

**Homework/Worksheet 11 - Due: Wednesday, November 15**

1. Use term-by-term differentiation or integration to find a power series representation for each function centered at the given point.

(a)  $f(x) = \ln(1 - x)$  centered at  $x = 0$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)^2}$  centered at  $x = 0$

(c)  $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x^2$  centered at  $x = 0$

(d)  $f(x) = \ln(1 + x^2)$  centered at  $x = 0$

**Problem 1a.** Using the fact that  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(1 - x) = -\frac{1}{1-x}$  and  $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  for  $|x| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} -\int \frac{1}{1-x} dx &= -\int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n dx = -\int (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) dx && \text{for } |x| < 1 \\ \ln(1-x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C = -x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \dots && \text{for } |x| < 1 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

**Conclusion.** When  $x = 0$ , we find  $C = 0$ . Thus,

$$\ln(1-x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} = -x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \dots \quad \text{for } |x| < 1.$$

**Problem 1b.** Using the fact that  $\int \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)^2} dx = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$ , and  $\frac{1}{1-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n}$  for  $|x| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1-x^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n} = \frac{d}{dx} (1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + \dots) && \text{for } |x| < 1 \\ \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)^2} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2nx^{2n-1} = 0 + 2x + 4x^3 + 6x^5 + \dots && \text{for } |x| < 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

**Conclusion.** Thus we have

$$\frac{2x}{(1-x^2)^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2nx^{2n-1} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1.$$

**Problem 1c.** Using the fact that  $\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x^2 = \frac{2x}{1-(-x^4)}$  and  $\frac{2x}{1-(-x^4)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2x^{4n+1}$  for  $|x| < 1$

**Remark.** The series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2x(-x^4)^n$  is in the form  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} bx^m c_n x^n$ . By properties of combining power series, we know that this series must converge to  $bx^m f(x)$  on the same interval of convergence as the simpler series. Since we know that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^4)^n$  converges for  $|x^4| < 1$ , or  $-1 < x < 1$ . We can conclude that  $2x(-x^4)^n$  must do the same.

Thus we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x}{1+x^4} dx &= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2x^{4n+1} dx = \int (2x - 2x^5 + 2x^9 - 2x^{13} + \dots) dx && \text{for } |x| < 1 \\ \tan^{-1} x^2 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2x^{4n+2}}{4n+2} + C = C + x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^6 + \frac{1}{5}x^{10} - \frac{1}{7}x^{14} + \dots && \text{for } |x| < 1 \\ \tan^{-1} x^2 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{4n+2}}{2n+1} + C = C + x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^6 + \frac{1}{5}x^{10} - \frac{1}{7}x^{14} + \dots && \text{for } |x| < 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

**Conclusion.** When  $x = 0$ ,  $C = 0$ . Thus the power series for  $\tan^{-1} x^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{4n+2}}{2n+1}$  for  $|x| < 1$

**Problem 1d.** Using the fact that  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(1+x^2) = \frac{2x}{1-(-x^2)}$  and  $\frac{2x}{1-(-x^2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2x^{2n+1}$  for  $|x| < 1$ . Similar to the last problem, we know that this series converges for  $|x| < 1$  by properties of combining power series. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx &= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2x^{2n+1} dx = \int (2x - 2x^3 + 2x^5 - 2x^7 + \dots) dx && \text{for } |x| < 1 \\ \ln(1+x^2) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{n+1} + C = C + x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{3}x^6 - \frac{1}{4}x^8 + \dots && \text{for } |x| < 1 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

**Conclusion.** When  $x = 0$ ,  $C = 0$ . Thus, the power series for  $\ln(1+x^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{n+1}$  for  $|x| < 1$

2. Find the Taylor polynomial of degree two approximating the function  $f(x) = \cos(2x)$  at  $a = \pi$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \cos(2x) & f(\pi) &= \cos(2\pi) = 1 \\ f'(x) &= -2\sin(2x) & f'(\pi) &= -2\sin(2\pi) = 0 \\ f''(x) &= -4\cos(2x) & f''(\pi) &= -4\cos(2\pi) = -4 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

We know the Taylor series for a function  $f$  conforms to the form

$$f(x) \sim \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n.$$

**Conclusion.** Thus  $P_2(x)$  conforms to

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(x) &= 1 + 0(x - \pi) + \frac{-4}{2!}(x - \pi)^2 \\ &= 1 - 2(x - \pi)^2. \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the Taylor series of the functions  $f(x)$  centered at the given value of  $a$

(a)  $f(x) = \sin(x), \quad a = \pi$

(b)  $f(x) = e^x, \quad a = -1$

(c)  $f(x) = \ln(x), \quad a = 1$

(d)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x-x^2}, \quad a = 1$

**Problem 3a.**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sin(x) & f(\pi) &= \sin(\pi) = 0 \\ f'(x) &= \cos(x) & f'(\pi) &= \cos(\pi) = -1 \\ f''(x) &= -\sin(x) & f''(\pi) &= -\sin(\pi) = 0 \\ f'''(x) &= -\cos(x) & f'''(\pi) &= -\cos(\pi) = 1 \\ f^{(4)}(x) &= \sin(x) & f^{(4)}(\pi) &= \sin(\pi) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Again, we use the Taylor series form

$$f(x) \sim \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

To get

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x) &\sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(\pi)}{n!}(x-\pi)^n = 0 + (-1)(x-\pi) + \frac{0}{2!}(x-\pi)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}(x-\pi)^3 + \frac{0}{4!}(x-\pi)^4 + \frac{-1}{5!}(x-\pi)^5 + \frac{0}{6!}(x-\pi)^6 + \frac{1}{7!}(x-\pi)^7 + \dots \\ &= -(x-\pi) + \frac{1}{3!}(x-\pi)^3 - \frac{1}{5!}(x-\pi)^5 + \frac{1}{7!}(x-\pi)^7 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

**Conclusion.** Thus the Taylor series has the form

$$\sin(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(x-\pi)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}.$$

**Problem 3b.**

$$\begin{array}{ll}
f(x) = e^x & f(-1) = \frac{1}{e} \\
f'(x) = e^x & f'(-1) = \frac{1}{e} \\
f''(x) = e^x & f''(-1) = \frac{1}{e} \\
\vdots & \vdots
\end{array} \tag{7}$$

By the definition of a Taylor series, we have

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

Thus

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!(x+1)^n}{e}.$$

**3c.**

$$\begin{array}{ll}
f(x) = \ln(x) & f(1) = 0 \\
f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} & f'(1) = 1 \\
f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} & f''(1) = -1 \\
f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3} & f'''(1) = 2 \\
f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4} & f^{(4)}(1) = -6
\end{array} \tag{8}$$

By the definition of a Taylor series, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln(x) &= 0 + 1(x-1) - \frac{1}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{2}{3!}(x-1)^3 - \frac{6}{4!}(x-1)^4 + \dots \\
&= (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

**Conclusion.** Thus the Taylor series has the form

$$\ln(x) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(x-1)^{n+1}}{n+1}.$$

**Problem 3d.**