

## Taylor Series (Part 3)

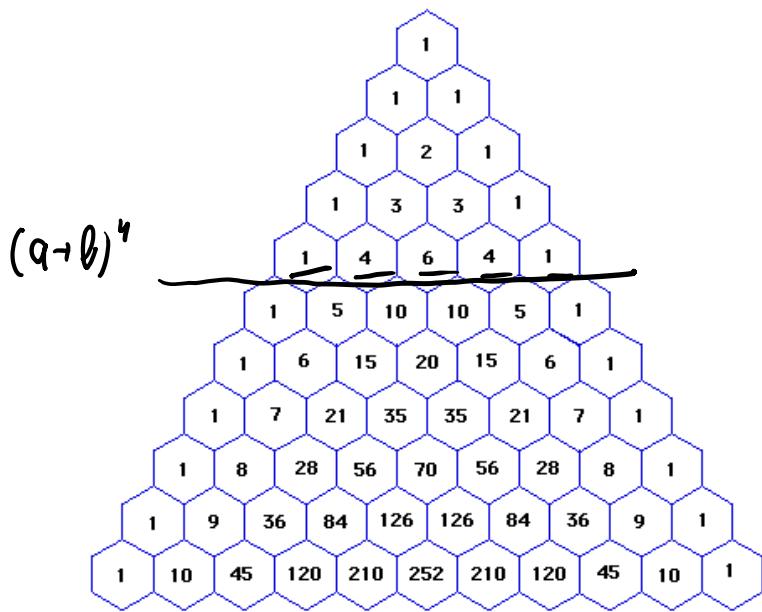
### 1. Binomial Series

We know  $(a + b)^1 = a + b$

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

1 question:  $(a + b)^k = ?$  for any positive integer  $k$



Pascal's Triangle finds coefficients for

$$(a + b)^k, \text{ for } k > 0 \text{ integer}$$

$$(a + b)^k = \sum_{n=0}^k \binom{k}{n} a^{k-n} b^n$$

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)(k-2) \dots (k-n+1)}{n!}$$

or  $\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k!}{(k-n)! n!} \quad n \leq k$  ✓  
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$$\binom{k}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{k}{1} = k, \quad \binom{k}{2} = \frac{k!}{(k-2)! 2!} = \frac{(k-1)k}{2}, \quad \dots \quad \binom{k}{k} = 1,$$

$$(1 + x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^k \binom{k}{n} x^n = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^k \binom{k}{n} x^n$$

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k!}{(k-n)! n!}, \quad n \leq k: \quad \begin{aligned} \binom{k}{0} &= 1, & \binom{k}{1} &= k, & \binom{k}{2} &= \frac{k!}{(k-2)! 2!} = \frac{(k-1)k}{2}, & \dots & \binom{k}{k} &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

Example #1

(a)

$$(1+x)^4 = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^4 \binom{4}{n} x^n$$

$$\binom{4}{1} = 4$$

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{(4-2)! \cdot 2!} = \frac{24}{2 \cdot 2} = 6$$

$$\binom{4}{3} = \frac{4!}{(4-3)! \cdot 3!} = \frac{24}{1! \cdot 6} = 4$$

$$\binom{4}{4} = \frac{4!}{0! \cdot 4!} = 1$$

$$\underbrace{(1+x^4)}_{(1+x)^6} = 1 + 4x + 6x^2 + 4x^3 + x^4$$

(b)

$$(1-5x)^6 = \left(1 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{-5x}{x}\right)}_6\right)^6 = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^6 \binom{6}{n} X^n = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^6 \binom{6}{n} (-5x)^n =$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^6 \binom{6}{n} (-1)^n 5^n x^n = 1 - 6 \cdot 5x + 15 \cdot 5^2 x^2 - 20 \cdot 5^3 x^3 + 15 \cdot 5^4 x^4 - 6 \cdot 5^5 x^5 + 5^6 x^6$$

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k!}{(k-n)! n!}, \quad n \leq k: \quad \begin{aligned} \binom{k}{0} &= 1, & \binom{k}{1} &= k, & \binom{k}{2} &= \frac{k!}{(k-2)! 2!} = \frac{(k-1)k}{2}, & \dots & \binom{k}{k} &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

$$n=1 \quad \binom{6}{1} = 6$$

$$n=6 \quad \binom{6}{6} = 1$$

$$n=2 \quad \binom{6}{2} = \frac{6!}{4! \cdot 2!} = \frac{(6-1) \cdot 6}{2} = 15$$

$$n=3 \quad \binom{6}{3} = \frac{6!}{3! \cdot 3!} = \frac{3! \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6}{3! \cdot 6} = 20$$

$$n=4 \quad \binom{6}{4} = \frac{6!}{2! \cdot 4!} = \frac{4! \cdot 5 \cdot 6}{2 \cdot 4!} = 15$$

$$n=5 \quad \binom{6}{5} = \frac{6!}{1! \cdot 5!} = 6$$

(c)

$$\left(2 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^4 = \left(2\left(1 + \frac{x}{6}\right)\right)^4 = 2^4 \left(1 + \frac{x}{6}\right)^4 = 2^4 \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{4}{n} x^n\right) = 2^4 \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{4}{n} \left(\frac{x}{6}\right)^n\right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc} & 4 & & 6 & \\ & \binom{4}{1} & \binom{4}{2} & \binom{4}{3} & \binom{4}{4} \end{array}\right)$$

**The question:**  $(a + b)^k = ?$  for any  $k$

Newton expanded the binomial theorem so that  $k$  did not have to be a positive integer:

$$(1 + x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n$$

converges for  $|x| < 1$ , for any real number  $k$ .

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-n+1)}{n!}$$

$$\binom{k}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{k}{1} = k, \quad \binom{k}{2} = \frac{k(k-1)}{2}$$

!!The expansion for positive integer powers terminates, i.e. it has only a finite number of terms.

However, for powers that are not positive integers the series is an infinite series that goes on forever.

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-(n-1))}{n!}, \quad \binom{k}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{k}{1} = k, \quad \binom{k}{2} = \frac{k(k-1)}{2}$$

*Example #2*

(a)

$$(1-x)^{-2} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{-2}{n} x^n$$

$$n=1 \quad \binom{-2}{1} = -2$$

$$n=2 \quad \binom{-2}{2} = \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!} = \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2!} = \frac{(-1)^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}{2!}$$

$$n=3 \quad \binom{-2}{3}_{n=3} = \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!} = \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)}{3!} = \frac{(-1)^3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{3!}$$

$$\vdots \quad \binom{-2}{n} = \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)!}{n!} = (-1)^n (n+1)$$

$$(1-x)^{-2} \Leftrightarrow (1+(-x))^2 = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{-2}{n} (-1)^n (n+1) \cdot (-x)^n = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n$$

(b)

Expand  $\sqrt{1+2x}$  and state for what values of  $x$  the series is valid

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-(n-1))}{n!}, \quad \binom{k}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{k}{1} = k, \quad \binom{k}{2} = \frac{k(k-1)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{(1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}} &= \frac{(1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n} (2x)^n = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n} 2^n \cdot x^n = \\ n=1: \quad \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{1} &= \frac{1}{2} \checkmark & \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot x - \frac{1}{8} \cdot 2^2 x^2 + \\ n=2: \quad \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{2} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)}{2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})}{2} = -\frac{1}{8} & + \frac{1}{16} \cdot 2^3 x^3 - \frac{5}{16 \cdot 8} \cdot 2^4 x^4 + \dots \\ n=3: \quad \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{3} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)(\frac{1}{2}-2)}{3!} = \frac{1}{16} \\ n=4: \quad \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{4} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{5}{2})}{4!} = -\frac{5}{16 \cdot 8} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

### Extra Examples:

1.

Expand  $\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-5}$ . For what values of  $x$  is the expansion valid?

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned}\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-5} &= 1 + (-5)\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-5)(-6)}{2!}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-5)(-6)(-7)}{3!}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{15}{4}x^2 + \frac{35}{8}x^3 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

This is valid when  $-1 < -\frac{x}{2} < 1$ , i.e. when  $-2 < x < 2$ .

2.

Expand  $(3 + x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

*Solution.* Remember that when the power is not a positive integer your expression has to be of the form  $(1 + \text{something})^{\text{power}}$ . Deal with this as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}(3 + x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} &= \left(3\left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right)\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}_{\text{expand this}} \\ &= 3^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{2!}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 + \dots\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x^2}{24} + \dots\right)\end{aligned}$$

This is valid when  $-1 < x/3 < 1$ , i.e. when  $-3 < x < 3$ .

### 3.

Find expansions for  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{1/2}$  for the cases (i)  $|x| > 1$  and (ii)  $0 < x < 1$ .

*Solution.* the following calculation produces an expansion which will be valid when  $1/|x| < 1$ , i.e.  $|x| > 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{1/2} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1}{8x^2} + \frac{1}{16x^3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

valid for  $|x| > 1$ .

The above expansion is no good if  $|x| < 1$ . For this case the following trick produces a valid expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{1/2} &= \left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} \underbrace{(1+x)^{1/2}}_{\text{expand this}} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{3!} x^3 + \dots\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{16}x^3 + \dots\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{2}x^{1/2} - \frac{1}{8}x^{3/2} + \frac{1}{16}x^{5/2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Note that this is actually defined only for  $0 < x < 1$ .

## 2. Important Maclaurin Series to Memorize!

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \quad |x| < 1$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}, \quad |x| < \infty$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}, \quad |x| < \infty$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}, \quad |x| < \infty$$

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}, \quad |x| < 1$$

$$\arctan(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}, \quad |x| \leq 1$$

**Example #2.1**

Consider the function  $f(x) = xe^{-x^2}$

a. Find the Maclaurin Series for  $f(x)$

$$e^t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} = 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$t = -x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x \cdot e^{-x^2} = x \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^n}{n!} = x \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{n!} = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{n!}} = \\ &= \underbrace{x}_{\text{1st term}} - \underbrace{x^3}_{\text{3rd term}} + \underbrace{\frac{x^5}{2!}}_{\text{5th term}} - \underbrace{\frac{x^7}{3!}}_{\text{7th term}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

b. Find  $P_3(x)$

$$P_3(x) = x - x^3$$

(It asked here about  $P_4(x) = x - x^3$ )

c. Find a Maclaurin series for  $\int xe^{-x^2} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{n!} dx &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \left( \int x^{2n+1} dx \right) = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \frac{x^{2n+2}}{2n+2} + C} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} x^2}_{\text{1st term}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} x^4}_{\text{3rd term}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2!} \cdot \frac{x^6}{6}}_{\text{5th term}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{3!} \cdot \frac{x^8}{8}}_{\text{7th term}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4!} \cdot \frac{x^{10}}{10}}_{\text{9th term}} - \dots \quad C \end{aligned}$$

d. Estimate the integral  $\int_0^1 xe^{-x^2} dx$  with an error of magnitude less than 0.01 by using as few terms as possible

$$\int_0^1 xe^{-x^2} dx \approx \boxed{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{48} + \frac{1}{240} - \dots}$$

$$|\text{Error}| = |S - P_n| \leq |a_{n+1}|$$

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$$\int_0^1 xe^{-x^2} dx \approx \frac{\frac{1}{2}(24 - 12 + 4 - 1)}{48} = \frac{15}{48} \approx 0.3$$

e. Now integrate  $\int_0^1 xe^{-x^2} dx$  directly

$$\begin{aligned} u &= -x^2 \\ du &= -2x dx \\ -\frac{1}{2} &= x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 xe^{-x^2} dx &= -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2} \Big|_0^1 = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (e^{-1} - 1) = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} (\frac{1}{e} - 1)}_{0.31} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

### Example #2.2

Consider the function  $f(x) = xe^{\cancel{x^5}}$

a. Find the Maclaurin Series for  $f(x)$

b. Use part(a) to find the Series for  $\int_0^{0.1} xe^{-x^5} dx$

c. Approximate the value of the integral from part(b) with an error of absolute value less than  $10^{-8}$

**Example#2.3**

Consider the function  $f(x) = x^2 \sin(x^2)$

a. Find the Maclaurin Series for  $f(x)$

$$\sin t = t - \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^5}{5!} - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$x^2 \sin(x^2) = x^2 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x^2)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{4n+4}}{(2n+1)!}}$$

$$= x^4 - \frac{x^8}{3!} + \frac{x^{12}}{5!} - \frac{x^{16}}{7!} + \dots$$

b. Use part(a) to find the Series for  $\int_0^{0.1} x^2 \sin(x^2) dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{0.1} x^2 \sin(x^2) dx &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \left( \int_0^{0.1} x^{4n+4} dx \right) = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \frac{x^{4n+5}}{(4n+5)} \Big|_0^{0.1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!(4n+5) 10^{4n+5}} \end{aligned}$$

c. Suppose that first two terms in the series in part (b) are used to approximate the value of the integral. Bound the magnitude of the error of this approximation.

$$\int_0^{0.1} x^2 \sin(x^2) dx = \underbrace{\frac{1}{5 \cdot 10^5} - \frac{1}{6 \cdot 9 \cdot 10^9}}_{P_N} + \frac{1}{5! 13 \cdot 10^{13}}$$

$$|E| \leq \frac{1}{5! (13) 10^3}$$

**Example #2.4**

Consider the function  $f(x) = \underline{x} \cos(x)$

a. Find the Maclaurin Series for  $f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} x \cos x &= \cancel{x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n)!} = \\ &= x \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} \dots \right) = x - \frac{x^3}{2!} + \frac{x^5}{4!} - \frac{x^7}{6!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

b. Use part(a) to find the first two nonzero terms in Maclaurin Series for

$$g(x) = x \cos(x) - \sin(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \left( x - \frac{x^3}{2!} + \frac{x^5}{4!} - \frac{x^7}{6!} + \dots \right) - \left( \cancel{x} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \dots \right) \\ &\quad \text{sin } x \\ &= x^3 \left( -\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} \right) + x^5 \left( \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{1}{5!} \right) + \dots = \\ &= -\frac{1}{3}x^3 + \left( \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{120} \right)x^5 + \dots = \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}x^3 + \left( \frac{1}{30}x^5 \right) + \dots} \end{aligned}$$

c. Use the result from part b to evaluate the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos(x) - \sin(x)}{x^3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( -\frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{30}x^5 \right) + (\ )x^7 + \dots}{x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{30}x^2 + (\ )x^4 \right) \\ &= \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Check

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^3} = \frac{0}{0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{\cos x} - x \sin x - \cancel{\cos x}}{3x^2} =$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x \sin x}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{\sin x}{x}}{3} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

**Example #2.5**

Consider the function  $f(x) = \ln(x)$

a. Find the Taylor Series for  $f(x)$  around  $a = 1$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \ln x &= \ln(x+1-1) = \ln\left(1 + \underbrace{\frac{(x-1)}{t}}_t\right) = \boxed{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(x-1)^n}{n}} \\ &= (x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

b. Use part(a) to find the first two nonzero terms in Taylor Series for

$$g(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x-1} = \frac{(x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} - \dots}{(x-1)} = \boxed{1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^2 + \dots}$$

c. Use the result from part b to evaluate the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln(x)}{x-1} = \frac{0}{0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1} = \boxed{1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^2 - \dots = \boxed{1}$$

**Example #2.6**

*Find the Taylor expansion about  $x = 3$  and its radius and interval of convergence for*

$$f(x) = \frac{2x - 6}{x}$$

**Example #2.7**

Consider  $f(x) = \frac{3}{1-x^2}$  Use Maclaurin Series to find  $f^{(13)}(0)$  and  $f^{(16)}(0)$

**Example #2.8**

Consider the function  $f(x) = \sin x - \tan x$

a. Find the Maclaurin Series for  $f(x)$

b. Use the result from part (a) to evaluate the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) - \tan x}{x^3}$

**Example#2.9**

Use Maclaurin Series to evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x}$$