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**Math 231 A. Worksheet 15.**

1. a) Use the Maclaurin series for  $\cos x$  to find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = x^3 \cos(x^2)$ .

b) Use part a) and the definition of Maclaurin series to find the value of  $f^{(11)}(0)$ .

2. Find the Taylor series (centered at the given point) for each of the following functions by differentiating the given functions and finding the pattern.

(a)  $f(x) = \sin x$  centered at  $a = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

(b)  $f(x) = \ln x$  centered at  $a = 2$ .

3. a) Write down the first three terms of the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x^2) - x^2 \cos x}{x^4}$ .

b) Use this to evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ .

4. Recall the binomial series:

$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n, \quad |x| < 1,$$

where

$$\binom{k}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)\cdots(k-n+1)}{n!} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

a) Use this to write down the Maclaurin series for  $\sqrt{1+x^2}$ . **No simplification necessary—leave the binomial coefficients in your answer.**

b) Write out the first four terms ( $n = 0$  through  $n = 3$ ) in this series and simplify the coefficients as much as you can.

c) Write out the first four terms of the Maclaurin series for  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{1+x}}$  and simplify the coefficients.

5. Use the Maclaurin series for  $e^x$ ,  $\sin x$ , or  $\cos x$  to find the sum of each series.

a)  $1 - \frac{\pi^2}{2!} + \frac{\pi^4}{4!} - \frac{\pi^6}{6!} + \dots$

b)  $1 - \frac{\pi^2}{2^2 2!} + \frac{\pi^4}{2^4 4!} - \frac{\pi^6}{2^6 6!} + \dots$

c)  $\frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{1}{5!} + \dots$