

10.14 Finding Taylor or Maclaurin Series

Calculus

Solutions

Practice

1. What is the coefficient of x^6 in the Taylor Series about $x = 0$ for the function $f(x) = \frac{e^{2x^2}}{2}$?

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$
$$\frac{e^{2x^2}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + 2x^2 + \frac{(2x^2)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x^2)^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{8x^6}{6} \right] = \frac{2}{3}x^6$$

$\frac{2}{3}$

2. If $f(x) = x \sin 3x$, what is the Taylor Series for f about $x = 0$? Write the first four non-zero terms.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \\ x \sin(3x) &= x \left[3x - \frac{(3x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(3x)^5}{5!} - \frac{(3x)^7}{7!} \right] \\ &= 3x^2 - \frac{27x^4}{3!} + \frac{243x^6}{5!} - \frac{2187x^8}{7!} \end{aligned}$$

3. What is the Maclaurin Series for $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$? Write the first four non-zero terms.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(1-x)} &= \frac{1}{(1-x)} \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n &\cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \\ [1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots] & [1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots] \\ & \begin{array}{r} 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots \\ +x+x^2+x^3+x^4+\dots \\ +x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5 \\ +x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6 \\ \hline 1+2x+3x^2+4x^3 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

4. What is the Maclaurin Series for the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x})$? Write the first four non-zero terms.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}e^x &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^3}{3!}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^4}{4!}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^5}{5!}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^6}{6!}\right) \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(-x) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{x^3}{3!}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^4}{4!}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{x^5}{5!}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x^6}{6!}\right) \\ \text{add} & \\ 1 + 0 + \frac{x^2}{2} + 0 + \frac{x^4}{4!} + 0 + \frac{x^6}{6!} & \\ 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} & \end{aligned}$$

5. Find the Maclaurin Series for the function $f(x) = \cos \sqrt{x}$. Write the first four non-zero terms.

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

$$\cos \sqrt{x} = 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4!} - \frac{x^3}{6!}$$

6. Find the Maclaurin Series for the function $f(x) = \sin 5x$. Write the first four non-zero terms.

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

$$\sin 5x = 5x - \frac{125x^3}{3!} + \frac{5^5x^5}{5!} - \frac{5^7x^7}{7!}$$

7. What is the Taylor series expansion about $x = 0$ for the function $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$? Write the first four non-zero terms.

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

$$\frac{1}{x} \cdot \sin x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!}$$

8. The sum of the series $1 + \frac{3}{1!} + \frac{3^2}{2!} + \frac{3^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{3^n}{n!}$ is

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$e^3 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!}$$

(A) $\ln 3$

(B) e^3

(C) $\cos 3$

(D) $\sin 3$

9. What is the sum of the series $1 + \ln 3 + \frac{(\ln 3)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{(\ln 3)^n}{n!}$?

follows pattern of $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ where $x = \ln 3$

$$e^{\ln 3} = 3$$

10. What is the Taylor Series about $x = 0$ for the function $f(x) = 1 + x^2 + \cos x$? Write the first four non-zero terms.

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

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

11. What is the sum of the infinite series $1 - \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3!}\right) + \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{5!}\right) - \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^6 \left(\frac{1}{7!}\right) + \dots + \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2n} (-1)^n}{(2n+1)!}$?

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

Dividing by x gives $\frac{\sin x}{x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!}$

Let $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ $\frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2}}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi}$

12. Find the Maclaurin Series for the function $f(x) = e^{-3x}$. Write the first four non-zero terms.

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6}$$

could reduce

$$e^{-3x} = 1 - 3x + \frac{9x^2}{2} - \frac{27x^3}{6}$$

13. Find the Maclaurin Series for the function $f(x) = \frac{\sin x^2}{x} + \cos x$. Write the first four non-zero terms.

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

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

$$\frac{\sin x^2}{x} = \frac{x^2}{x} - \frac{(x^2)^3}{x \cdot 3!} + \frac{(x^2)^5}{x \cdot 5!} - \frac{(x^2)^7}{x \cdot 7!}$$

$$x - \frac{x^5}{3!} + \frac{x^9}{5!} - \frac{x^{13}}{7!}$$

add and keep first four terms.

$$1 + x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

14. Which of the following is the Maclaurin Series for the function $f(x) = x \cos 2x$?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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15. The Maclaurin series $x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$ represents which function $f(x)$

(A) $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$ no!

(B) $-\sin x = -x + \frac{x^3}{3!} - \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$ no!

(D) $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

$e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

$e^x - e^{-x} = 2x + \frac{2x^3}{3!} + \frac{2x^5}{5!} + \dots$ close!

(C) $\frac{1}{2}$ of choice (D) is correct.

(A) $\sin x$

(B) $-\sin x$

(C) $\frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$

(D) $e^x - e^{-x}$

16. The function f satisfies the equation $f'(x) = f(x) + x + 1$ and $f(0) = 2$. The Taylor Series for f about $x = 0$ converges to $f(x)$ for all x .

a. Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 0$.

$$f'(0) = f(0) + 0 + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$y - 2 = 3(x - 0)$$

$$y = 3x + 2$$

b. Find $f''(0)$ and find the second-degree Taylor Polynomial for f about $x = 0$.

$$f''(0) = f'(0) + 1 = 3 + 1 = 4$$

$$P_2(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2}$$

$$P_2(x) = 2 + 3x + 2x^2$$

c. Find the fourth-degree Taylor Polynomial for f about $x = 0$.

$$f'''(0) = f''(0) = 4$$

$$f^4(0) = f'''(0) = 4$$

$$P_4(x) = 2 + 3x + 2x^2 + \frac{4x^3}{3!} + \frac{4x^4}{4!}$$

$$P_4(x) = 2 + 3x + 2x^2 + \frac{2x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{6}$$

d. Find $f^{(n)}(0)$, the n^{th} derivative of f about $x = 0$, for $n \geq 2$. Use the Taylor Series for f about $x = 0$ and the Taylor Series for e^x about $x = 0$ to find $f(x) - 4e^x$.

$$f^{(n)}(0) = 4 \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

$$f(x) = 2 + 3x + 2x^2 + \frac{4x^3}{3!} + \frac{4x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4e^x &= 4 \left[1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \right] \\ &= 4 + 4x + 2x^2 + \frac{4x^3}{3!} + \frac{4x^4}{4!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) - 4e^x = -2 - x$$