

Math Primer Solutions 2:

INFINITE SERIES

[easy] a) Approximate $y = \sin(2)$ by using 4 terms.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(2) &= 2 - \frac{1}{6}(2)^3 + \frac{1}{120}(2)^5 - \frac{1}{5040}(2)^7 \\ &= 2 - \frac{8}{6} + \frac{32}{120} - \frac{128}{5040} \\ &\approx 0.9079\end{aligned}$$

b) Approximate $y = \sin(90^\circ)$ by using 4 terms.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(90^\circ) &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{120}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^5 - \frac{1}{5040}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^7 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{48} + \frac{\pi^5}{3840} - \frac{\pi^7}{645120} \\ &\approx 0.9998\end{aligned}$$

[medium] Write out an approximation series for $y = \sin(2x)$ and approximate using 2 terms.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(x) &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \\ \sin(2x) &= (2x) - \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(2x)^5}{5!} - \frac{(2x)^7}{7!} + \dots \\ &= 2x - \frac{8x^3}{3!} + \frac{32x^5}{5!} - \frac{128x^7}{7!} \\ &\approx 2x - \frac{4}{3}x^3\end{aligned}$$

Write and simply $2\sin(x)\cos(x)$ to 2 terms by using only the 2-term approximation of $\sin(x)$ and $\cos(x)$. What did you notice?

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\sin(x)\cos(x) &= 2\left(x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2\right) \\
 &= 2\left(x - \frac{1}{2!}x^3 - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{3!2!}x^5\right) \\
 &= 2x - x^3 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{3!}x^5 \\
 &\approx 2x - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)x^3
 \end{aligned}$$

[hard] a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (x)^k \\
 &= \frac{f(0)}{0!} (x)^0 + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} (x)^1 + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} (x)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} (x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= f(0) + f'(0) \cdot x + \frac{f''(0) \cdot x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(0) \cdot x^3}{3!} + \frac{f^{(4)}(0) \cdot x^4}{4!} + \dots \\
 &= \cos(0) - \sin(0) \cdot x - \frac{\cos(0) \cdot x^2}{2!} + \frac{\sin(0) \cdot x^3}{3!} + \frac{\cos(0) \cdot x^4}{4!} + \dots \\
 &= 1 - 0 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + 0 + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \\
 &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \quad e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \right) \\
 &= 0 + 1 + \frac{2x}{2!} + \frac{3x^2}{3!} + \frac{4x^3}{4!} + \dots \\
 &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$