

1) 2002

The Maclaurin series for the function  $f$  is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^{n+1}}{n+1} = 2x + \frac{4x^2}{2} + \frac{8x^3}{3} + \frac{16x^4}{4} + \dots + \frac{(2x)^{n+1}}{n+1} + \dots$$

a) Find the first four terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for  $f'(x)$ .

$$f'(x) = 2 + 4x + 8x^2 + 16x^3 + \dots + (2x)^n$$

b) Use the Maclaurin series you found in part (b) to find the value of  $f'(-\frac{1}{3})$ .

Go Geo.  $a_1 = 2$   $r = 2x$   $f'(-\frac{1}{3}) = \frac{2}{1-2(-\frac{1}{3})} = \frac{2}{1+\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{2}{\frac{5}{3}} = \frac{6}{5}$

2) 2003

The function  $f$  is defined by the power series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

a) Find  $f'(0)$  and  $f''(0)$ . Determine whether  $f$  has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at  $x = 0$ . Give a reason for your answer.

$$f'(0)x = 0x \quad f'(0) = 0 \quad \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2!} = -\frac{x^2}{3!} \quad f''(0) = -\frac{2!}{3!} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

If  $f'(0) = 0$  and  $f''(0) < 0$ , it is concave down, so there is a relative maximum at  $x = 0$ .

b) Show that  $y = f(x)$  is a solution to the differential equation  $xy' + y = \cos x$ .

$$y = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$y' = -\frac{2x}{3!} + \frac{4x^3}{5!} - \frac{6x^5}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n (2n)x^{2n-1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$xy' = -\frac{2x^2}{3!} + \frac{4x^4}{5!} - \frac{6x^6}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n (2n)x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$y = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$xy' + y = 1 - \frac{3x^2}{3!} + \frac{5x^4}{5!} - \frac{7x^6}{7!} + \dots = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} = \cos x$$

3) 2005

Let  $f$  be a function with derivatives of all orders and for which  $f(2) = 7$ . When  $n$  is odd, the  $n$ th derivative of  $f$  at  $x = 2$  is 0. When  $n$  is even and  $n \geq 2$ , the  $n$ th derivative of  $f$  at  $x = 2$  is given by  $f^{(n)}(2) = \frac{(n-1)!}{3^n}$ .

a) Write the sixth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 2$ .

$$7 + \frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{3!x^4}{3^4 4!} + \frac{5!x^6}{3^6 6!}$$

$$7 + \frac{x^2}{3^2(2)} + \frac{x^4}{3^4(4)} + \frac{x^6}{3^6(6)}$$

b) In the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 2$ , what is the coefficient of  $(x - 2)^{2n}$  for  $n \geq 1$ ?

$$\frac{(2n-1)!}{3^{2n}(n!)}$$

4) 2006

The function  $f$  is defined by the power series  $f(x) = -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{2x^2}{3} - \frac{3x^3}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n nx^n}{n+1} + \dots$

for all real numbers  $x$  for which the series converges.

The function  $g$  is defined by the power series

$$g(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{2!} + \frac{x^2}{4!} - \frac{x^3}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{(2n!)}$$

a) The graph of  $y = f(x) - g(x)$  passes through  $(0, -1)$ . Find  $y'(0)$  and  $y''(0)$ . Determine whether  $y$  has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 0$ . Give a reason for your answer.

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

$$= -1 + \frac{16x^2}{24} - \frac{x^2}{24} + \dots = -1 + \frac{15x^2}{24} = -1 + \frac{5x^2}{8}$$

Since  $f'(0) = 0$  and  $f''(0) > 0$ , there is a local minimum as the function is concave up.

2007

Let  $f$  be the function given by  $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$ .

- a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 0$ .

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$$
$$e^{-x^2} = 1 + (-x^2) + \frac{(-x^2)^2}{2} + \frac{(-x^2)^3}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(x)^{2n}}{n!}$$
$$e^{-x^2} = 1 - x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(x)^{2n}}{n!}$$

- b) Use your answer in (a) to find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - x^2 - f(x)}{x^4}$ .

$$\frac{1 - x^2 - (1 - x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(x^{2n})}{n!})}{x^4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(x)^{2n-4}}{n!} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- c) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for  $\int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$  about  $x = 0$ .

Use the first two terms of your answer to estimate  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-t^2} dt$ .

$$\int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{10} + \frac{x^7}{42}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3}{3} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{24} = \frac{11}{24}$$

5) 2008

$x$	$h(x)$	$h'(x)$	$h''(x)$	$h'''(x)$	$h^{(4)}(x)$
1	11	30	42	99	18
2	80	128	$\frac{488}{3}$	$\frac{448}{3}$	$\frac{584}{9}$
3	317	$\frac{753}{2}$	$\frac{1383}{4}$	$\frac{3483}{16}$	$\frac{1125}{16}$

Let  $h$  be a function having the derivatives of all orders for  $x > 0$ . Selected values of  $h$  and its first four derivatives are indicated in the table above. The function  $h$  and these derivatives are increasing on the interval  $1 \leq x \leq 3$ .

- a) Write the first degree Taylor polynomial for  $h$  about  $x = 2$  and use it to approximate  $h(1.9)$ . Is this approximation greater than or less than  $h(1.9)$ ? Explain.

$$h(x) = 80 + 128(x - 2)$$

$$h(1.9) = 80 + 128(1.9 - 2) = 80 + 128(-.1) = 80 - 12.8 = 67.2$$

Since  $h''(0) > 0$ ,  $h$  is concave up, so the approximation is lower than the actual value.

- b) Write the third degree Taylor polynomial for  $h$  about  $x = 2$  and use it to approximate  $h(1.9)$ .

$$h(1.9) = 80 + 128(1.9 - 2) + \frac{488(1.9 - 2)^2}{3(2!)} + \frac{448(1.9 - 2)^3}{3(3!)} = 67.988$$

6) 2009

The Maclaurin series for  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$ . The continuous function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{e^{(x-1)^2} - 1}{(x-1)^2}$  for  $x \neq 1$  and  $f(1) = 1$ . The function  $f$  has derivatives of all orders at  $x = 1$ .

- a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $e^{(x-1)^2}$  about  $x = 1$ .

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

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

$$e^{(x-1)^2} = 1 + (x-1)^2 + \frac{(x-1)^4}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^6}{3!} + \dots + \frac{((x-1)^2)^n}{n!}$$

- b) Use the Taylor series found in part (a) to write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 1$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{(x-1)^2} - 1}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{1 + (x-1)^2 + \frac{(x-1)^4}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^6}{3!} + \dots + \frac{((x-1)^2)^n}{n!} - 1}{(x-1)^2}$$
$$f(x) = 1 + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^4}{3!} + \dots + \frac{((x-1)^{2n-2}}{n!}$$

- c) Use the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 1$  to determine whether the graph of  $f$  has any points of inflection.

Since  $f''(x)$  is always a positive number for all values of  $x$ , the concavity is always positive, so it never changes and there are no points of inflection.

7) 2010

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x^2} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

The function  $f$ , defined above, has derivatives of all orders. Let  $g$  be the function defined by  $g(x) = 1 + \int_0^x f(t) dt$ .

- a) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $\cos x$  about  $x = 0$ . Use this series to write the first three nonzero terms of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 0$ .

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

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

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

- b) Use the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 0$  found in part (a) to determine whether  $f$  has a relative maximum, relative minimum, or neither at  $x = 0$ . Give a reason for your answer.

Since  $f'(0) = 0$  &  $f''(0) = \frac{1}{12}$ ,  $f$  is concave up so it is a local minimum.

- c) Write the fifth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $g$  about  $x = 0$ .

8) 2011

Let  $f(x) = \sin(x^2) + \cos x$ .

- a) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for  $\sin x$  about  $x = 0$ , and write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for  $\sin(x^2)$  about  $x = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ \sin x^2 &= x^2 - \frac{(x^2)^3}{3!} + \frac{(x^2)^5}{5!} - \frac{(x^2)^7}{7!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}x^{4n+2}}{(2n+1)!} \\ x^2 - \frac{(x^2)^3}{3!} + \frac{(x^2)^5}{5!} - \frac{(x^2)^7}{7!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}x^{4n+2}}{(2n+1)!}\end{aligned}$$

- b) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for  $\cos x$  about  $x = 0$ . Use this series and the series for  $\sin(x^2)$ , found in part (a), to write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \\ \sin x^2 + \cos x &= 1 + x^2 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{121x^6}{6!}\end{aligned}$$

- c) Find the value of  $f^{(6)}(0)$ .

$$\frac{f^{(6)}(0)x^6}{6!} = -\frac{121x^6}{6!} \quad f^{(6)}(0) = -121$$

9) 2012

The function  $g$  has derivatives of all orders, and the Maclaurin series for  $g$  is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+3} = \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x^3}{5} + \frac{x^5}{7} + \cdots$$

- a) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general terms of the Maclaurin series for  $g'(x)$ .

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{5} + \frac{5x^4}{7} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n(2n+1)x^{2n}}{(2n+3)}$$

