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**Homework 8: Due Monday December 04, 11:00pm PST.**

**Instructions**

- Write your full name, “Homework 8”, and the date at the top of the first page.
- Show all work and explain your reasoning. Write in complete sentences.
- Typeset your solutions in LaTeX.
- Submit a single .pdf file to Gradescope under the assignment “Homework 8”.
- You must use Gradescope to electronically match problems to pages in your .pdf
- Questions? Email me or come to office hours.
- You are strongly encouraged to work together! Just write up your own solutions.

**Assignment** (4 Problems:  $25 + 25 + 25 + 25 = 100$  points total.)

□ **Problem 1** [Series] Determine if the given series converges or not. Give a proof.

*PS: I know we did some of these a specific way in class, which I am not.*

- 1.1 [5 points]  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4k}{k+1}$

We know that for two series  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  with positive terms, if  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = c$  where  $c$  is a finite rational and  $c > 0$  (i.e.,  $b_k \in \Theta(a_k)$ ), then either both series converge or both diverge.

Let's compare the given series with  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4k}{k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 4$ . Let:

$$a_k := \frac{4k}{k+1} \quad \text{and} \quad b_k := 4$$

Calculating the limit of  $\frac{a_k}{b_k}$ :

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{4k}{k+1}}{4} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{k+1}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{k}}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{k}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1} + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} = 1$$

Therefore, since this limit is a finite and greater than 0, and the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 4$  diverges, the given series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4k}{k+1}$  also diverges.

- 1.2 [5 points]  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^k}{k!}$

Consider the exponential series  $e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$ . This series converges for all real values of  $x$ . Specifically, for  $x = 4$ , the series becomes  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^k}{k!}$ , which is the series in question.

Our test from before states that for two series  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  where  $0 \leq a_k \leq b_k$  for all  $k \geq n_0$  for some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , if  $b_k$  converges, then  $a_k$  also converges.

Here, the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^k}{k!}$  is non-negative and is the series for  $e^4$ , which we know to converge.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, by our test, our series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^k}{k!}$  converges.

- 1.3 [5 points]  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\pi)^k}{k!}$  where  $i \in \mathbb{C}$  is the imaginary unit and  $\pi \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Like before, this series represents the exponential function for the complex number  $i\pi$ : The exponential function is defined as  $e^z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!}$ . For our series,  $z = i\pi$ .

We know that a series  $a_k$  converges absolutely if the series of the absolute values of its terms,  $\sum |a_k|$ , converges.

For  $e^z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!}$ , let  $z = a + bi$  be a complex number, where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . The absolute value of the term is  $|\frac{z^k}{k!}|$ . The magnitude of  $z = a + bi$  is  $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . Thus, the absolute value of the  $k$ -th term is:

$$\left| \frac{z^k}{k!} \right| = \frac{|z|^k}{k!}$$

We compare this with  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|z|^k}{k!}$ , which is  $e^{|z|}$ . Since  $e^{|z|}$  converges for real  $|z|$ , this series converges. Since  $e^{|z|}$  converges and bounds the terms  $\frac{z^k}{k!}$  in magnitude, by comparison, the series  $e^z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!}$  converges absolutely for all complex numbers  $z$ .

We know that the exponential function  $e^z$  converges absolutely for all complex numbers  $z$ . Therefore, the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\pi)^k}{k!}$  converges.

- 1.4 [10 points]  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (-1)^\ell \frac{x^{2\ell}}{(2\ell)!}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $|x| \leq 112$ .

We again consider absolute convergence. The absolute value of the  $\ell$ -th term of our series is:

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<sup>1</sup>A more general proof of this is given later.

$$\left| (-1)^\ell \frac{x^{2\ell}}{(2\ell)!} \right| = \frac{|x|^{2\ell}}{(2\ell)!}.$$

The series  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{|x|^{2\ell}}{(2\ell)!}$  corresponds to the series for  $e^{|x|^2}$ , which converges for all real numbers, including  $|x| \leq 112$ .

Since  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{|x|^{2\ell}}{(2\ell)!}$  converges and bounds the terms of our original series in magnitude, by comparison, the series  $\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (-1)^\ell \frac{x^{2\ell}}{(2\ell)!}$  converges absolutely for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|x| \leq 112$ .

□ **Problem 2** [Calculus] Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}.$$

In each problem below, show your work and cite results from MATH 111 *Calculus* as needed.

- 2.1 [5 points] Calculate  $f'(x)$  and  $f'(5)$ .

To find the derivative  $f'(x)$  of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ , we rewrite  $f(x)$  as  $f(x) = (1-x)^{-1}$  and use the power rule for differentiation. Applying the power rule, which states that if  $g(x) = x^n \Rightarrow g'(x) = nx^{n-1}$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} (1-x)^{-1} = -1 \cdot (1-x)^{-2} \cdot (-1) \\ f'(x) &= (1-x)^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $x = 5$  into  $f'(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f'(5) &= (1-5)^{-2} = (-4)^{-2} \\ f'(5) &= \frac{1}{16} \end{aligned}$$

So,  $f'(x)$  of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$  is  $(1-x)^{-2}$ , and  $f'(5) = \frac{1}{16}$ .

- 2.2 [5 points] Calculate  $f''(x)$  and  $f''(-1)$ .

To find the second derivative, we differentiate the first derivative  $f'(x) = (1-x)^{-2}$  again. Applying the power rule and the chain rule, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} [(1-x)^{-2}] = -2(1-x)^{-3} \cdot (-1) \\ f''(x) &= 2(1-x)^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $x = -1$  into  $f''(x)$ :

$$f''(-1) = 2(1 - (-1))^{-3} = 2(2)^{-3}$$

$$f''(-1) = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

So,  $f''(x)$  of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$  is  $2(1-x)^{-3}$ , and  $f''(-1) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

- 2.3 [5 points] Calculate  $f^{(k)}(x)$  and  $f^{(k)}(0)$  for all  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

$$k = 0$$

$$- f^{(0)}(x) = f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$- f^{(0)}(0) = \frac{1}{1-0} = 1$$

$$k = 1$$

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

$$- f^{(1)}(0) = (1-0)^{-2} = 1$$

$$k = 2$$

$$- f^{(2)}(x) = f''(x) = 2(1-x)^{-3}$$

$$- f^{(2)}(0) = 2(1-0)^{-3} = 2$$

$$k = 3$$

$$- f^{(3)}(x) = 6(1-x)^{-4}$$

$$- f^{(3)}(0) = 6(1-0)^{-4} = 6$$

$$k = 4$$

$$- f^{(4)}(x) = 24(1-x)^{-5}$$

$$- f^{(4)}(0) = 24(1-0)^{-5} = 24$$

$$k = 5$$

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

$$- f^{(5)}(0) = 120(1-0)^{-6} = 120$$

- 2.4 [5 points] Propose an explicit formula for  $f^{(k)}(x)$  in terms of  $x$  and  $k$ , then prove that your formula is correct for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  by induction.

In general,  $f^{(k)}(x)$  seems to be:

$$f^{(k)}(x) = k!(1-x)^{-(k+1)},$$

which is consistent with the specific values we calculated for  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

**Base Case ( $k = 1$ ):**

We know that  $f'(x) = (1-x)^{-2}$ . This can be rewritten as  $1! \cdot (1-x)^{-2}$ , since  $1! = 1$ . Thus, the formula holds for  $k = 1$ .

**Inductive Step:**

Assume the formula holds for some  $k = n$ : that  $f^{(n)}(x) = n! \cdot (1-x)^{-(n+1)}$ . We need to show that  $f^{(n+1)}(x) = (n+1)! \cdot (1-x)^{-((n+1)+1)}$ .

Differentiate  $f^{(n)}(x)$  to get  $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
f^{(n+1)}(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}[n! \cdot (1-x)^{-(n+1)}] \\
&= n! \cdot \frac{d}{dx}[(1-x)^{-(n+1)}] \\
&= n! \cdot (-(n+1)) \cdot (1-x)^{-(n+2)} \cdot (-1) \\
&= n! \cdot (n+1) \cdot (1-x)^{-(n+2)} \\
&= (n+1)! \cdot (1-x)^{-(n+2)}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by induction, the formula  $f^{(k)}(x) = k! \cdot (1-x)^{-(k+1)}$  is true for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$ .

- 2.5 [5 points] Find  $\varepsilon > 0$  so  $f(0.8) \approx_{\varepsilon} \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (0.8)^k$ . Recall  $\approx_{\varepsilon}$  from Midterm 2.

We'll nominate  $\varepsilon := 1.7 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We must then show that  $|f(0.8) - \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (0.8)^k| < \varepsilon$ . Starting on the LHS:

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(0.8) - \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (0.8)^k| &= \left| \frac{1}{1-0.8} - \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (0.8)^k \right| \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{0.2} - \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{k! \cdot (1-0)^{-(k+1)}}{k!} (0.8)^k \right| \\
&= \left| 5 - \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{k! \cdot 1^{-(k+1)}}{k!} (0.8)^k \right|
\end{aligned}$$

Which we can expand to

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left| 5 - \left( \frac{0! \cdot 1^{-(0+1)}}{0!} (0.8)^0 + \frac{1! \cdot 1^{-(1+1)}}{1!} (0.8)^1 + \frac{2! \cdot 1^{-(2+1)}}{2!} (0.8)^2 + \frac{3! \cdot 1^{-(3+1)}}{3!} (0.8)^3 + \frac{4! \cdot 1^{-(4+1)}}{4!} (0.8)^4 \right) \right| \\
&= \left| 5 - \left( 1 + 1^{-2}(0.8) + \frac{2 \cdot 1^{-3}}{2} (0.8)^2 + \frac{6 \cdot 1^{-4}}{6} (0.8)^3 + \frac{24 \cdot 1^{-5}}{24} (0.8)^4 \right) \right| \\
&= \left| 5 - \left( 1 + 0.8 + \frac{2}{2} (0.8)^2 + \frac{6}{6} (0.8)^3 + \frac{24}{24} (0.8)^4 \right) \right| \\
&= \left| 4 - \left( (0.8)^1 + (0.8)^2 + (0.8)^3 + (0.8)^4 \right) \right|
\end{aligned}$$

Computing this, we find the above value to be less than  $1.7 \in \mathbb{R}$ , which allows us to conclude that

$$|f(0.8) - \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (0.8)^k| < 1.7 = \varepsilon,$$

which completes our proof that  $\boxed{\text{for } \varepsilon = 1.7 \in \mathbb{R}, f(0.8) \approx_\varepsilon \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (0.8)^k.}$

□ **Problem 3** [Limits, Continuity, and Calculus] In L23, we defined the *limit* of a function. In this last week of MATH 112, we engage with this definition for three reasons:

- (A) To gain further practice with nested quantifiers, implications, inequalities, and absolute values – four central topics in MATH 112 – as review for the final.
- (B) To define *continuity* and *differentiability* of functions (supplementary reading L23) seen previously in MATH 111 without invoking the existence of infinitesimals “ $dx$ ”. In L10 we saw that infinitesimals do not exist in any Archimedean ordered field!
- (C) To better appreciate the analogous logical formulation of a limit of a sequence L15.

Recall from L23: given any function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , we say that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$  if

$$\boxed{\forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_+ \exists \delta \in \mathbb{R}_+ \forall x \in \Omega \left( (0 < |x - x_0| < \delta) \Rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon) \right)}$$

- 3.1 [15 points] Prove that if  $f(x) = 5x - 2$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3$  is true.

Consider  $|f(x) - 3|$ :

$$|f(x) - 3| = |(5x - 2) - 3| = |5x - 5| = 5|x - 1|$$

We want  $5|x - 1| < \varepsilon$ . Rearrange this:

$$5|x - 1| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |x - 1| < \frac{\varepsilon}{5}$$

Define  $\delta$  in terms of  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{5}$$

With this  $\delta$ , if  $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$ , then:

$$5|x - 1| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |(5x - 2) - 3| < \varepsilon$$

Therefore,  $\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3 \text{ for } f(x) = 5x - 2.}$

- 3.2 [10 points] Prove that if  $f(x) = 5x - 2$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 11$  is false.

We need to find an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for any  $\delta > 0$ , there exists some  $x$  with  $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$  and  $|f(x) - 11| \geq \varepsilon$ . First, evaluate  $f(1)$ :

$$f(1) = 5 \cdot 1 - 2 = 3$$

Choose  $\varepsilon$  smaller than the difference between 11 and  $f(1)$ . Take  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}|11 - 3| = 4$ . Consider any  $\delta > 0$  and choose  $x = 1$ . For this  $x$ ,  $0 < |x - 1| < \delta$  but  $|f(x) - 11| = |3 - 11| = 8$ , which is greater than  $\varepsilon = 4$ .

Since an  $\varepsilon > 0$  exists (here, 4) for which no  $\delta > 0$  can satisfy the limit condition,  
the statement  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 11$  is false.

□ **Problem 4** [Taylor Approximation] Suppose that  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function with domain  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Fix  $x_0 \in \Omega$ . The  $n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor polynomial approximation of  $f$  near  $x_0$  is the polynomial

$$\text{Tay}_{n,f,x_0}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k.$$

For example, in Problem 2.5 above, we consider the function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined on the domain  $\Omega = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$  by the formula  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ , then found that the 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor polynomial approximation of  $f$  near  $x_0 = 0$  is the quartic polynomial  $\text{Tay}_{4,f,x_0}(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4$ . In L24, we will briefly encounter the statement of *Taylor's theorem with remainder* which quantifies how good of a job these Taylor polynomials do in approximating  $f$  near  $x_0$ .

For each given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , each formula defining a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and each  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  below, calculate  $\text{Tay}_{n,f,x_0}(x)$  using your background from MATH 111.

- 4.1 [5 points]  $n = 2$ ,  $f(x) = 1 + x^2 - x^3$ ,  $x_0 = 0$

$f(x)$  and its derivatives:

1.  $f(x) = 1 + x^2 - x^3$
2.  $f'(x) = 2x - 3x^2$
3.  $f''(x) = 2 - 6x$

The derivatives at  $x_0 = 0$ :

1.  $f(0) = 1$
2.  $f'(0) = 2 \cdot 0 - 3 \cdot 0^2 = 0$
3.  $f''(0) = 2 - 6 \cdot 0 = 2$

Plugging these values into the Taylor polynomial formula for  $n = 2$ :

$$\text{Tay}_{2,f,0}(x) = \frac{f(0)}{0!} x^0 + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} x^1 + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2$$

$$\text{Tay}_{2,f,0}(x) = 1 + 0 \cdot x + \frac{2}{2} x^2$$

$$\text{Tay}_{2,f,0}(x) = 1 + x^2$$

Thus, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor polynomial approximation of  $f(x) = 1 + x^2 - x^3$  near  $x_0 = 0$  is  $\text{Tay}_{2,f,0}(x) = 1 + x^2$ .



- 4.2 [5 points]  $n = 2$ ,  $f(x) = 1 + x^2 - x^3$ ,  $x_0 = 1$

$f(x)$  and its derivatives:

1.  $f(x) = 1 + x^2 - x^3$
2.  $f'(x) = 2x - 3x^2$
3.  $f''(x) = 2 - 6x$

The derivatives at  $x_0 = 1$ :

1.  $f(1) = 1$
2.  $f'(1) = -1$
3.  $f''(1) = -4$

Plug these values into the formula for  $n = 2$ :

$$\text{Tay}_{2,f,1}(x) = \frac{f(1)}{0!}(x-1)^0 + \frac{f'(1)}{1!}(x-1)^1 + \frac{f''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2$$

$$\text{Tay}_{2,f,1}(x) = 1 - (x-1) - 2(x^2 - 2x + 1)$$

$$\text{Tay}_{2,f,1}(x) = -2x^2 + 3x$$

Thus, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor polynomial approximation of  $f(x) = 1 + x^2 - x^3$  near  $x_0 = 1$  is  $\text{Tay}_{2,f,1}(x) = -2x^2 + 3x$ .

- 4.3 [5 points]  $n = 3$ ,  $f(x) = e^x$ ,  $x_0 = 0$

Since  $f(x) = e^x$ , all derivatives are also  $e^x$ . Thus:

1.  $f(x) = e^x$
2.  $f'(x) = e^x$
3.  $f''(x) = e^x$
4.  $f'''(x) = e^x$

All derivatives at  $x = 0$  are  $e^0 = 1$ :

1.  $f(0) = 1$
2.  $f'(0) = 1$
3.  $f''(0) = 1$
4.  $f'''(0) = 1$

Plug these values into the formula for  $n = 3$ :

$$\text{Tay}_{3,f,0}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^3 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$$

$$\text{Tay}_{3,f,0}(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6}$$

Thus, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor polynomial approximation of  $f(x) = e^x$  near  $x_0 = 0$  is  $\text{Tay}_{3,f,0}(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6}$ .

- 4.4 [5 points]  $n = 4$ ,  $f(x) = \cos x$ ,  $x_0 = 0$

$f(x)$  and its derivatives:

1.  $f(x) = \cos x$
2.  $f'(x) = -\sin x$
3.  $f''(x) = -\cos x$
4.  $f'''(x) = \sin x$
5.  $f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x$

The derivatives at  $x_0 = 0$ :

1.  $f(0) = 1$
2.  $f'(0) = 0$
3.  $f''(0) = -1$
4.  $f'''(0) = 0$
5.  $f^{(4)}(0) = 1$

Plug these values into the formula for  $n = 4$ :

$$\text{Tay}_{4,f,0}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$$

$$\text{Tay}_{4,f,0}(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}$$

Thus, the 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor polynomial approximation of  $f(x) = \cos x$  near  $x_0 = 0$  is  $\text{Tay}_{4,f,0}(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}$ .

- 4.5 [5 points]  $n = 4$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{112-x}$ ,  $x_0 = 0$

$f(x)$  and its derivatives:

1.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{112-x}$
2.  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{(112-x)^2}$
3.  $f''(x) = \frac{2}{(112-x)^3}$
4.  $f'''(x) = \frac{6}{(112-x)^4}$
5.  $f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{24}{(112-x)^5}$

The derivatives at  $x_0 = 0$ :

1.  $f(0) = \frac{1}{112}$
2.  $f'(0) = \frac{1}{112^2}$
3.  $f''(0) = \frac{2}{112^3}$
4.  $f'''(0) = \frac{6}{112^4}$
5.  $f^{(4)}(0) = \frac{24}{112^5}$

Plug these values into the formula for  $n = 4$ :

$$\text{Tay}_{4,f,0}(x) = \frac{1}{112} + \frac{1}{112^2}x + \frac{1}{112^3}x^2 + \frac{1}{112^4}x^3 + \frac{1}{112^5}x^4$$

Thus, the 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor polynomial approximation of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{112-x}$  near  $x_0 = 0$  is  $\text{Tay}_{4,f,0}(x) = \frac{1}{112} + \frac{1}{112^2}x + \frac{1}{112^3}x^2 + \frac{1}{112^4}x^3 + \frac{1}{112^5}x^4$ .