

1. (*This question is a preparatory question and should be attempted before the tutorial. Answers are provided at the end of the sheet – please check your work.*)

Given the Taylor formula  $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} + R_n(x)$ , where  $R_n(x) = \frac{(-1)^n x^{n+1}}{(n+1)(1+c)^{n+1}}$  for some  $c$  between 0 and  $x$ ,

- (a) find the Taylor polynomial of order  $n+2$  for  $x^2 \ln(1+x)$  about the point 0,  
(b) find the Taylor polynomial of order  $n$  for  $\ln(1-x)$  about the point 0.

### Questions for the tutorial

2. Find the Taylor polynomial  $T_5(x)$  of order five about  $x = 0$  for each of the following functions. Write down the remainder term  $R_5(x)$  in each case, and estimate the size of the error if  $T_5(1)$  is used as an approximation to  $f(1)$ .

- (a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$                       (b)  $f(x) = \cosh x$

### Solution

- (a) Computing the derivatives of  $f(x)$  we find that

$$f(x) = \sqrt{1+x} = (1+x)^{1/2}, \quad f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-1/2}, \quad f'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-3/2}, \quad f''(0) = -\frac{1}{2^2}$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2}(1+x)^{-5/2}, \quad f^{(3)}(0) = \frac{3}{2^3}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2}(1+x)^{-7/2}, \quad f^{(4)}(0) = -\frac{3 \times 5}{2^4}$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2}(1+x)^{-9/2}, \quad f^{(5)}(0) = \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2^5}$$

So the Taylor polynomial of  $f(x)$  of order 5 about  $x = 0$  is

$$T_5(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2^2 \cdot 2!} + \frac{3x^3}{2^3 \cdot 3!} - \frac{15x^4}{2^4 \cdot 4!} + \frac{105x^5}{2^5 \cdot 5!}.$$

The remainder term is given by the formula

$$R_5(x) = \frac{f^{(6)}(c)}{6!} x^6$$

for some  $c$  between 0 and  $x$ . If we take  $T_5(1)$  as an approximation to  $f(1) = \sqrt{2}$ , then

$$R_5(1) = \frac{f^{(6)}(c)}{6!}, \quad \text{where } 0 < c < 1.$$

Now  $f^{(6)}(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{2} (1+x)^{-11/2}$  and so

$$R_5(1) = -\frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9}{2^6 \cdot 6!} \frac{1}{(1+c)^{11/2}}.$$

As  $0 < c < 1$ , we see that  $\frac{1}{(1+c)^{11/2}} < 1$ , and hence

$$|R_5(1)| < \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9}{2^6 \cdot 6!} \approx 0.02051.$$

Thus the error in the approximation will not exceed 0.02051.

(b) Note that  $\frac{d}{dx} \cosh x = \sinh x$ , and  $\frac{d}{dx} \sinh x = \cosh x$ . So

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \begin{cases} \sinh x, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \\ \cosh x, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $f^{(n)}(0) = \sinh 0 = 0$  for  $n = 1, 3, 5$ , and  $f^{(n)}(0) = \cosh 0 = 1$  for  $n = 0, 2, 4$ . The Taylor polynomial of order five about  $x = 0$  is therefore the quartic polynomial

$$T_5(x) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}.$$

In this case, we have

$$R_5(x) = \frac{f^{(6)}(c)}{6!} x^6 = \frac{\cosh c}{6!} x^6,$$

for some  $c$  between 0 and  $x$ . Therefore

$$R_5(1) = \frac{\cosh c}{6!} = \frac{e^c + e^{-c}}{2 \times 6!},$$

where  $0 < c < 1$ . Using a crude but simple upper bound for  $e^c + e^{-c}$ , we have

$$\frac{e^c + e^{-c}}{2 \times 6!} < \frac{e + 1}{2 \times 6!} < \frac{4}{2 \times 6!}$$

on this interval. Hence

$$|R_5(1)| < \frac{4}{2 \times 6!} \approx 0.0056.$$

3. (a) Find the Taylor polynomial of order 4 about  $x = 0$  for  $\frac{1}{1+x}$ .

(b) Find the Taylor polynomial of order 5 about  $x = 0$  for  $\ln(1+x)$ .

(c) What relationship can you see between the two polynomials above? Why might you expect such a relationship?

**Solution**

(a) We calculate the derivatives of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$ .

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{-1}, \quad f(0) = 1,$$

$$f'(x) = -(1+x)^{-2}, \quad f'(0) = -1,$$

$$f''(x) = 2(1+x)^{-3}, \quad f''(0) = 2,$$

$$f'''(x) = -6(1+x)^{-4}, \quad f'''(0) = -6,$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 24(1+x)^{-5}, \quad f^{(4)}(0) = 24.$$

Therefore, the Taylor polynomial of  $f(x)$  of order 4 about  $x = 0$  is

$$T(x) = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4.$$

(b) We again calculate derivatives, this time of  $g(x) = \ln(1+x)$ .

$$g(x) = \ln(1+x), \quad g(0) = 0,$$

$$g'(x) = (1+x)^{-1}, \quad g'(0) = 1,$$

$$g''(x) = -(1+x)^{-2}, \quad g''(0) = -1,$$

$$g'''(x) = 2(1+x)^{-3}, \quad g'''(0) = 2,$$

$$g^{(4)}(x) = -6(1+x)^{-4}, \quad g^{(4)}(0) = -6,$$

$$g^{(5)}(x) = 24(1+x)^{-5}, \quad g^{(5)}(0) = 24.$$

Therefore, the Taylor polynomial for  $g(x)$  of order 5 about  $x = 0$  is

$$S(x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5}.$$

(c) Notice that  $T(x)$  is the derivative of  $S(x)$ . This happens because  $f(x) = g'(x)$ .

4. (a) Find the Taylor polynomials of orders 2 and 4 about  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , for  $f(x) = \cos x$ . Use these polynomials to estimate  $\cos \frac{4\pi}{7}$  and  $\cos \frac{5\pi}{7}$ . Compare your results with those obtained from a calculator.
- (b) Use Taylor polynomials of order 3 about  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $x = \pi$  to estimate  $\sin 3$ . Which is the better approximation?

### **Solution**

(a) We need to calculate the first four derivatives of  $f(x)$  and evaluate them at  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . They are

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \cos x, & f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0, \\ f'(x) &= -\sin x, & f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= -1, \\ f''(x) &= -\cos x, & f''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0, \\ f'''(x) &= \sin x, & f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 1, \\ f^{(4)}(x) &= \cos x, & f^{(4)}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $T_2(x)$  and  $T_4(x)$  are the Taylor polynomials of orders 2 and 4 respectively then  $T_2(x) = -(x - \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $T_4(x) = -(x - \frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{1}{6}(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^3$ . Using the Taylor polynomials to estimate  $\cos \frac{4\pi}{7}$  and  $\cos \frac{5\pi}{7}$  we get (to six decimal places)

$$T_2\left(\frac{4\pi}{7}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{14} = -0.224399$$

and

$$T_2\left(\frac{5\pi}{7}\right) = -\frac{3\pi}{14} = -0.673198.$$

While

$$T_4\left(\frac{4\pi}{7}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{14} + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{\pi}{14}\right)^3 = -0.222516$$

and

$$T_4\left(\frac{5\pi}{7}\right) = -\frac{3\pi}{14} + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{3\pi}{14}\right)^3 = -0.6223499.$$

However, using a calculator we find that

$$\cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{7}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{14} = -0.222521$$

and

$$\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{7}\right) = -\frac{3\pi}{14} = -0.623490.$$

Notice that the Taylor polynomial  $T_4(x)$  gives a better approximation to  $\cos x$  in both cases.

(b) Expanding about  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  yields

$$\sin 3 \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(3 - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \approx -0.0213 \dots$$

Expanding about  $\pi$  yields

$$\sin 3 \approx -(3 - \pi) + \frac{(3 - \pi)^3}{6} = 0.141 \dots$$

The second approximation is better, which is not surprising since  $\pi$  is much closer to 3 than is  $\pi/2$ .

5. Find the Taylor polynomial of order 2 for  $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$  about 0, and write down the remainder term. Using this information, show that  $\int_0^{0.1} \tan^{-1} x \, dx$  lies between 0.00499 and 0.00501.

### **Solution**

We have

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \quad f''(x) = -\frac{2x}{(1+x^2)^2}, \quad f'''(x) = \frac{6x^2-2}{(1+x^2)^3}.$$

Therefore  $T_2(x) = 0 + 1x + 0\frac{x^2}{2!} = x$  and  $R_2(x) = \left(\frac{6c^2-2}{(1+c^2)^3}\right)\frac{x^3}{3!}$ , where  $c$  is between 0 and  $x$ . Taylor's formula gives

$$\tan^{-1} x = x + R_2(x),$$

and so

$$\int_0^{0.1} \tan^{-1} x \, dx = \int_0^{0.1} x \, dx + \int_0^{0.1} R_2(x) \, dx,$$

or

$$\int_0^{0.1} \tan^{-1} x \, dx = 0.005 + \int_0^{0.1} R_2(x) \, dx.$$

We now estimate the size of  $\int_0^{0.1} R_2(x) \, dx$ . First, observe that since  $x$  runs from 0 to 0.1 in this problem, we must have  $0 < c < 0.1$  as  $c$  is between 0 and  $x$ . Then

$$|R_2(x)| = \left| \frac{6c^2-2}{(1+c^2)^3} \right| \frac{x^3}{3!} \leq |6c^2-2| \frac{x^3}{3!} \leq 2 \frac{x^3}{3!} = \frac{x^3}{3}.$$

Now since  $\left| \int_0^{0.1} R_2(x) dx \right| \leq \int_0^{0.1} |R_2(x)| dx$ , we obtain

$$\left| \int_0^{0.1} R_2(x) dx \right| \leq \int_0^{0.1} \frac{x^3}{3} dx = \left[ \frac{x^4}{12} \right]_0^{0.1} = \frac{10^{-4}}{12} < 0.00001.$$

We conclude that  $\int_0^{0.1} \tan^{-1} x dx$  lies between  $0.005 - 0.00001$  and  $0.005 + 0.00001$ , that is, between 0.00499 and 0.00501.

6. You are given that the Taylor polynomial  $T_3(x)$  of order 3 for  $\sqrt{1+x}$ , about 0, is  $T_3(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16}$ , with  $R_3(x) = -\frac{15}{16}(1+c)^{-\frac{7}{2}} \frac{x^4}{4!}$ , for some  $c$  between 0 and  $x$ .

- (a) Write down the Taylor polynomial of order 9 about 0 for  $\sqrt{1+x^3}$ .  
 (b) Use your answer to the previous part to find an approximation to the integral  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx$ . Find an upper bound for the error involved.

### Solution

- (a) By a theorem proved in lectures, the Taylor polynomial of order 9 about 0 for  $\sqrt{1+x^3}$  is given by replacing  $x$  by  $x^3$  in the Taylor polynomial of order 3 for  $\sqrt{1+x}$ . The Taylor polynomial of order 9 about 0 for  $\sqrt{1+x^3}$  is therefore

$$\sqrt{1+x^3} = 1 + \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^6}{8} + \frac{x^9}{16}.$$

- (b) Our approximation to  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx$  is (to 6 decimal places)

$$\int_0^1 \left(1 + \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^6}{8} + \frac{x^9}{16}\right) dx \approx 1.113393.$$

We now find a bound for the error. Observe that when  $0 < x \leq 1$ , we have  $0 < c < 1$  and so  $0 < (1+c)^{-\frac{7}{2}} < 1$ . So

$$|R_3(x)| = \frac{15}{16}(1+c)^{-\frac{7}{2}} \frac{x^4}{4!} < \frac{15x^4}{16 \times 4!}$$

and thus

$$|R_3(x^3)| < \frac{15x^{12}}{16 \times 4!}.$$

Therefore

$$\left| \int_0^1 R_3(x^3) dx \right| \leq \int_0^1 |R_3(x^3)| dx \leq \int_0^1 \frac{15x^{12}}{16 \times 4!} dx = \frac{5}{1664} \approx 0.003005$$

gives an upper bound for the error.

Hence  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx \approx 1.113 \pm .003$  (to 3 decimal places).

7. Use the Taylor polynomial of order 3 for  $\sinh x$  about 0 to estimate  $\int_0^1 \sinh x dx$ . Determine the accuracy of your estimate and compare it to the value of the integral found using your calculator (the integral equals  $\cosh 1 - \cosh 0 = \frac{e + e^{-1}}{2} - 1$ ). What difference would it make to the accuracy if we had used the Taylor polynomial of order 4?

## Solution

The Taylor polynomial of order 3 for  $\sinh x$  about 0 is

$$x + \frac{x^3}{6}.$$

The remainder term is  $R_3(x) = (\sinh c) \frac{x^4}{4!}$  for some number  $c$  between 0 and  $x$ . The Taylor formula gives us

$$\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{6} + R_3(x).$$

Integrating both sides between 0 and 1 gives

$$\int_0^1 \sinh x \, dx = \int_0^1 \left(x + \frac{x^3}{6}\right) dx + \int_0^1 R_3(x) \, dx = \frac{13}{24} + \int_0^1 R_3(x) \, dx.$$

Observe that when  $0 < x \leq 1$ , we have  $0 < c < 1$ , and so

$$0 < \sinh c < \sinh 1 = \frac{e - e^{-1}}{2} < \frac{e}{2} < \frac{3}{2}.$$

(We have used a crude but simple upper bound of 3 for  $e$ . ) So for  $0 < x \leq 1$ ,

$$0 < R_3(x) < \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{x^4}{4!} = \frac{x^4}{16}.$$

Thus

$$0 \leq \int_0^1 R_3(x) \, dx \leq \int_0^1 \frac{x^4}{16} \, dx = \frac{1}{80} = 0.0125.$$

Putting all this together tells us that the required integral lies in the interval

$(\frac{13}{24}, \frac{13}{24} + \frac{1}{80})$ . That is,  $\int_0^1 \sinh x \, dx$  is in the interval  $(0.54166, 0.55416)$ .

The Taylor polynomial of order 4 for  $f(x) = \sinh x$  about  $x = 0$  has degree 3 and is the same polynomial as the one we used above. However the remainder is now  $R_4(x) = \cosh d \frac{x^5}{5!}$ , where  $d$  is a number between 0 and  $x$ . Noting that  $0 < d < 1$  (as  $x$  runs from 0 to 1 in the integral), we have

$$\cosh d = \frac{e^d + e^{-d}}{2} < \frac{e + 1}{2} < 2.$$

So  $0 < R_4(x) < \frac{2x^5}{5!}$  and

$$0 \leq \int_0^1 R_4(x) \, dx \leq \int_0^1 \frac{2x^5}{5!} \, dx = \frac{1}{360} \approx 0.00277.$$

Now we can be sure that  $\int_0^1 \sinh x \, dx$  lies in the interval  $(0.54166, 0.54444)$ . This is a better result than that obtained using  $R_3(x)$ . Note that the exact value of the integral is 0.54308 to five decimal places.

## Extra Questions

8. (a) The hyperbolic tan function is defined by  $\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x}$ . It is a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $(-1, 1)$ . Find a formula for  $\tanh^{-1} x$  in terms of natural logarithms and use it to show that  $\ln 2 = 2 \tanh^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$ .

- (b) Find the Taylor polynomial of order  $2n$  for  $\tanh^{-1} x$  about the point 0 and write down its remainder term. (*Hint*: use the Taylor formulas for  $\ln(1 \pm x)$  given in Question 1.)
- (c) Use the  $n = 8$  case of the previous part to estimate  $\ln 2$ . Show that the error is less than  $5 \times 10^{-7}$ .

### Solution

- (a) Write

$$y = \tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{e^{2x} + 1}.$$

After rearrangement, we obtain  $e^{2x} = \frac{1+y}{1-y}$  from which we see that  $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+y}{1-y} \right)$ .

Therefore  $\tanh^{-1} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)$ .

When  $x = \frac{1}{3}$ , we have  $2 \tanh^{-1} \frac{1}{3} = \ln \left( \frac{1 + \frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} \right) = \ln 2$ .

- (b) First, note that  $\tanh^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x))$ . From Question 1 we replace  $n$  by  $2n$  to obtain

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1} - \frac{x^{2n}}{2n} + \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)(1+c)^{2n+1}},$$

where  $c$  is between 0 and  $x$ , and

$$\ln(1-x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots - \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1} - \frac{x^{2n}}{2n} - \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)(1+c')^{2n+1}},$$

where  $c'$  is between 0 and  $-x$ . Subtracting these two expressions gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x) \\ &= 2 \left( x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots + \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1} \right) + \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)} \left( \frac{1}{(1+c)^{2n+1}} + \frac{1}{(1+c')^{2n+1}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the Taylor polynomial of order  $2n$  for  $\tanh^{-1}(x)$  about 0 is

$$x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots + \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1},$$

a polynomial of degree  $2n-1$ . The remainder term is

$$\frac{x^{2n+1}}{2(2n+1)} \left( \frac{1}{(1+c)^{2n+1}} + \frac{1}{(1+c')^{2n+1}} \right),$$

where  $c$  is between 0 and  $x$  and  $c'$  is between 0 and  $-x$ .

- (c) Setting  $n = 8$  and  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  in the previous part, we estimate  $\ln 2 = 2 \tanh^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$  as

$$2 \left( \frac{1}{1 \times 3^1} + \frac{1}{3 \times 3^3} + \frac{1}{5 \times 3^5} + \dots + \frac{1}{15 \times 3^{15}} \right).$$

The error in this estimate is less than or equal to

$$\frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{17}}{17} \left( \left| \frac{1}{(1+c)^{17}} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{(1+c')^{17}} \right| \right),$$

where  $c$  is between 0 and  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $c'$  is between 0 and  $-\frac{1}{3}$ . Now clearly  $\frac{1}{(1+c)^{17}} < 1$ .

Also, as  $-\frac{1}{3} < c' < 0$ , it is easy to show that  $\frac{1}{(1+c')^{17}} < \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{17}$ . Thus the error is

less than or equal to

$$\frac{(\frac{1}{3})^{17}}{17} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{17} \right) = \frac{1}{3^{17} \times 17} + \frac{1}{2^{17} \times 17} < 5 \times 10^{-7}.$$

Note that this is a very much smaller error than the error associated with using the Taylor polynomial of order 16 for  $\ln(1+x)$  with  $x=1$ , to calculate  $\ln 2$ .

9. Consider the function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2} & x \neq 0, \\ 0 & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Show that  $f$  is differentiable and that  $f'(0) = 0$ . Then show that  $f'$  is differentiable and that  $f''(0) = 0$ . In fact, it turns out that  $f$  is differentiable any number of times and its derivative at zero is always zero! This means that its Taylor polynomial about 0 of order  $n$ , for any  $n$ , is the zero polynomial. This function is “all remainder”.

### **Solution**

We give the calculation of  $f'(0)$  only. Now from the definition of the derivative as a limit

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x} \text{ (if this limit exists).}$$

Using l'Hôpital's Rule, we can show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{x^2}}{x} = \infty.$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{1}{x}$  and let  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ . This gives

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{1/x^2}}{1/x} = \infty,$$

that is,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x e^{1/x^2} = \infty,$$

and hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x e^{1/x^2}} = 0.$$

This can be rearranged to give

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x} = 0.$$

Now replace  $x$  by  $-x$  in the above limit. We obtain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{e^{-1/(-x)^2}}{-x} = 0$$

and so

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x} = 0.$$

Therefore  $f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x}$  exists,  $f$  is differentiable at 0 and  $f'(0) = 0$ .

The proof that  $f'$  is differentiable and that  $f''(0) = 0$  is similar to the above.



## Solution to Question 1

(a) We multiply the Taylor formula for  $\ln(1+x)$  by  $x^2$  to obtain

$$x^2 \ln(1+x) = x^3 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^5}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{n+2}}{n} + \frac{(-1)^n x^{n+3}}{(n+1)(1+c)^{n+1}}.$$

This equation shows that the polynomial  $T(x) = x^3 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^5}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{n+2}}{n}$  of degree  $n+2$  has the property that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \ln(1+x) - T(x)}{x^{n+2}} = 0,$$

so it must be the Taylor polynomial of order  $n+2$  about 0, for  $x^2 \ln(1+x)$ .

(b) We replace  $x$  by  $-x$  in the formula for  $\ln(1+x)$ :

$$\ln(1-x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots - \frac{x^n}{n} - \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)(1+c)^{n+1}},$$

for some  $c$  between 0 and  $-x$ . By similar reasoning to part (a),  $-x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots - \frac{x^n}{n!}$  must be the Taylor polynomial of order  $n$  about 0, for  $\ln(1-x)$ .