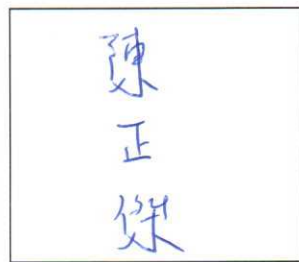


# Calculus Homework Assignment 3

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1. Find the Taylor polynomials of orders 0, 1, 2, and 3 generated by  $f$  at  $a$ .

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

[§10.8 #3]  $f(x) = \ln x, f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}, f''(x) = -x^{-2}$   
 $f'''(x) = 2x^{-3}$ . So  $f(1) = 0, f'(1) = 1, f''(1) = -1$   
 $f'''(1) = 2$ . Now  $P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$ .

So  $P_0(x) = 0, P_1(x) = (x-1)$

$$P_2(x) = (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2$$

$$P_3(x) = (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3$$

2. Find the Taylor series generated by  $f$  at  $x = a$ .

$$f(x) = 2^x, \quad a = 1$$

[§10.8 #30]

$f(x) = 2^x, f'(x) = 2^x \cdot \ln 2, f''(x) = 2^x \cdot (\ln 2)^2$   
 $\dots, f^{(n)}(x) = 2^x \cdot (\ln 2)^n$

So  $f(1) = 2, f'(1) = 2 \cdot \ln 2, f''(1) = 2 \cdot (\ln 2)^2,$

$\dots, f^{(n)}(1) = 2 \cdot (\ln 2)^n$

The Taylor series generated by  $f$  at  $x=a=1$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n = 2 + 2 \ln 2 (x-1) + \frac{2(\ln 2)^2}{2!} (x-1)^2$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{2(\ln 2)^n}{n!} (x-1)^n + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2(\ln 2)^n}{n!} (x-1)^n$$

3. Find the first three nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for each function and the values of  $x$  for which the series converges absolutely.

$$f(x) = (\sin x) \ln(1+x)$$

[§10.8 #35]

$\sin x = x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 - \dots, (|x| < \infty)$   
 $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots, |x| < 1$

$$f(x) = (x^2 - \frac{1}{3!}x^4 + \frac{1}{5!}x^6 - \dots) +$$

$$(-\frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!}x^5 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5!}x^7 + \dots) +$$

$$(\frac{1}{3}x^4 - \frac{1}{3 \cdot 3!}x^6 + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5!}x^8 - \dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{6}x^4 + \dots, |x| < 1$$

4. Use power series operations to find the Taylor series at  $x = 0$  for the function.

$$\frac{x}{3} \ln(1+x^2)$$

[§10.9 #27]

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

$\Rightarrow \ln(1+x^2) = x^2 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^6}{3} - \dots, |x| < 1$

$$\frac{x}{3} \ln(1+x^2) = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{6} + \frac{x^7}{9} - \dots$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} x^{2k+1}}{3k}, |x| < 1$$

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5. Find the first four nonzero terms in the Maclaurin series for the function.

$$e^x \sin x$$

[§10.9 #29]

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad \text{on } (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad \text{on } (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^x \sin x &= (x + x^2 + \frac{x^3}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{4!} + \dots) + \\ &\quad (-\frac{x^3}{3!} - \frac{x^4}{3!} - \frac{x^5}{2 \cdot 3!} - \frac{x^6}{3! \cdot 3!} - \dots) + \\ &\quad (\frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{2 \cdot 5!} + \frac{x^8}{3! \cdot 5!} + \dots) + \dots \\ &= x + x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - (\frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!})x^5 - \dots \\ &= x + x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{30}x^5 - \dots \quad \text{on } (-\infty, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

6. Find the first four terms of the binomial series for the functions.

a.  $(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

b.  $(1+\frac{x}{2})^{-2}$  [§10.10 #2, 5]

a)  $\binom{1/3}{1} = \frac{1}{3}, \binom{1/3}{2} = \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(\frac{1}{3}-1)}{2!} = -\frac{1}{9}$

$$\binom{1/3}{3} = \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(\frac{1}{3}-1)(\frac{1}{3}-2)}{3!} = \frac{5}{81}$$

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1 + \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{9}x^2 + \frac{5}{81}x^3 - \dots \quad |x| < 1$$

b)  $\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots, |x| < 1$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = -1 + 2x - 3x^2 + 4x^3 - \dots, |x| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots, |x| < 1$$

$$(1+\frac{x}{2})^{-2} = 1 - x + \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \dots, |x| < 2$$

7. Find parametric equations for the semicircle

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2, \quad y > 0$$

using as parameter the slope  $t = dy/dx$  of the tangent to the curve at  $(x, y)$ . [§11.1 #29]

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(a^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} = t, \quad y > 0$$

By assumption, we have

$$\frac{x^2}{y^2} + \frac{y^2}{y^2} = \frac{a^2}{y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{a^2}{t^2+1} \quad \& \quad y = \frac{|a|}{\sqrt{t^2+1}}$$

$$\text{Thus, } y = \frac{|a|}{\sqrt{t^2+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad x = -yt = \frac{-|a|t}{\sqrt{t^2+1}}$$

8. Find the point on the parabola

$$x = t, \quad y = t^2, \quad -\infty < t < \infty,$$

closest to the point  $(2, 1/2)$ .

(Hint: Minimize the square of the distance as a function of  $t$ .) [§11.1 #39]

Let  $d = \sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (y-\frac{1}{2})^2}$  the distance fun.

$$\text{Then } d = d(t) = \sqrt{(t-2)^2 + (t^2-\frac{1}{2})^2}$$

$$\text{and } d^2 = (t-2)^2 + (t^2-\frac{1}{2})^2$$

$$\text{Now } (d^2)' = 2(t-2) + 2(t^2-\frac{1}{2}) \cdot 2t$$

$$= 2t - 4 + 4t^3 - 2t$$

$$= 4t^3 - 4 = 4(t-1)(t^2+t+1)$$

$$(d^2)'' = 12t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (d^2)''|_{t=1} = 12 > 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } (x, y) = (1, 1^2) = (1, 1) \text{ is}$$

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