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Some Serious Series

Let us define the sequence

$$(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = \left(\frac{1}{10}, -\frac{\pi^2}{100}, +\frac{\pi^4}{1000}, -\frac{\pi^6}{10000}, + - \cdots \right)$$

and the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{10 + x^2}.$$

1. (a) Find an explicit formula for a_n . (Make sure that $a_1 = 1/10$.)
(b) Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.
(c) Find the exact value of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$.
2. (a) Use a known series to find the infinite Maclaurin series $P_{\infty}(x)$ for $f(x)$.
(b) Verify your answer to part (a) by finding the quartic (degree four) Maclaurin polynomial $P_4(x)$ for $f(x)$ using differentiation.
(c) How is this problem related to Problem 1 above?
3. (a) Use integration rules to find $\int f(x)dx$.
(b) Use Problem 2 above to find $\int f(x)dx$.
(c) Use part (a) above to find the exact value of $\int_0^{\pi} f(x)dx$.
(d) Use part (b) above to approximate $\int_0^{\pi} f(x)dx$. Compare your answer to part (c).
(e) Use part (a) above to find the exact value of $\int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx$. Use your calculator to verify your answer.
(f) Explain why part (b) cannot be used for $\int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx$.

My work

Question 1:

(a) Find an explicit formula for a_n :

The sequence of a :

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \left(\frac{1}{10}, -\frac{\pi^2}{100}, \frac{\pi^4}{1000}, -\frac{\pi^6}{10000}, \dots \right) \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right), \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi^4}{100} \right), \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^6}{1000} \right), \dots \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^0, \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^1, \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^2, \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^3, \dots \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{1-1}, \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{2-1}, \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{3-1}, \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{4-1}, \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the general formula for a_n is:

$$(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{n-1}$$

(b) Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Because:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^2 &= 9.8696 < 10 \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{10} &< 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow -1 &< \frac{-\pi^2}{10} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \frac{1}{10} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \cdot 0 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the exact value of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{10} + \frac{-\pi^2}{100} + \frac{\pi^4}{1000} + \frac{-\pi^3}{10000} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

The sum of a_n with n from $1 \rightarrow \infty$ is a Geometric Series $\left(a = \frac{1}{10}, r = \frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right)$, so I can use the formula to calculate the exact value of this series:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n &= \frac{a}{1-r} = a \div (1-r) \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \div \left[1 - \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \div \left(\frac{10 + \pi^2}{10} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{10 + \pi^2}\end{aligned}$$

Question 2:

(a) Find Maclaurin Series for $f(x)$:

Maclaurin series general formula from an function $f(x)$ at $x = a$:

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

A known Maclaurin Series at $a = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{1-x} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \\ &= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{0!(1-0)} + \frac{(x-0)}{1!(1-0)^2} + \frac{2(x-0)^2}{2!(1-0)^3} + \frac{6(x-0)^3}{3!(1-0)^4} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

If I replace 1 in the denominator with 10, and x with $-x^2$, I will get the Maclaurin Series of function $f(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{10-x^2} &= \frac{1}{0!(10-0)} + \frac{(-x^2-0)}{1!(10-0)^2} + \frac{2(-x^2-0)^2}{2!(10-0)^3} + \frac{6(-x^2-0)^3}{3!(10-0)^4} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{10} + \frac{(-x^2)}{10^2} + \frac{(-x^2)^2}{10^3} + \frac{(-x^2)^3}{10^4} + \dots \\ P(x) &= \frac{1}{10} - \frac{x^2}{10^2} + \frac{x^4}{10^3} - \frac{x^6}{10^4} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

(b) Verify the answer:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{1}{10+x^2} \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= \frac{-2x}{(10+x^2)^2} \\ \Rightarrow f''(x) &= \frac{6x^2-20}{(10+x^2)^3} \\ \Rightarrow f'''(x) &= \frac{-24x(x^2-10)}{(10+x^2)^4} \\ \Rightarrow f^{(4)}(x) &= \frac{120x^4-2400x^2+2400}{(10+x^2)^5}\end{aligned}$$

**The calculation of differentiation is in the Appendix section*

The Maclaurin Series has a general formula:

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + a_6x^6 + \dots$$

With $f(x) = \frac{1}{10+x^2}$, **and** $x = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= \frac{1}{10+0} = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + a_6x^6 + \dots \\ \iff \frac{1}{10} &= a_0 + a_1 \cdot 0 + a_2 \cdot 0 + a_3 \cdot 0 + a_4 \cdot 0 + a_5 \cdot 0 + a_6 \cdot 0 + \dots \\ \iff a_0 &= \frac{1}{10} \end{aligned}$$

With $f'(x) = \frac{-2x}{(10+x^2)^2}$, **and** $x = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0) &= \frac{0}{(10+0)^2} = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + 4a_4x^3 + 5a_5x^4 + 6a_6x^5 + \dots \\ 0 &= a_1 + 2a_2 \cdot 0 + 3a_3 \cdot 0 + 4a_4 \cdot 0 + 5a_5 \cdot 0 + 6a_6 \cdot 0 + \dots \\ \implies a_1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

With $f''(x) = \frac{6x^2 - 20}{(10+x^2)^3}$, **and** $x = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} f''(0) &= \frac{6 \cdot 0 - 20}{(10+0)^3} = 2a_2 + 6a_3x + 12a_4x^2 + 20a_5x^3 + 30a_6x^4 + \dots \\ -\frac{20}{10^3} &= 2a_2 + 6a_3 \cdot 0 + 12a_4 \cdot 0 + 20a_5 \cdot 0 + 30a_6 \cdot 0 + \dots \\ \implies a_2 &= -\frac{10}{10^3} = -\frac{1}{10^2} \end{aligned}$$

With $f'''(x) = \frac{-24x(x^2 - 10)}{(10+x^2)^4}$, **and** $x = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} f'''(0) &= \frac{-24 \cdot 0 (0 - 10)}{(10+0)^4} = 6a_3 + 24a_4x + 60a_5x^2 + 120a_6x^3 + \dots \\ 0 &= 6a_3 + 24a_4 \cdot 0 + 60a_5 \cdot 0 + 120a_6 \cdot 0 + \dots \\ \implies a_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

With $f'''(x) = \frac{120x^4 - 2400x^2 + 2400}{(10 + x^2)^5}$, **and** $x = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} f'''(0) &= \frac{120 \cdot 0 - 2400 \cdot 0 + 2400}{(10 + 0)^5} = 24a_4 + 120a_5x + 360a_6x^2 + \dots \\ \frac{2400}{10^5} &= 24a_4 + 120a_5 \cdot 0 + 360a_6 \cdot 0 + \dots \\ \implies a_4 &= \frac{100}{10^5} = \frac{1}{10^3} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion:

From the calculations above, I have $a_0 = \frac{1}{10}$, $a_2 = \frac{-1}{10^2}$, and $a_4 = \frac{1}{10^3}$. For every 2 a , the value is multiplied by $\frac{-1}{10}$, so the following values of a will be: $a_6 = \frac{-1}{10^4}$, $a_8 = \frac{1}{10^5}$, $a_{10} = \frac{-1}{10^6}$, \dots

Therefore, after plugging a back into the Maclaurin Series, it will be:

$$\begin{aligned} &a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + a_6x^6 + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{10} + 0 + \left(\frac{-1}{10^2}\right)x^2 + 0 + \left(\frac{1}{10^3}\right)x^4 + 0 + \left(\frac{-1}{10^4}\right)x^6 + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{10} + \frac{-x^2}{10^2} + \frac{x^4}{10^3} + \frac{-x^6}{10^4} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The result of using a known series to find the Maclaurin series of $f(x)$ is the same as using derivative, so the series found in part (a) is correct.

(c) Relation of this problem to Problem 1:

In the Problem 1, a_n is a sequence with the formula:

$$(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{10}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{10}, -\frac{\pi^2}{100}, \frac{\pi^4}{1000}, -\frac{\pi^6}{10000}, \dots$$

From the Problem 2, I have $f(x)$ with $f(\pi)$ is the sum of all terms in sequence a_n :

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x^2}{10}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{x^2}{10^2} + \frac{x^4}{10^3} - \frac{x^6}{10^4} + \cdots$$

$$\implies f(\pi) = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{\pi^2}{10^2} + \frac{\pi^4}{10^3} - \frac{\pi^6}{10^4} + \cdots$$

Question 3:

(a) Find $\int f(x) \, dx$ using Integration Rules:

$$\begin{aligned}\int f(x) \, dx &= \int \frac{1}{10 + x^2} \, dx \\&= \int \frac{1}{10 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{10}\right)} \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{10} \int \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{10}}\right)^2} \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{10}}{1} \int \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{10}}\right)^2} \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot \arctan \frac{x}{\sqrt{10}} + C\end{aligned}$$

(b) Find $\int f(x) \, dx$ using Problem 2:

$$\begin{aligned}P(x) &= \frac{1}{10} - \frac{x^2}{10^2} + \frac{x^4}{10^3} - \frac{x^6}{10^4} + \cdots \\ \Rightarrow \int P(x) \, dx &= \int \left(\frac{1}{10} - \frac{x^2}{10^2} + \frac{x^4}{10^3} - \frac{x^6}{10^4} + \cdots \right) \, dx \\&= \frac{x}{10} - \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 10^2} + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 10^3} - \frac{x^7}{7 \cdot 10^4} + \cdots \\&= \frac{x}{1 \cdot 10} + \frac{x}{3 \cdot 10} \left(\frac{-x^2}{10} \right) + \frac{x}{3 \cdot 10} \left(\frac{-x^2}{10} \right)^2 + \frac{x}{3 \cdot 10} \left(\frac{-x^2}{10} \right)^3 + \cdots \\&= \frac{x}{10} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2n+1} \right) \left(\frac{-x^2}{10} \right)^n\end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the exact value of $\int_0^\pi f(x) \, dx$ using part (a):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^\pi f(x) \, dx &= \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{10+x^2} \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \left(\arctan \frac{x}{\sqrt{10}} \right)_0^\pi \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \left(\arctan \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{10}} - \arctan 0 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot \arctan \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{10}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) Approximate $\int_0^\pi f(x) \, dx$ using part (b):

From (b):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int P(x) \, dx &= \frac{x}{10} - \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 10^2} + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 10^3} - \frac{x^7}{7 \cdot 10^4} + \frac{x^9}{9 \cdot 10^5} - \cdots \\
 \Rightarrow \int_0^\pi P(x) \, dx &= \left(\frac{\pi}{10} - \frac{\pi^3}{3 \cdot 10^2} + \frac{\pi^5}{5 \cdot 10^3} - \frac{\pi^7}{7 \cdot 10^4} + \frac{\pi^9}{9 \cdot 10^5} - \frac{\pi^{11}}{11 \cdot 10^6} + \cdots \right) - 0 \\
 &\approx 0.23524
 \end{aligned}$$

(e) Find the exact value of $\int_0^\infty f(x) \, dx$ using part (a):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^\infty f(x) \, dx &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{10+x^2} \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \left(\arctan \frac{x}{\sqrt{10}} \right)_0^\infty \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \left(\arctan \frac{\infty}{10} - \arctan 0 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{10}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(f) Why part (b) cannot be used for $\int_0^\infty f(x) \, dx$:

The function $P(x) = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{x^2}{10^2} + \frac{x^4}{10^3} - \frac{x^6}{10^4} + \dots$ is only approximate to $f(x) = \frac{1}{10+x^2}$ when $x \in (-\sqrt{10}, \sqrt{10})$. This means that when x in $P(x)$ is getting closer to $-\sqrt{10}$ or $\sqrt{10}$, the value increases to infinity, and there is no value at $x = \sqrt{10}$.

Therefore, integral of part (b) can only be used in range $(-\sqrt{10}, \sqrt{10})$. However:

$$\int_0^\infty P(x) \, dx = \int_0^{\sqrt{10}} P(x) \, dx + \int_{\sqrt{10}}^\infty P(x) \, dx$$

Since the function $P(x)$ does not exist in the range from $\sqrt{10}$ to infinity, the integral of $P(x)$: $\int_{\sqrt{10}}^\infty P(x) \, dx$ can not be calculated.

The Appendix

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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{10 + x^2} = (10 + x^2)^{-1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \left[(10 + x^2)^{-1} \right]' \\ &= (-1) (10 + x^2)^{-2} (2x) \\ &= (-2x) (10 + x^2)^{-2} \\ &= \frac{-2x}{(10 + x^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= (f'(x))' \\ &= \left[(-2x) (10 + x^2)^{-2} \right]' \\ &= (-2x)' (10 + x^2)^{-2} + (-2x) \left[(10 + x^2)^{-2} \right]' \\ &= -2 (10 + x^2)^{-2} + (-2) (-2x) (10 + x^2)^{-3} (2x) \\ &= \frac{-2}{(10 + x^2)^2} + \frac{8x}{(10 + x^2)^3} \\ &= \frac{-2(10 + x^2) + 8x^2}{(10 + x^2)^3} \\ &= \frac{6x^2 - 20}{(10 + x^2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f'''(x) &= (f''(x))' \\
 &= \left[(6x^2 - 20) (10 + x^2)^{-3} \right]' \\
 &= (6x^2 - 20)' (10 + x^2)^{-3} + (6x^2 - 20) \left[(10 + x^2)^{-3} \right]' \\
 &= 12x (10 + x^2)^{-3} + (-3) (6x^2 - 20) (10 + x^2)^{-4} (2x) \\
 &= \frac{12x (10 + x^2) - 6x (6x^2 - 20)}{(10 + x^2)^4} \\
 &= \frac{120x + 12x^3 + 120x - 36x^3}{(10 + x^2)^4} \\
 &= \frac{-24x^3 + 240x}{(10 + x^2)^4} \\
 &= \frac{-24x (x^2 - 10)}{(10 + x^2)^4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f''''(x) &= (f'''(x))' \\
 &= \left[(-24x^3 + 240x) (10 + x^2)^{-4} \right]' \\
 &= (-24x^3 + 240x)' (10 + x^2)^{-4} + (-24x^3 + 240x) \left[(10 + x^2)^{-4} \right]' \\
 &= (-72x^2 + 240) (10 + x^2)^{-4} + (-4) (-24x^3 + 240x) (10 + x^2)^{-5} (2x) \\
 &= \frac{(-72x^2 + 240) (10 + x^2) - 8x (-24x^3 + 240x)}{(10 + x^2)^5} \\
 &= \frac{-72x^4 - 480x^2 + 2400 + 192x^4 - 1920x^2}{(10 + x^2)^5} \\
 &= \frac{120x^4 - 2400x^2 + 2400}{(10 + x^2)^5}
 \end{aligned}$$