

Basic Maclaurin Power Series for known elementary functions

1. Write the first 4 terms of the series and the general term .

a) $\sin x =$

b) $\cos x =$

c) $e^x =$

d) $\frac{1}{1+x} =$

e) $\frac{1}{x} =$

f) $\ln x =$

2. Find a Maclaurin polynomial of degree n for the following :

a) $f(x) = xe^{2x}$, $n = 4$

b) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$, $n = 5$

3) Find Taylor polynomial of degree n centered at $x = c$ for the following:

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$, $n = 5$, $c = 1$

Multiple Choice

20. If $f(0) = 0$, $f'(0) = 1$, $f''(0) = 0$, and $f'''(0) = 2$, then which of the following is the third-order Taylor polynomial generated by $f(x)$ at $x = 0$?

- (A) $2x^3 + x$ (B) $\frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x$ (C) $\frac{2}{3}x^3 + x$ (D) $2x^3 - x$ (E) $\frac{1}{3}x^3 + x$

21. Which of the following is the coefficient of x^4 in the Maclaurin polynomial generated by $\cos(3x)$?

- (A) $\frac{27}{8}$ (B) 9 (C) $\frac{1}{24}$ (D) 0 (E) $-\frac{27}{8}$

22. Which of the following is the Taylor polynomial generated by $f(x) = \cos x$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$?

- (A) $\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3}{3!} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4}{4!}$ (B) $1 + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2}{2!} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4}{4!}$ (C) $1 - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2}{2!} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4}{4!}$
(D) $1 - \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4$ (E) $-\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3}{6}$

23. (Calculator Permitted) Which of the following gives the Maclaurin polynomial of order 5 approximation to $\sin(1.5)$?

- (A) 0.965 (B) 0.985 (C) 0.997 (D) 1.001 (E) 1.005

24. Which of the following is the quadratic approximation for $f(x) = e^{-x}$ at $x = 0$?

- (A) $1 - x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$ (B) $1 - x - \frac{1}{2}x^2$ (C) $1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$ (D) $1 + x$ (E) $1 - x$

Key

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1. Write the first 4 terms of the series and the general term.

a) $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \frac{(-1)^n x^{(2n+1)}}{(2n+1)!}$

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

c) $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \frac{x^n}{n!}$

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

e) $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{1-[-(x-1)]} = 1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 - (x-1)^3 + \dots \frac{(-1)^n (x-1)^n}{n!}$

f) $\ln x = \int \frac{1}{x} = \ln x = (x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} - \frac{(x-1)^4}{4} + \dots \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^n}{n}$
or $\frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^n}{n}$

2. Find a Maclaurin polynomial of degree n for the following:

a) $f(x) = xe^{2x}, n=4$

$e^x \approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$

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

$xe^{2x} = x + 2x^2 + \frac{4x^3}{2!} + \frac{8x^4}{3!} + \dots$

$\frac{2^n x^{n+1}}{n!}$

b) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}, n=5$

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

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

3) Find Taylor polynomial of degree n centered at $x = c$ for the following:

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, n=5, c=1$

$c=1$

$\frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-c)^n$

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad f(1) = 1$

$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \quad f'(1) = -1$

$f''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3} \quad f''(1) = 2$

$f'''(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4} \quad f'''(1) = -6$

$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{24}{x^5} \quad f^{(4)}(1) = 24$

$f^{(5)}(x) = -\frac{120}{x^6} \quad f^{(5)}(1) = -120$

$P_5(x) = 1 - 1(x-1) + \frac{2}{2!}(x-1)^2 - \frac{6}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \frac{24}{4!}(x-1)^4 - \frac{120}{5!}(x-1)^5$

$P_5(x) = 1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 - (x-1)^3 + (x-1)^4 - (x-1)^5$

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$$f(x) \approx P_3(x) = 0 + 1(x-0) + \frac{0}{2!}(x-0)^2 + \frac{2}{3!}(x-0)^3$$

$$= x + \frac{1}{3}x^3$$

21. Which of the following is the coefficient of x^4 in the Maclaurin polynomial generated by $\cos(3x)$?

$f = \cos(3x)$ (A) $\frac{27}{8}$ (B) 9 (C) $\frac{1}{24}$ (D) 0 (E) $-\frac{27}{8}$

$f' = -3\sin(3x)$

$f'' = -9\cos(3x)$

$f''' = 27\sin(3x)$

$f^{(4)} = 81\cos(3x)$

$$\frac{f^{(4)}(0)}{4!} (x-0)^4 = \frac{81\cos(0)}{4!} x^4 = \frac{81}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2} x^4 = \frac{27}{8} x^4$$

22. Which of the following is the Taylor polynomial generated by $f(x) = \cos x$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$?

- (A) $\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3}{3!} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4}{4!}$ (B) $1 + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2}{2!} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4}{4!}$ (C) $1 - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2}{2!} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4}{4!}$

$f = \cos x$ $f(\pi/2) = 0$ (D) $1 - \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4$ (E) $-\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3}{6}$

$f' = -\sin x = -1$

$f'' = -\cos x = 0$

$f''' = \sin x = 1$

$f^{(4)} = \cos x = 0$

$$P_4(x) = 0 - 1\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{0}{2!}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3$$

$$= -\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3}{3!}$$

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

$$\sin(1.5) \approx (1.5) - \frac{(1.5)^3}{3!} + \frac{(1.5)^5}{5!} = 1.00078 \approx 1.001$$

24. Which of the following is the quadratic approximation for $f(x) = e^{-x}$ at $x = 0$? Maclaurin

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$$e^x \approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} \quad e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2}$$