

In class work 21 has questions 1 through 1 with a total of 6 points. Turn in your work at the end of class *on paper*. This assignment is due at *Thursday 9 November 13:20*.

“The place to improve the world is first in one’s own heart and head and hands, and then work outward from there.”
ROBERT PIRSIG

1. For all real numbers x , we have $\sin(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1}$.

- 2 (a) Find the power series representation for $\sin(x) - x$ centered at zero. **Hint:** When you don’t know where to start, go to your happy place: write the first few terms of the Taylor series for sine centered at zero. Then subtract x .

Solution: Let’s go to our happy place; for all real x , we have

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{120}x^5 + \cdots.$$

Thus

$$\sin(x) - x = -\frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{120}x^5 + \cdots.$$

Arguably this answer is OK, but the ellipsis (that is the \cdots) leaves too much to the imagination. An explicit answer is

$$\sin(x) - x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1}.$$

- 2 (b) For $x \neq 0$, find the *first two nonzero terms* in a power series representation for $\frac{\sin(x)-x}{x^3}$. Again, try visiting your happy place.

Solution: Here is my happy place:

$$\sin(x) - x = -\frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{120}x^5 \cdots$$

For $x \neq 0$, we have

$$\frac{\sin(x) - x}{x^3} = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{120}x^2 \cdots$$

And explicitly, we have

$$\frac{\sin(x) - x}{x^3} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k-2}$$

It's optional to do, but changing $k \rightarrow k+1$ gives

$$\frac{\sin(x) - x}{x^3} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} -\frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+3)!} x^{2k}$$

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(c) Use the above result to find the *numerical value* of the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) - x}{x^3}.$$

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) - x}{x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} -\frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+3)!} x^{2k}, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} -\frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+3)!} 0^{2k}, \\ &= -\frac{1}{6}. \end{aligned}$$