

Power series & Taylor series!

Review exercises

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x + e^{-1/x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ and assume that $f^{(n)}(0) = 1$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(a) What is the Maclaurin series for f ?

$$T(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$$

(b) What is the interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series?

ratio test $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0 < 1$

converges everywhere

(c) For what values of x does $f(x)$ equal the sum of the Maclaurin series?

nowhere

(this problem is a little odd)

$T(x)$ converges to ~~e^x~~ e^x .

A identifying Taylor series

B finding Taylor series

D error

C manipulating Taylor series

E interval of convergence

2b geometric series + interval

3a binomial series

3b integrating

4 error

5a finding Taylor for $\ln(x)$

6 interval + alt series test

E

C A more

C

D

B

E

1 word, 2 messy, 5b type, 7

2. (a) Find the Maclaurin series for the function $f(x) = x \cos^2 x$. Write the result in closed form—as a sum $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$. (Hint: $\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2x))$.)

$$\cos(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} t^{2n}$$

$$x \left(\frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2} \right) = x \left(1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \frac{2^{2n} x^{2n}}{2} \right) = x + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} 2^{2n-1} x^{2n+1}$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \text{where } a_m = \begin{cases} 0 & m \text{ even} \\ \frac{3}{2} & m=1 \\ \frac{(-1)^{\frac{m-2}{2}}}{(m-1)!} & m \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

(b) Find the sum of the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^2+1}{3} \right)^n$ as a function of x . What is the interval of convergence of the series.

geometric series

ratio $r = \frac{x^2+1}{3}$ first term 1

sum $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{3}{x^2+1} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{x^2+1}{3}\right)} = \frac{3}{2-x^2}$

converges if $\left| \frac{x^2+1}{3} \right| < 1 \iff |x^2+1| < 3$

$\iff -3 < x^2+1 < 3 \iff -4 < x^2 < 2$

$\iff -\sqrt{2} < x < \sqrt{2}$

endpoints

$x = \sqrt{2} \quad \sum 1$ diverges

$x = -\sqrt{2} \quad \sum 1$ diverges

interval $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$

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(a) Find the first 5 terms of the Maclaurin series of the function $f(x) = (1 - 3x^2)^{-1/3}$.

binom $(1+t)^k = 1 + kt + \frac{k(k-1)}{2} t^2 + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{3!} t^3 + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)(k-3)}{4!} t^4 + \dots$

$$(1+t)^{-1/3} = 1 - \frac{1}{3}t + \frac{(-1/3)(-4/3)}{2} t^2 + \frac{(-1/3)(-4/3)(-7/3)}{3!} t^3 + \frac{(-1/3)(-4/3)(-7/3)(-10/3)}{4!} t^4 + \dots$$

$$(1-3x^2)^{-1/3} = 1 + x^2 + \left(\frac{1 \cdot 4}{2}\right) x^4 + \left(\frac{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7}{3!}\right) x^6 + \frac{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10}{4!} x^8 + \dots$$

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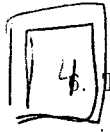
(b) If the first 6 terms of the Maclaurin series of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ are

$$(1-x^2)^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{8}x^4 + \frac{5}{16}x^6 + \frac{35}{128}x^8 + \frac{63}{256}x^{10} + \dots,$$

find the first 7 terms of the Maclaurin series of the function $f(x) = \arcsin(x)$.

$$\arcsin(x) = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = x + \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{3}{5 \cdot 8}x^5 + \frac{5}{16 \cdot 7}x^7 + \frac{35}{128 \cdot 9}x^9 + \frac{63}{256 \cdot 11}x^{11} + \dots$$

first coeff 0



4. The Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \cos x$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$, converges for all x , $-\infty < x < \infty$. Show that the series converges to $f(x) = \cos x$ for all x .

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x|^{n+1}$$

$$M = \max \{ \pm \cos x, \pm \sin x \mid \text{any } x \} = 1$$

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |R_n(x)| = 0$$

5 (a) Find the Taylor series expansion for $f(x) = \ln(x)$ at $a = 4$. Write the result using summation notation.

n	$f^n(x)$	$f^n(4)$
0	$\ln x$	$\ln(4)$
	$\frac{1}{x}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
	$-\frac{1}{x^2}$	$-\frac{1}{4^2}$
	$\frac{2}{x^3}$	$\frac{2}{4^3}$
4	$-\frac{6}{x^4}$	$-\frac{6}{4^4}$
n		$\frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{4^n}$

$$\ln(4) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{n! 4^n} (x-4)^n$$

$$T(x) = \ln(4) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n 4^n} (x-4)^n$$

(b) Find the first four terms of the Taylor series expansion for $f(x) = x^2 \ln(x)$ at $a = 4$.

~~$(\ln 4) x^2 + \frac{1}{4} x^2$~~

$$((x-4)^2 + 8(x-4) + 16) \ln x$$

$x^2 - 8x + 16 \quad 8x - 32$

what a mess!

typo?

Correct answer involves multiplying $(x-4)^2 + 8(x-4) + 16$ by answer to 5a

5b

this problem probably has a typo.

The answer is not

$x^2 \cdot (\text{answer for 5a})$

because this wouldn't be a power series centered at $a = 4$

6. For what values of x does the power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1}$ converge.

ratio test $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x|^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \frac{2n-1}{|x|^{2n-1}} = |x|^2$

$\rho < 1$ when $-1 < x < 1$

$x = 1$ $\sum (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{(2n-1)}$ converges by AST

$x = -1$ $\sum \frac{(-1)^{3n-2}}{2n-1}$ converges by AST $[-1, 1]$ $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

7. Find the Taylor series of $f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 4$ at $a = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} (x-2)^3 &= x^3 - 3 \cdot 2x^2 + \frac{3 \cdot 2^2}{12} x - 2^3 \\ + 3 \cdot 2(x-2)^2 &= 3 \cdot 2x^2 - 3 \cdot 2^3 x + \frac{6 \cdot 2^2}{12} \\ 10(x-2) &= 10x - 20 \end{aligned}$$

unusual method.

~~8~~ + ~~20~~ + 8

$8 + 10(x-2) + 6(x-2)^2 + (x-2)^3$

standard method: find derivatives at $a = 2$

$x^3 - 2x + 4$	8
$3x^2 - 2$	10
$6x$	12
6	6

$8 + 10(x-2) + \frac{12}{2!}(x-2)^2 + \frac{6}{3!}(x-2)^3$