

Unit: Taylor Polynomials and Power Series

Topic: Taylor Polynomial and Power Series Review

Objective: SWBAT repair the skills needed to answer questions on Taylor Polynomials and Power Series for the upcoming exam.

Directions: Read each question carefully and show all work.

- 1) Let f be a function that has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. Assume $f(0) = 5$, $f'(0) = -3$, $f''(0) = 1$, and $f'''(0) = 4$.
- (a) Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$ and use it to approximate $f(0.2)$.
 - (b) Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for g , where $g(x) = f(x^2)$, about $x = 0$.
 - (c) Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for h , where $h(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$, about $x = 0$.

- 2) Suppose the function $f(x)$ is approximated near $x = 0$ by a sixth-degree Taylor polynomial $P_6(x) = 3x - 4x^3 + 5x^6$. Give the value of each of the following:

a) $f(0)$ b) $f'(0)$ c) $f'''(0)$

d) $f^5(0)$ e) $f^6(0)$

- 3) The function f has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers x . Assume $f(2) = -3$, $f'(2) = 5$, $f''(2) = 3$, and $f'''(2) = -8$.
- (a) Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 2$ and use it to approximate $f(1.5)$.
 - (b) The fourth derivative of f satisfies the inequality $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 3$ for all x in the closed interval $[1.5, 2]$. Use the Lagrange error bound on the approximation to $f(1.5)$ found in part (a) to explain why $f(1.5) \neq -5$.
 - (c) Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial, $P(x)$, for $g(x) = f(x^2 + 2)$ about $x = 0$. Use P to explain why g must have a relative minimum at $x = 0$.

4) Let $f(x) = \cos(2x) - 1 + 2x^2$.

- a) Find the first two non-zero terms in the Maclaurin series expansion of f .

b) Using the expansion found in part (a) compute: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(2x) - 1 + 2x^2}{x^4}$

5) The Maclaurin series for the function f is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^{n+1}}{n+1} = 2x + \frac{4x^2}{2} + \frac{8x^3}{3} + \frac{16x^4}{4} + \cdots + \frac{(2x)^{n+1}}{n+1} + \cdots$$

on its interval of convergence.

- Find the interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series for f . Justify your answer.
- Find the first four terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for $f'(x)$.
- Use the Maclaurin series you found in part (b) to find the value of $f'\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$.

6) Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for $\int_0^x \cos t^2 dt$.

- 7) a) Write the Taylor series expansion about $x = 0$ for $f(x) = \ln(1 + x^2)$. Include an expression for the general term.
- b) For what values of x does the series in part (a) converge?
- c) Estimate the error in evaluating $\ln\left(\frac{13}{9}\right)$ by using only the first four nonzero terms of the series in part (a). Justify your answer.
- 8) a) Suppose a function f is approximated with a fifth-degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 2$. If the maximum value of the sixth derivative between $x = 2$ and $x = 5$ is 0.25, that is $|f^{(6)}(x)| < 0.25$, then find the maximum error incurred using the approximation to compute $f(5)$.
- b) Suppose $P_5(5) = 3.618$. Use your answer to (a) to find an interval in which $f(5)$ must reside.
- c) Could $f(5) = 3.725$? Why or why not?

- 9) The function f has a Taylor series about $x = 2$ that converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence. The n th derivative of f at $x = 2$ is given by $f^{(n)}(2) = \frac{(n+1)!}{3^n}$ for $n \geq 1$, and $f(2) = 1$.
- (a) Write the first four terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 2$.
 - (b) Find the radius of convergence for the Taylor series for f about $x = 2$. Show the work that leads to your answer.
 - (c) Let g be a function satisfying $g(2) = 3$ and $g'(x) = f(x)$ for all x . Write the first four terms and the general term of the Taylor series for g about $x = 2$.
 - (d) Does the Taylor series for g as defined in part (c) converge at $x = -2$? Give a reason for your answer.
- 10) Consider the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, where $a_0 = 1$ and $a_n = \left(\frac{7}{n}\right) a_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$.
- (a) Find the first four terms and the general term of the series.
 - (b) For what values of x does the series converge?
 - (c) If $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, find the value of $f'(1)$.

Answer Key

1) a) 4.425		b) $P_4(x) = 5 - 3x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^4$		c) $P_3(x) = 5x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3$	
2) a) 0 b) 3 c) -24 d) 0 e) 3600				3) a) $-\frac{119}{24}$	
b) $error \leq \frac{1}{128}$, $-4.966 < f(1.5) < -4.951$				c) $P(x) = -3 + 5x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x^4$	
4) a) $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^4 - \frac{4}{45}x^6$				b) 2/3	5) a) $-\frac{1}{2} \leq x < \frac{1}{2}$
b) $f'(x) = 2 + 4x + 8x^2 + 16x^3 + \dots 2(2x)^n + \dots$				c) 6/5	
6) $x - \frac{x^5}{5(2!)} + \frac{x^9}{9(4!)} - \frac{x^{13}}{13(6!)} + \dots \frac{(x^2)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$					
7) a) $\ln(1 + x^2) = x^2 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^6}{3} - \frac{x^8}{4} + \dots \frac{(-1)^{n+1}x^{2n}}{n} + \dots$				b) $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ c) .00000006	
8) a) .253125 b) $3.365 \leq f(5) \leq 3.871$ c) yes					
9) a) $f(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{3}(x - 2) + \frac{3}{3^2}(x - 2)^2 + \frac{4}{3^3}(x - 2)^3 + \dots \frac{n+1}{3^n}(x - 2)^n + \dots$					
b) $R = 3$		c) $g(x) = 3 + (x - 2) + \frac{1}{3}(x - 2)^2 + \frac{1}{3^2}(x - 2)^3 + \dots \frac{1}{3^n}(x - 2)^{n+1} + \dots$			
d) no, interval of convergence is $-1 < x < 5$					
10) a) $1 + 7x + \frac{7^2x^2}{2!} + \frac{7^3x^3}{3!} + \dots \frac{(7x)^n}{n!} + \dots$					
b) converges for all real numbers					c) $f'(1) = 7e^7$