

Ex # 1 Find the nth Maclaurin polynomial for  $f(x) = e^x$ .  $c=0$

| $n$ | $f^n(x)$<br>(derivative) | $f^n(c)$<br>$c=0$<br>(derivative at c) | $(x-c)^n$       | $n!$       | $\frac{f^n(c)(x-c)^n}{n!}$ |
|-----|--------------------------|--|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 0   | $e^x$                    | $e^0 = 1$                              | $(x-0)^0 = 1$   | $0! = 1$   | $\frac{1}{1}$              |
| 1   | $e^x$                    | $e^0 = 1$                              | $(x-0)^1 = x$   | $1! = 1$   | $\frac{1 \cdot x}{1!}$     |
| 2   | $e^x$                    | $e^0 = 1$                              | $(x-0)^2 = x^2$ | $2! = 2$   | $\frac{1 \cdot x^2}{2!}$   |
| 3   | $e^x$                    | $e^0 = 1$                              | $(x-0)^3 = x^3$ | $3! = 6$   | $\frac{1 \cdot x^3}{3!}$   |
| 4   | $e^x$                    | $e^0 = 1$                              | $(x-0)^4 = x^4$ | $4! = 24$  | $\frac{1 \cdot x^4}{4!}$   |
| 5   | $e^x$                    | $e^0 = 1$                              | $(x-0)^5 = x^5$ | $5! = 120$ | $\frac{1 \cdot x^5}{5!}$   |

$$1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \sum_{n=0}^{00} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Ex # 2 Find the Taylor polynomials  $P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3$ , and  $P_4$  for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ .  $c=0$

| $n$ | $f^n(x)$<br>(derivative)                      | $f^n(c)$<br>(derivative at c) | $(x-c)^n$       | $n!$      | $\frac{f^n(c)(x-c)^n}{n!}$ |
|-----|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 0   | $\frac{1}{1-x} = (1-x)^{-1}$                  | $\frac{1}{1-0} = 1$           | $(x-0)^0 = 1$   | $0! = 1$  | $\frac{1}{1}$              |
| 1   | $-1(1-x)^{-2} \cdot -1 = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$   | $\frac{1}{(1-0)^2} = 1$       | $(x-0)^1 = x$   | $1! = 1$  | $\frac{1 \cdot x}{1!}$     |
| 2   | $-2(1-x)^{-3} \cdot -1 = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3}$   | $\frac{2}{(1-0)^3} = 2$       | $(x-0)^2 = x^2$ | $2! = 2$  | $\frac{2 \cdot x^2}{2!}$   |
| 3   | $-6(1-x)^{-4} \cdot -1 = \frac{6}{(1-x)^4}$   | $\frac{6}{(1-0)^4} = 6$       | $(x-0)^3 = x^3$ | $3! = 6$  | $\frac{6 \cdot x^3}{3!}$   |
| 4   | $-24(1-x)^{-5} \cdot -1 = \frac{24}{(1-x)^5}$ | $\frac{24}{(1-0)^5} = 24$     | $(x-0)^4 = x^4$ | $4! = 24$ | $\frac{24 \cdot x^4}{4!}$  |

$$1 + x + \frac{2x^2}{2!} + \frac{6x^3}{3!} + \frac{24x^4}{4!} + \dots = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots \sum_{n=0}^{00} x^n$$

Ex # 3 Find the Maclaurin polynomial  $P_6$  for  $f(x) = \cos x$ .  $c=0$

| $n$ | $f^n(x)$<br>(derivative) | $f^n(c)$<br>(derivative at c) | $(x-c)^n$       | $n!$       | $\frac{f^n(c)(x-c)^n}{n!}$          |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0   | $\cos x$                 | $\cos(0) = 1$                 | $(x-0)^0 = 1$   | $0! = 1$   | $\frac{1}{1} = 1$                   |
| 1   | $-\sin x$                | $-\sin(0) = 0$                | $(x-0)^1 = x$   | $1! = 1$   | $\frac{0 \cdot x}{1!} = 0$          |
| 2   | $-\cos x$                | $-\cos(0) = -1$               | $(x-0)^2 = x^2$ | $2! = 2$   | $-\frac{1 \cdot x^2}{2!} = -x^2/2!$ |
| 3   | $\sin x$                 | $\sin(0) = 0$                 | $(x-0)^3 = x^3$ | $3! = 6$   | $\frac{0 \cdot x^3}{3!} = 0$        |
| 4   | $\cos x$                 | $\cos(0) = 1$                 | $(x-0)^4 = x^4$ | $4! = 24$  | $\frac{1 \cdot x^4}{4!} = x^4/4!$   |
| 5   | $-\sin x$                | $-\sin(0) = 0$                | $(x-0)^5 = x^5$ | $5! = 120$ | $0 \cdot x^5/5! = 0$                |
| 6   | $-\cos x$                | $-\cos(0) = -1$               | $(x-0)^6 = x^6$ | $6! = 720$ | $-\frac{1 \cdot x^6}{6!} = -x^6/6!$ |

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \sum_{n=0}^{00} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

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$$c=0$$

| n | $f^n(x)$<br>(derivative) | $f^n(c)$<br>(derivative at c) | $(x-c)^n$       | $n!$       | $\frac{f^n(c)(x-c)^n}{n!}$           |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 0 | $\sin x$                 | $\sin(0) = 0$                 | $(x-0)^0 = 1$   | $0! = 1$   | $\frac{0}{1} = 0$                    |
| 1 | $\cos x$                 | $\cos(0) = 1$                 | $(x-0)^1 = x$   | $1! = 1$   | $1 \cdot x / 1! = x$                 |
| 2 | $-\sin x$                | $-\sin(0) = 0$                | $(x-0)^2 = x^2$ | $2! = 2$   | $0 \cdot x^2 / 2! = 0$               |
| 3 | $-\cos x$                | $-\cos(0) = -1$               | $(x-0)^3 = x^3$ | $3! = 6$   | $-1 \cdot x^3 / 3! = -\frac{x^3}{6}$ |
| 4 | $\sin x$                 | $\sin(0) = 0$                 | $(x-0)^4 = x^4$ | $4! = 24$  | $0 \cdot x^4 / 4! = 0$               |
| 5 | $\cos x$                 | $\cos(0) = 1$                 | $(x-0)^5 = x^5$ | $5! = 120$ | $1 \cdot x^5 / 5! = \frac{x^5}{120}$ |

$$\left\{ \frac{x}{1!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \right. \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left. (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \right\}$$

x # 2 Find the Taylor polynomials  $P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3$ , and  $P_4$  for  $f(x) = \ln x$  at  $x=1$

| n | $f^n(x)$<br>(derivative)    | $f^n(c)$<br>(derivative at c) | $(x-c)^n$     | $n!$      | $\frac{f^n(c)(x-c)^n}{n!}$              |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|
| 0 | $\ln x$                     | $\ln(1) = 0$                  | $(x-1)^0 = 1$ | $0! = 1$  | $0 \cdot 1 / 1! = 0$                    |
| 1 | $\frac{1}{x} = 1$           | $+ = 1$                       | $(x-1)^1$     | $1! = 1$  | $1(x-1) / 1! = x-1$                     |
| 2 | $-1x^{-2} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ | $-\frac{1}{2} = -1$           | $(x-1)^2$     | $2! = 2$  | $-1(x-1)^2 / 2! = -\frac{(x-1)^2}{2}$   |
| 3 | $2x^{-3} = \frac{2}{x^3}$   | $\frac{2}{3} = 2$             | $(x-1)^3$     | $3! = 6$  | $2(x-1)^3 / 3! = \frac{2(x-1)^3}{6}$    |
| 4 | $-6x^{-4} = -\frac{6}{x^4}$ | $-\frac{12}{4} = -6$          | $(x-1)^4$     | $4! = 24$ | $-6(x-1)^4 / 4! = -\frac{6(x-1)^4}{24}$ |

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

x # 3 Find the Maclaurin polynomial  $P_6$  for  $f(x) = \cos(2x)$

| n | $f^n(x)$<br>(derivative)            | $f^n(c)$<br>(derivative at c) | $(x-c)^n$       | $n!$       | $\frac{f^n(c)(x-c)^n}{n!}$                |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|---|
| 0 | $\cos(2x)$                          | $\cos(0) = 1$                 | $(x-0)^0 = 1$   | $0! = 1$   | $1/1 = 1$                                 |
| 1 | $-\sin(2x) \cdot 2 = -2\sin(2x)$    | $-2\sin(0) = 0$               | $(x-0)^1 = x$   | $1! = 1$   | $0 \cdot x / 1! = 0$                      |
| 2 | $-2\cos(2x) \cdot 2 = -4\cos(2x)$   | $-4\cos(0) = -4$              | $(x-0)^2 = x^2$ | $2! = 2$   | $-4x^2 / 2! = -2x^2$                      |
| 3 | $4\sin(2x) \cdot 2 = 8\sin(2x)$     | $8\sin(0) = 0$                | $(x-0)^3 = x^3$ | $3! = 6$   | $0 \cdot x^3 / 3! = 0$                    |
| 4 | $8\cos(2x) \cdot 2 = 16\cos(2x)$    | $16\cos(0) = 16$              | $(x-0)^4 = x^4$ | $4! = 24$  | $16 \cdot x^4 / 4! = \frac{16x^4}{24}$    |
| 5 | $-16\sin(2x) \cdot 2 = -32\sin(2x)$ | $-32\sin(0) = 0$              | $(x-0)^5 = x^5$ | $5! = 120$ | $0 \cdot x^5 / 5! = 0$                    |
| 6 | $-32\cos(2x) \cdot 2 = -64\cos(2x)$ | $-64\cos(0) = -64$            | $(x-0)^6 = x^6$ | $6! = 720$ | $-64 \cdot x^6 / 6! = -\frac{64x^6}{720}$ |

$$\left( 1 - \frac{4x^2}{2!} + \frac{16x^4}{4!} - \frac{64x^6}{6!} + \dots \right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} 2^{2n} x^{2n}$$

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# power series homework

16. The coefficient of  $x^4$  in the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$  is

- (A)  $-\frac{1}{24}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{24}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{96}$  (D)  $-\frac{1}{384}$

$$1 + \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^2}{2!} + \frac{\left(\frac{-x}{2}\right)^3}{3!} + \frac{\left(\frac{-x}{2}\right)^4}{4!}$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}$$

- (E)  $\frac{1}{384}$

$$= \frac{x^4}{16} = \frac{x^4}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{4!} = \frac{x^4}{16 \cdot 4!} = \frac{x^4}{16 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{384} x^4$$

30. The Taylor polynomial of order 3 at  $x = 0$  for  $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$  is

(A)  $1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{3x^3}{8}$

(B)  $1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16}$

(C)  $1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} - \frac{x^3}{16}$

(D)  $1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{8}$

(E)  $1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{3x^3}{8}$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{3}{8}x^3$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{16}x^3$$

| $n$ | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | plug in 0                  | $n!$           | $(x-c)^n$ |
|-----|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 0   | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | $1$                        | $1$            | $1$       |
| 1   | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | $\frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-1/2}$  | $\frac{1}{2}$  | $x$       |
| 2   | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | $-\frac{1}{4}(1+x)^{-3/2}$ | $-\frac{1}{4}$ | $x^2$     |
| 3   | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | $\frac{3}{8}(1+x)^{-5/2}$  | $\frac{3}{8}$  | $x^3$     |

31. The Taylor polynomial of order 3 at  $x = 1$  for  $e^x$  is

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

(B)  $e \left[ 1 + (x-1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} \right]$

(C)  $e \left[ 1 + (x+1) + \frac{(x+1)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x+1)^3}{3!} \right]$

(D)  $e \left[ 1 + (x-1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} \right]$

(E)  $e \left[ 1 - (x-1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} \right]$

| $n$ | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | plug in 1 | $n!$ | terms  | $(x-c)^n$ |
|-----|----------------|-----------|------|--------|-----------|
| 0   | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | $e^1$     | $1$  | $e$    | $1$       |
| 1   | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | $e$       | $1!$ | $e$    | $(x-1)$   |
| 2   | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | $e$       | $2!$ | $e/2!$ | $(x-1)^2$ |
| 3   | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | $e$       | $3!$ | $e/3!$ | $(x-1)^3$ |

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

35. The coefficient of  $x^2$  in the Maclaurin series for  $e^{\sin x}$  is

- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C)  $\frac{1}{2!}$   
(D) -1 (E)  $-\frac{1}{4}$

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

37. The coefficient of  $(x-1)^5$  in the Taylor series for  $x \ln x$  about  $x = 1$  is

- (A)  $-\frac{1}{20}$  (B)  $-\frac{1}{5!}$  (C)  $-\frac{1}{5!}$  (D)  $-\frac{1}{4!}$  (E)  $-\frac{1}{4!}$

44. The Taylor polynomial of order 3 at  $x = 0$  for  $(1+x)^p$ , where  $p$  is a constant, is

- (A)  $1 + px + p(p-1)x^2 + p(p-1)(p-2)x^3$   
 (B)  $1 + px + \frac{p(p-1)}{2}x^2 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3}x^3$   
 (C)  $1 + px + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!}x^3$   
 (D)  $px + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!}x^3$   
 (E) none of these

| n | $\frac{d}{dx}$           | plug in       | $n!$ | $(x-c)^n$ |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|------|-----------|
| 0 | $(1+x)^p$                | 1             | 1    | 1         |
| 1 | $p(1+x)^{p-1}$           | $p$           | $1!$ | $x$       |
| 2 | $p(p-1)(1+x)^{p-2}$      | $p(p-1)$      | $2!$ | $x^2$     |
| 3 | $p(p-1)(p-2)(1+x)^{p-3}$ | $p(p-1)(p-2)$ | $3!$ | $x^3$     |

45. The Taylor series for  $\ln(1+2x)$  about  $x = 0$  is

- (A)  $2x - \frac{(2x)^2}{2} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3} - \frac{(2x)^4}{4} + \dots$   
 (B)  $2x - 2x^2 + 8x^3 - 16x^4 + \dots$   
 (C)  $2x - 4x^2 + 16x^3 + \dots$   
 (D)  $2x - x^2 + \frac{8}{3}x^3 - 4x^4 + \dots$   
 (E)  $2x - \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} - \frac{(2x)^4}{4!} + \dots$

$2x - 2x^2 + 8x^3 - 16x^4$

$$2x - \frac{4}{2!}x^2 = 2x - 2x^2 + \frac{16}{3!}x^3$$

| n | $\frac{d}{dx}$                                      | plug in          | $n!$ | $(x-c)^n$ |
|---|---|------------------|------|-----------|
| 0 | $\ln(1+2x)$   | 0                | 1    | 1         |
| 1 | $\frac{1}{1+2x} \cdot 2 = \frac{2}{1+2x}$           | $\frac{2}{1+2x}$ | $1!$ | $x$       |
| 2 | $\frac{-2}{(1+2x)^2} \cdot 2 = -\frac{4}{(1+2x)^2}$ | -4               | $2!$ | $x^2$     |
| 3 | $\frac{8}{(1+2x)^3} \cdot 2$                        | 16               | $3!$ | $x^3$     |

47. The third-order Taylor polynomial  $P_3(x)$  for  $\sin x$  about  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  is

- (A)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( (x - \frac{\pi}{4}) - \frac{1}{3!}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^3 \right)$   
 (B)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + (x - \frac{\pi}{4}) - \frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^2 + \frac{1}{3!}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^3 \right)$   
 (C)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + (x - \frac{\pi}{4}) - \frac{1}{2!}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^2 - \frac{1}{3!}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^3 \right)$   
 (D)  $1 + (x - \frac{\pi}{4}) - \frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^2 - \frac{1}{6}(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^3$   
 (E)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x - \pi/4)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2 \cdot 2!}(x - \pi/4)^2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2 \cdot 3!}(x - \pi/4)^3$

| n | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | plug in       | $n!$ | $(x-c)^n$     |
|---|----------------|---------------|------|---------------|
| 0 | $\sin x$       | $\sqrt{2}/2$  | 1    | 1             |
| 1 | $\cos x$       | $\sqrt{2}/2$  | $1!$ | $(x-\pi/4)$   |
| 2 | $-\sin x$      | $-\sqrt{2}/2$ | $2!$ | $(x-\pi/4)^2$ |
| 3 | $-\cos x$      | $-\sqrt{2}/2$ | $3!$ | $(x-\pi/4)^3$ |

48. Let  $h$  be a function for which all derivatives exist at  $x = 1$ . If  $h(1) = h'(1) = h''(1) = h'''(1) = 6$ , which third-degree polynomial best approximates  $h$  there?

- (A)  $6 + 6x + 6x^2 + 6x^3$   
 (B)  $6 + 6(x-1) + 6(x-1)^2 + 6(x-1)^3$   
 (C)  $6 + 6x + 3x^2 + x^3$   
 (D)  $6 + 6(x-1) + 3(x-1)^2 + (x-1)^3$   
 (E)  $6 + 3(x-1) + 1(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^3$

| n | $\frac{d}{dx}$ | plug in | $n!$ | $(x-1)^n$ |
|---|----------------|---------|------|-----------|
| 0 | $h(x)$         | 6       | 1    | 1         |
| 1 | $h'(x)$        | 6       | $1!$ | $(x-1)$   |
| 2 | $h''(x)$       | 6       | $2!$ | $(x-1)^2$ |
| 3 | $h'''(x)$      | 6       | $3!$ | $(x-1)^3$ |

$$6 + 6(x-1) + \frac{6}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{6}{3!}(x-1)^3$$

$$6 + 6(x-1) + 3(x-1)^2 + (x-1)^3$$

30. B  
 31. D  
 35. C  
 37. A  
 44. C  
 45. A  
 47. C  
 48. D

#37)  $f(x) = \ln x$

| $n$ | $\frac{d}{dx}$                                       | plug in<br>$x=1$ | $n!$ | $(x-1)^n$ |
|-----|--|------------------|------|-----------|
| 0   | $x \ln x$  | $x=1 = 0$        | 1    | 1         |
| 1   | $x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \cdot 1$<br>$1 + \ln x$ | 1                | $1!$ | $(x-1)$   |
| 2   | $\frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$                               | 1                | $2!$ | $(x-1)^2$ |
| 3   | $\frac{-1}{x^2} = -1x^{-2}$                          | -1               | $3!$ | $(x-1)^3$ |
| 4   | $2x^{-3} = \frac{2}{x^3}$                            | 2                | $4!$ | $(x-1)^4$ |
| 5   | $-6x^{-4} = \frac{-6}{x^4}$                          | -6               | $5!$ | $(x-1)^5$ |

$$0 + (x-1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} - \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} + \frac{2(x-1)^4}{4!} - \frac{6(x-1)^5}{5!}$$

$$\frac{-6}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{20}}$$

