

TAYLOR SERIES (practice)

1. The following parts refer to $f(x) = \frac{1}{3-x}$.

A. Write the Taylor series expansion for $f(x)$ about $x = 0$.

B. Expand $f(x)$ in a Taylor series in terms of $x/3$ about $x = 0$.

C. Find the Taylor series expansion for $f(x)$ about $x = 2$ without actually taking the derivatives. (Hint: rewrite the denominator so that $x - 2$ appears.)

D. Do part C by actually taking the derivatives of $f(x)$. Is your series expansion identical to the one you got in part C?

E. Use part A to find each of the following $f'(0)$ $f'''(0)$ $f^{(5)}(0)$

F. Use part C to find each of the following $f'(2)$ $f'''(2)$ $f^{(5)}(2)$

G. Find the Taylor series expansion about $x = 0$ for $\frac{x}{3-x}$. Include at least four nonzero terms.

2. Find the Taylor series about 0 for the functions below. Include at least four nonzero terms.

A. $f(x) = \arcsin x$ B. $f(x) = \ln(3x+1)$ C. $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x}$

3. A. Find the Taylor polynomial of degree 3 approximating $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x}$ near 0.

B. Use the polynomial in part A to give approximate values of $\sqrt{0.5}$ and $\sqrt{0.9}$.

C. Which approximation in part B is more accurate? Why?

4. A. Suppose all the derivatives of a function f exist at 0. If the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$ is given by $f(x) = 5x^3 - 7x^5 + 9x^7 - \dots$ find $f^{(4)}(0)$ $f^{(5)}(0)$ $f^{(7)}(0)$

B. If $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-\pi)^n}{n^2}$ find $f'''(\pi)$

5. Find the exact value of the following sums:

$$\text{A. } 5 - \frac{5(0.2)^2}{2!} + \frac{5(0.2)^4}{4!} - \frac{5(0.2)^6}{6!} + \frac{5(0.2)^8}{8!} - \dots$$

$$\text{B. } (0.2)^2 - \frac{(0.2)^4}{3!} + \frac{(0.2)^6}{5!} - \frac{(0.2)^8}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\text{C. } 5 - \frac{5(0.2)^2}{1!} + \frac{5(0.2)^4}{2!} - \frac{5(0.2)^6}{3!} + \frac{5(0.2)^8}{4!} - \dots$$

$$\text{D. } \frac{5(0.2)^2}{2} + \frac{5(0.2)^4}{2} + \frac{5(0.2)^6}{2} + \frac{5(0.2)^8}{2} - \dots$$

$$\text{E. } 5 + 5 + \frac{5}{2!} + \frac{5}{3!} + \frac{5}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\text{F. } 1 - 5 + \frac{25}{2!} - \frac{125}{3!} + \frac{625}{4!} + \dots$$