5 1 -1 -5 -10]
x = input('Enter x: ');
figure
term = 1; s = 1; f = exp(x)*ones(nTerms,1);
for k=1:50,
    term = x*term/k;
    s = s+term;
    err(k) = abs(f(k) - s);
end
relerr = err/exp(x);
semilogy(1:nTerms,relerr)
% semilogy(1:nTerms,err)
ylabel('Relative Error in Partial Sum.')
xlabel('Order of Partial Sum.')
title(sprintf('x = %5.2f',x))
figure
semilogy(1:nTerms,err)
%end
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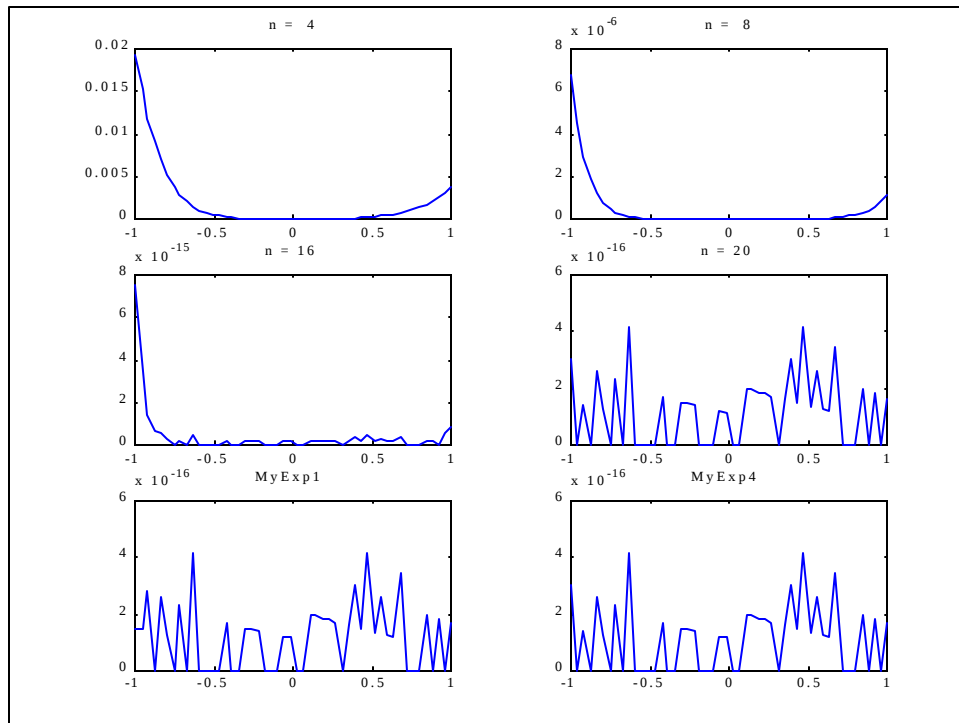
The window also shows a taskbar at the bottom with several open files: monster1.m, monster2.m, monster4.m, String.m, experr.m, and ExpTaylor.m. The status bar at the bottom indicates "Ready", "Line 2", and "12:55 AM".



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%script file experr
n = 50;
x = linspace(-1, 1, 50);
y = zeros(1, n);
exact = exp(x);
k = 0;
for n = [4 8 16 20]
    for i = 1:n
        y(i) = MyExpP(x(i), n);
    end
    RelErr = abs(exact - y) ./ exact;
    k = k+1;
    subplot(3, 2, k)
    plot(x, RelErr)
    title(sprintf('n = %2.0f', n))
end
z = MyExp1(x);
RelErr = abs(exact - MyExp1(x)) ./ exact;
subplot(3, 2, 5)
plot(x, RelErr)
title(sprintf('MyExp1 '))
RelErr = abs(exact - MyExp4(x)) ./ exact;
subplot(3, 2, 6)
plot(x, RelErr)
title(sprintf('MyExp4 '))

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% Script File: Stirling
% Prints a table showing error in Stirling's formula for n!
clc
disp('          Stirling          Absolute   Relative')
disp('    n          n!    Approximation   Error       Error')
disp('-----')
e = exp(1);
nfact = 1;
for n = 1:13
    nfact = n*nfact;
    s = sqrt(2*pi*n)*((n/e)^n);
    abserror = abs(nfact - s);
    relerror = abserror/nfact;
    s1 = sprintf(' %2.0f %10.0f %13.2f', n, nfact, s);
    s2 = sprintf(' %13.2f %5.2e', abserror, relerror);
    disp([s1 s2])
end

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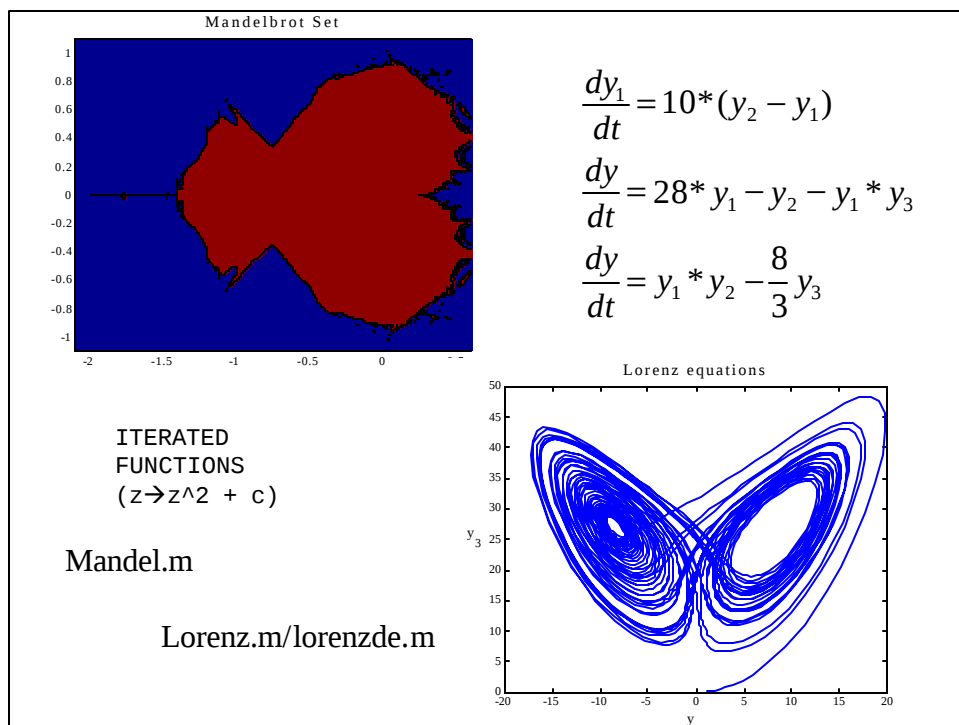
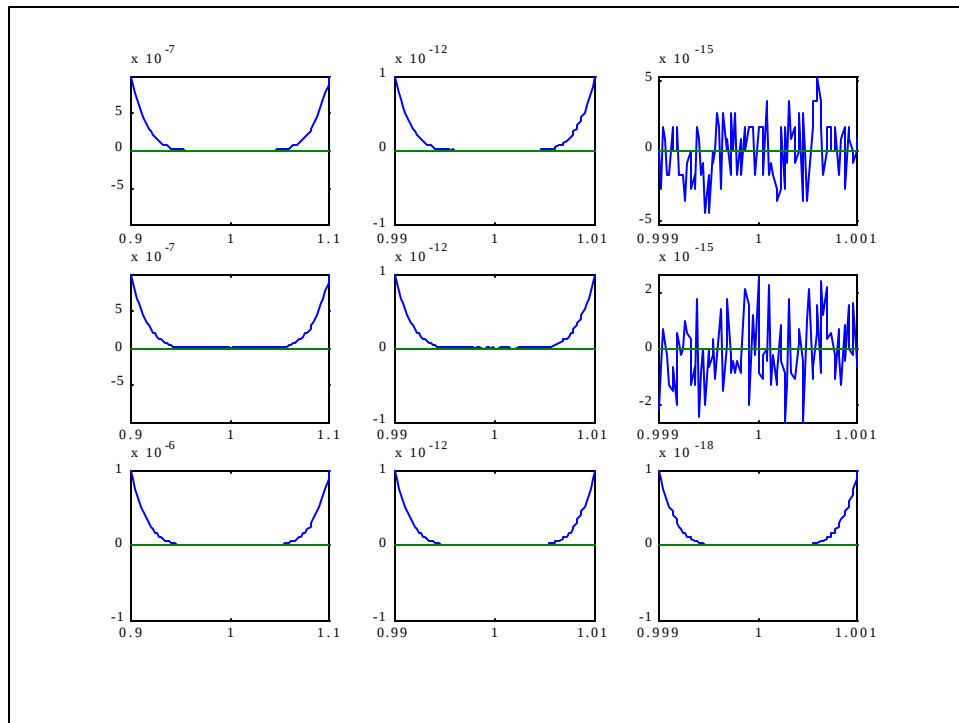
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n	n!	Stirling Approximation	Absolute Error	Relative Error
1	1	0.92	0.08	7.79e-002
2	2	1.92	0.08	4.05e-002
3	6	5.84	0.16	2.73e-002
4	24	23.51	0.49	2.06e-002
5	120	118.02	1.98	1.65e-002
6	720	710.08	9.92	1.38e-002
7	5040	4980.40	59.60	1.18e-002
8	40320	39902.40	417.60	1.04e-002
9	362880	359536.87	3343.13	9.21e-003
10	3628800	3598695.62	30104.38	8.30e-003
11	39916800	39615625.05	301174.95	7.55e-003
12	479001600	475687486.47	3314113.53	6.92e-003
13	6227020800	6187239475.19	39781324.81	6.39e-003

$$S_n = \sqrt{2pn} \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^n \approx n!$$

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% Script File: Zoom
% Plots (x-1)^6 near x=1 with increasingly refined scale.
% Evaluation via binomial expansion leads to severe cancellation
% (x-1)^6 = x^6 - 6*x^5 + 15*x^4 - 20*x^3 + 15*x^2 -6*x + 1
close all
k = 0; n = 100;
for delta = [.1 .01 .001]
    x = linspace(1-delta,1+delta,n)';
    y = x.^6 - 6*x.^5 + 15*x.^4 - 20*x.^3 + 15*x.^2 -6*x +ones(n,1);
    z = ones(n,1) + x.*(-6 +x.*(15 +x.*(-20 +x.*(15 +x.*(-6+x)))));
    w = (x-1).^6;
    k = k+1; subplot(3,3,k); plot(x,y,x,zeros(1,n))
    axis([1-delta 1+delta -max(abs(y)) max(abs(y))])
    subplot(3,3,k+3); plot(x,z,x,zeros(1,n))
    axis([1-delta 1+delta -max(abs(z)) max(abs(z))])
    subplot(3,3,k+6); plot(x,w,x,zeros(1,n))
    axis([1-delta 1+delta -max(abs(w)) max(abs(w))])
end
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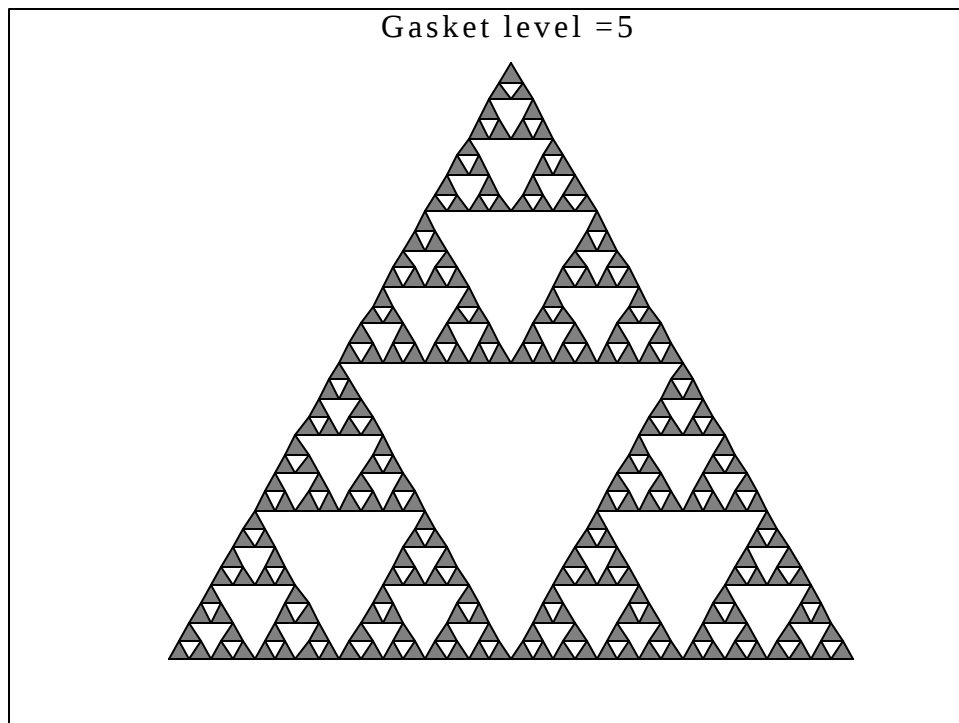
$$f(x) = (x-1)^6 \quad \text{Polynomial, Horner, Matlab}$$



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level = 5;
Pa=[0;0];
Pb=[1;0];
Pc=[0.5;sqrt(3)/2];
gasket(Pa,Pb,Pc,level)
hold off
title(['Gasket level =',num2str(level)], 'FontSize',16)
axis('equal','off')
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function gasket(Pa,Pb,Pc,level)
%GASKET Recursively generated Sierpinski gasket
%       GASKET(PA,PB,PC,LEVEL) generates an approximation to
%       the Sierpinski gasket, where the 2-vectors PA, PB and PC
%       define the triangle vertices.
%       LEVEL is the level of recursion
if level == 0
    % Fill the triangle with vertices Pa, Pb, Pc
    fill([Pa(1),Pb(1),Pc(1)], [Pa(2),Pb(2),Pc(2)], [0.5,0.5,0.5]);
    hold on
else
    % Recursive calls for the three subtriangles
    gasket(Pa, (Pa+Pb)/2, (Pa+Pc)/2, level-1)
    gasket(Pb, (Pb+Pa)/2, (Pb+Pc)/2, level-1)
    gasket(Pc, (Pc+Pa)/2, (Pc+Pb)/2, level-1)
end

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MATLAB Editor/Debugger - [MyExp4.m - C:\WINDOWS\Desktop\375...]

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function y = MyExp4(x)
% y = MyExp4(x)
% x is a p-vector
% y is a p-vector of the same shape as x
% and with the property that y(i) is the
% Taylor approximation to exp(x(i)) for
% i = 1:p; p = size(x)
y = zeros(size(x));
term = ones(size(x));
k = 0;
while any(abs(term) > eps*abs(y))
    y = y + term;
    k = k + 1;
    term = x.* term/k;
end

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nRepeat = 100;
disp('T1 = MyExp1 benchmark.')
disp('T2 = MyExp2 benchmark.')
disp(' Length(x)      T2/T1')
disp('-----')
for L = 1000:100:2000
    xL = linspace(-1,1,L);
    tic, for k=1:nRepeat, y = MyExp1(xL); end, T1 = toc;
    tic, for k=1:nRepeat, y = MyExp2(xL); end, T2 = toc;
    disp(sprintf('%6.0f %13.6f ',L,T2/T1))
end
disp('-----')
% for L = 1000:200:2000
% T3 = MyExp3 benchmark,
% T4 = MyExp4 benchmark,
% Length(x)      T4/T3
% -----
% 1000      0.022783
% 1200      0.022803
% 1400      0.021335
% 1600      0.020791
% 1800      0.020592
% 2000      0.019923
% -----
disp(' Length(x)      MyExp1(x)      MyExp2(x) ')
disp('              flops              flops')
disp('-----')
for L = 50:50:300
    xL = linspace(-1,1,L);
    flops(0); y = MyExp1(xL); f1 = flops;
    flops(0); y = MyExp2(xL); f2 = flops;
    disp(sprintf('%6.0f %13.0f %13.0f ',L,f1,f2))
end

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Timing comparison: loop vs vector evaluation

Length(x)	T4/T3	Length(x)	T2/T1
1000	0.022759	1000	0.012977
1100	0.022709	1100	0.011803
1200	0.023486	1200	0.010809
1300	0.021685	1300	0.011815
1400	0.021779	1400	0.012363
1500	0.020487	1500	0.011542
1600	0.020402	1600	0.010827
1700	0.021111	1700	0.010192
1800	0.021815	1800	0.009615
1900	0.019904	1900	0.010139
2000	0.027449	2000	0.009623

Length(x)	Exp3(x)	Exp4(x)	(flops)	Length(x)	Exp1(x)	Exp2(x)
50	3655	3869		50	2550	2550
100	7280	7719		100	5100	5100
150	10905	11569		150	7650	7650
200	14545	15419		200	10200	10200
250	18190	19269		250	12750	12750
300	21815	23119		300	15300	15300

Summary

- Timing and operation counts
- Matlab FUNCTIONS
- Loops vs. vectors: timing
- Multiple plots
- Examples of mathematical calculations

References

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- find m-files at aix: ~coutsias/375/IV