

*"The universe is a big place, perhaps the biggest."*

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In class work **18** has questions **1** through **2** with a total of **5** points. Turn in your work at the end of class *on paper*. This assignment is due *Tuesday 31 October 13:20*.

1. The zero order Bessel function  $J_0$  is defined by its power series.<sup>1</sup> The power series is

$$J_0(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k!)^2} \left(-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)^k = 1 - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^4}{64} - \frac{x^6}{2304} + \frac{x^8}{147456} - \frac{x^{10}}{14745600} + \dots$$

The radius of convergence of this power series is infinity.

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- (a) Find the numerical values of  $J_0(0)$ ,  $J'_0(0)$ , and  $J''_0(0)$ .

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- (b) When  $x$  has a modest magnitude, say  $-10 < x < 10$ , the summand  $\frac{1}{(k!)^2} \left(-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)^k$  converges to zero very quickly. For example, when  $x = 10$  and  $k = 100$ , the numeric value of the summand is about  $7.1 \times 10^{-177}$ . So it's reasonable to conjecture that  $J_0(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{100} \frac{1}{(k!)^2} \left(-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)^k$ . Use Desmos to graph  $y = \sum_{k=0}^{100} \frac{1}{(k!)^2} \left(-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)^k$  and reproduce the graph here.

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<sup>1</sup>This function is named in honor of Friedrich Bessel, a German mathematician and scientist who lived from 1784–1846. Bessel functions arise in mechanical vibrations of a drum and electromagnetic waves in a coaxial cable.

2. A function  $\mathcal{E}$  is defined by a power series; specifically  $\mathcal{E}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} x^k$ . The radius of convergence of this power series is infinity.

- 1 (a) Find the numerical value of  $\mathcal{E}(0)$ .
- 1 (b) Find a power series for  $\mathcal{E}'$  and show that for all real numbers  $x$ , we have  $\mathcal{E}'(x) = \mathcal{E}(x)$ .

- 1 (c) The only solution to the initial value problem  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y$  and  $y|_{x=0} = 1$  is  $y = \exp(x)$ . What is a simple formula for the function  $\mathcal{E}$ ?