

Homework 2

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1. Expand $f(z) = \sin z$ into a Taylor series about the point $z_0 = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\sin z &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} && \text{In general} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^0 \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{1!} - \frac{(-1)^1 \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3}{3!} + \frac{1 \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5}{5!} + \dots \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi^3}{6^3 \cdot 3!} + \frac{\pi^5}{6^5 \cdot 5!} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

2. Expand $f(z) = \log 1 + z$ into a MacLaurin series.

Solution Because the derivatives of $\log 1 + z$ are $f^0 = \log 1 + z$, $f^1 = \frac{1}{1+z}$, $f^2 = \frac{-1}{(1+z)^2}$, ... the MacLaurin series expansion (Taylor series about $z_0 = 0$) is

$$\begin{aligned}\log(1 + z_0) \cdot \dots + \frac{1}{1+z_0} \cdot z + \frac{\frac{-1}{(1+z_0)^2}}{2!} \cdot z^2 &= \log(1) \cdot \dots + \frac{1}{1+0} \cdot z - \frac{\frac{-1}{(1+0)^2}}{2!} \cdot z^2 + \dots \\ &= 0 + z - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

3. Derive

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z-i)^n}{(1-i)^{n+1}}$$

which converges for $|z-i| < \sqrt{2}$.

Proof. First, we know that

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$$

with radius of convergence $|z| < 1$. Now, because

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{1}{1-i} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{z-i}{1-i}}$$

if we change $z = \frac{z-i}{1-i}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{1-z} &= \frac{1}{1-i} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z-i}{1-i}\right)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z-i)^n}{(1-i)^{n+1}}\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, by the same change of variables

$$\begin{aligned}|z| < 1 &\implies \left|\frac{z-i}{1-i}\right| < 1 \\ |z-i| &< |1-i| \\ |z-i| &< \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2} \\ |z-i| &< \sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

as we set out to prove. □

4. Using $\cos z = -\sin z - \frac{\pi}{2}$, expand $\cos z$ into a Taylor series about the point $z_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution First, let's compute the first few derivatives of $\cos z$.

$$\begin{aligned}f^{(0)} &= \cos z = -\sin z - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ f^{(1)} &= -\sin z = -\sin z \\ f^{(2)} &= -\cos z = +\sin z - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ f^{(3)} &= \sin z = \sin z\end{aligned}$$

Because $\cos z$ repeats this same pattern for every consecutive four orders of derivatives, its Taylor Series about $\frac{\pi}{2}$ has terms which cancel each other out so $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$ as expected.