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Assignment: HW-7 [Sections 10.7 & 10.8]

Find the Maclaurin series of the function.

$$f(x) = 8 \cos 6\pi x$$

Let f be a function with derivatives of all orders throughout some interval containing 0 as an interior point. The Maclaurin series of f , shown below, is the Taylor series generated by f at $x = 0$.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(0)x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

Take the first few derivatives of $8 \cos 6\pi x$ to find a pattern.

$$f(x) = 8 \cos 6\pi x$$

$$f'(x) = -48\pi \sin 6\pi x$$

$$f''(x) = -288\pi^2 \cos 6\pi x$$

$$f'''(x) = 1728\pi^3 \sin 6\pi x$$

Generalize the function and its derivatives. Notice that the even numbered derivatives all contain cosine, while the odd numbered derivatives all contain sine. Thus, when looking for a pattern, first find two separate formulas, one for $f^{(2n)}$ and one for $f^{(2n+1)}$.

Start with the even numbered derivatives. The fourth derivative has been added to the list to make it easier to see a pattern. Notice that the sign of the derivatives alternates. Write an alternating factor that represents this pattern.

$$(-1)^n$$

n	$f^{(2n)}$
n = 0	$f(x) = 8 \cos 6\pi x$
n = 1	$f''(x) = -288\pi^2 \cos 6\pi x$
n = 2	$f^{(4)}(x) = 10,368\pi^4 \cos 6\pi x$

Now determine the coefficient, not including the sign. The pattern for the coefficient is often easier to see in a factored form. Write the formula to describe the coefficient.

$$8 \cdot 6^{2n} \cdot \pi^{2n}$$

n	coefficient
n = 0	8
n = 1	$8 \cdot 36 \cdot \pi^2$
n = 2	$8 \cdot 1296 \cdot \pi^4$

$$\text{Therefore, } f^{(2n)}(x) = (-1)^n \cdot 8 \cdot 6^{2n} \cdot \pi^{2n} \cos 6\pi x.$$

Now examine the odd numbered derivatives. The fifth derivative has been added to the list to make it easier to see a pattern. Write the formula for $f^{(2n+1)}(x)$.

$$f^{(2n+1)}(x) = (-1)^{n+1} \cdot 8 \cdot 6^{2n+1} \cdot \pi^{2n+1} \sin 6\pi x$$

n	$f^{(2n+1)}(x)$
n = 0	$f'(x) = -48\pi \sin 6\pi x$
n = 1	$f'''(x) = 1728\pi^3 \sin 6\pi x$
n = 2	$f^{(5)}(x) = -62,208\pi^5 \sin 6\pi x$

Notice that at $x = 0$, $\cos x = 1$ and $\sin x = 0$. Now recall that in the formula for a Maclaurin series, the derivatives are evaluated at $x = 0$. Simplify the expressions for $f^{(2n)}(0)$ and $f^{(2n+1)}(0)$.

$$f^{(2n)}(0) = (-1)^n \cdot 8 \cdot 6^{2n} \cdot \pi^{2n} \text{ and } f^{(2n+1)}(0) = 0$$

Since $-288\pi^2 \cos 6\pi x$ for all n , only even powers of x occur in the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = 8 \cos 6\pi x$. Complete the first two nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series by evaluating $f^{(2n)}(0)$ for $n = 0$ to obtain the first term of the sequence, $f(0) = 48$. Then evaluate $f^{(2n)}(0)$ for $n = 1$ to obtain $f''(0) = -288\pi^2$. Dividing by $2!$ gives the coefficient for the x^2 -term.

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(0)x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)x^n}{n!} + \dots \\ = 8 + 0x + \left(-144\pi^2 x^2 \right) + \frac{0x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)x^n}{n!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Finally, write the Maclaurin series for f in summation notation. Only the non-zero terms are shown in the expansion below.

Find the Maclaurin series of the function by substituting $(-1)^n \cdot 8 \cdot 6^{2n} \cdot \pi^{2n}$ for the general term $\frac{f^{(2n)}(0)x^{(2n)}}{(2n)!}$.

$$8 - 144\pi^2 x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(2n)}(0)x^{(2n)}}{(2n)!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot 8 \cdot 6^{2n} \cdot \pi^{2n} \cdot x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$