

## Question 1:

- (a) Use a linear approximation  $T_1(x)$  for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}}$  to approximate  $f(1/10)$ . Express your answer as a single simplified fraction.

$\frac{1}{10}$  is near  $a=0$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}}; \quad f(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0}} = 1$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1+x)^{-1/2} \right] = -\frac{1}{2} (1+x)^{-3/2}; \quad f'(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$T_1(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-0) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x,$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \approx T_1\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) = \boxed{\frac{19}{20}}$$

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- (b) Give an error bound for your approximation in part (a). Again, express your answer as a single simplified fraction.

$$R_1(x) = \frac{f''(z)}{2} (x-a)^2 \quad \text{where } x = \frac{1}{10}, \quad a = 0, \quad 0 < z < \frac{1}{10}$$

$$f'(z) = -\frac{1}{2} (1+z)^{-3/2}, \quad \text{so } f''(z) = \frac{3}{4} (1+z)^{-5/2} = \frac{3}{4(1+z)^{5/2}}.$$

$$\therefore |R_1\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)| = \left| \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4(1+z)^{5/2}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{10} - 0\right)^2 \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4(1+0)^{5/2}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^2 \right|$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3}{800}}$$

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## Question 2:

(a) Find  $T_2(x)$ , Taylor polynomial of degree 2 for  $f(x) = (x+2)e^{(x-1)}$  at  $a = 1$ .

$$f(x) = (x+2)e^{x-1}; \quad f(1) = (1+2)e^{1-1} = 3$$

$$f'(x) = e^{x-1} + (x+2)e^{x-1} = (x+3)e^{x-1}; \quad f'(1) = (1+3)e^{1-1} = 4$$

$$f''(x) = e^{x-1} + (x+3)e^{x-1} = (x+4)e^{x-1}; \quad f''(1) = (1+4)e^{1-1} = 5$$

$$T_2(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x-a)^2$$

$$T_2(x) = 3 + 4(x-1) + \frac{5}{2}(x-1)^2$$

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(b) Suppose  $T_2(x)$  in part (a) is used to approximate  $f(9/10)$ . Give an error bound on the approximation. Express your answer as a single simplified fraction. (Note: you are not being asked to find the approximation to  $f(9/10)$  here, but only the error bound associated with the approximation.)

$$R_2(x) = \frac{f'''(z)}{3!} (x-a)^3 \quad \text{where } x = \frac{9}{10}, \quad a=1, \quad \frac{9}{10} < z < 1.$$

$$f'''(z) = (z+5)e^{z-1},$$

$$\text{so } |R_2(\frac{9}{10})| = \left| \left( \frac{1}{3!} \right) (z+5)e^{z-1} \left( \frac{9}{10} - 1 \right)^3 \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \left( \frac{1}{3!} \right) (1+5)e^{1-1} \left( -\frac{1}{10} \right)^3 \right|$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{1000}}$$

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**Question 3:**

Find the Taylor series about  $a = -1$  for  $f(x) = 1 + 4x + 3x^2 + 2x^3$ . You should be able to write all terms of the series.

$$f(x) = 1 + 4x + 3x^2 + 2x^3 \quad ; \quad f(-1) = 1 + 4(-1) + 3(-1)^2 + 2(-1)^3 = -2$$

$$f'(x) = 4 + 6x + 6x^2 \quad ; \quad f'(-1) = 4 + 6(-1) + 6(-1)^2 = 4$$

$$f''(x) = 6 + 12x \quad ; \quad f''(-1) = 6 + 12(-1) = -6$$

$$f'''(x) = 12 \quad ; \quad f'''(-1) = 12$$

$$f^{(k)}(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \geq 3.$$

$$T(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3$$

$$T(x) = -2 + 4(x+1) - \frac{6}{2}(x+1)^2 + \frac{12}{3!}(x+1)^3$$

$$= \boxed{-2 + 4(x+1) - 3(x+1)^2 + 2(x+1)^3}$$

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**Question 4:** Find the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series about  $a = -2$  for  $g(x) = \frac{5}{3-2x}$  and state the open interval of convergence. (Hint: think about the Maclaurin series for  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ .)

$$g(x) = \frac{5}{3-2x}$$

$$= \frac{5}{3-2(x+2)+4}$$

$$= \frac{5}{7-2(x+2)}$$

$$= \frac{5}{7} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{7}(x+2)} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{1-u} = 1 + u + u^2 + u^3 + \dots \quad \text{for } |u| < 1.$$

$$\text{Letting } u = \frac{2}{7}(x+2) :$$

$$g(x) = \frac{5}{7} \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{7}(x+2) + \left(\frac{2}{7}(x+2)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{7}(x+2)\right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{5}{7} + \frac{10}{7^2}(x+2) + \frac{20}{7^3}(x+2)^2 + \frac{40}{7^4}(x+2)^3 + \dots}$$

Series is valid for

$$\left| \frac{2}{7}(x+2) \right| < 1 \Rightarrow |x - (-2)| < \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \overset{-7/2}{\longleftarrow} & & \overset{7/2}{\longrightarrow} \\ -11/2 & -2 & 3/2 \end{array} \right) \text{---} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore I = \left( -\frac{11}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

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**Question 5:** Find the Maclaurin polynomial of degree 11 for  $f(x) = x^2 \arctan(2x^3)$ .

$$\arctan(u) = u - \frac{u^3}{3} + \frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^7}{7} + \dots$$

Letting  $u = 2x^3$ :

$$\arctan(2x^3) = 2x^3 - \frac{(2x^3)^3}{3} + \frac{(2x^3)^5}{5} - \frac{(2x^3)^7}{7} + \dots$$

$$\therefore x^2 \arctan(2x^3) = x^2 \left[ 2x^3 - \frac{(2x^3)^3}{3} + \frac{(2x^3)^5}{5} - \frac{(2x^3)^7}{7} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{2x^5 - \frac{8x^{11}}{3}}_{T_{11}(x)} + \frac{32x^{17}}{5} - \frac{128x^{23}}{7} + \dots$$

$\therefore T_{11}(x) = 2x^5 - \frac{8x^{11}}{3}$

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**Question 6:** Use series (and not L'Hospital's Rule) to find the limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x^3} - 1 - x^3}{\sin(x^3) - x^3}$

$$e^u = 1 + u + \frac{u^2}{2} + \frac{u^3}{3!} + \dots$$

let  $u = x^3$ :

$$e^{x^3} = 1 + x^3 + \frac{x^6}{2} + \frac{x^9}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\sin(u) = u - \frac{u^3}{3!} + \frac{u^5}{5!} - \dots$$

let  $u = x^3$ :

$$\sin(x^3) = x^3 - \frac{x^9}{3!} + \frac{x^{15}}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\text{so } x^3 \sin(x^3) = x^6 - \frac{x^{12}}{3!} + \frac{x^{18}}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x^3} - 1 - x^3}{x^3 \sin(x^3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 + x^3 + \frac{x^6}{2} + \frac{x^9}{3!} + \dots) - 1 - x^3}{x^6 - \frac{x^{12}}{3!} + \frac{x^{18}}{5!} - \dots}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^6 (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots)}{x^6 (1 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{12}}{5!} - \dots)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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**Question 7:** Find the first three non-zero terms of the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = e^{-x} \cos(x)$ .

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

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

$e^{-x}$	1	$-x$	$+\frac{x^2}{2}$	$-\frac{x^3}{3!}$	...
$\cos(x)$	1	$-x$	$+\frac{x^2}{2}$	$-\frac{x^3}{3!}$	...
1	①	⊖	⊕	⊖	...
$-\frac{x^2}{2}$	⊖	⊕	$-\frac{x^4}{4}$	$+\frac{x^5}{12}$	...
$\frac{x^4}{4!}$	$\frac{x^4}{4!}$	$-\frac{x^5}{4!}$	$+\frac{x^6}{48}$	$-\frac{x^7}{144}$	...

$$e^{-x} \cos(x) = 1 - x + \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2}\right) + \left(-\frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^3}{2}\right) + \dots$$

$$= 1 - x + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

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**Question 8:** Find the radius of convergence  $R$  and open interval of convergence  $I$  for the power series

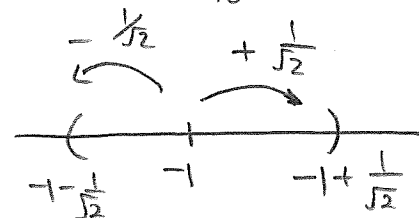
$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k (x+1)^{2k}}{k^2} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = -1, \\ u_k(x) = \frac{2^k (x+1)^{2k}}{k^2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{k+1}(x)}{u_k(x)} \right| < 1$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^{k+1} (x+1)^{2(k+1)}}{(k+1)^2} \cdot \frac{k^2}{2^k (x+1)^{2k}} \right| < 1$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \underbrace{\frac{2^{k+1}}{2^k}}_{=2} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{k^2}{(k+1)^2}}_{\rightarrow 1} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{(x+1)^{2k+2}}{(x+1)^{2k}}}_{=|x+1|^2} \right| < 1$$

So  $2|x+1|^2 < 1$   
 $|x - (-1)| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



$$\therefore R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$I = \left( -1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

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