

BC Calculus

Review #9 - Series

1996 BC2 (no calculator)

The Maclaurin series for $f(x)$ is given by $1 + \frac{x}{2!} + \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^{2n}}{(n+1)!} + \dots$

- a) Find $f'(0)$ and $f^{(17)}(0)$.
 - b) For what values of x does the series converge? Show your reasoning.
 - c) Let $g(x) = xf(x)$. Write the Maclaurin series for $g(x)$, showing the first three nonzero terms.
 - d) Write $g(x)$ in terms of a familiar function without using series.
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1997 BC2 (calculator allowed)

Let $P(x) = 7 - 3(x-4) + 5(x-4)^2 - 2(x-4)^3 + 6(x-4)^4$ be the fourth degree Taylor polynomial for the function f about 4. Assume that f has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers.

- a) Find $f(4)$ and $f'''(4)$.
 - b) Write the second degree Taylor polynomial for f' about 4 and use it to approximate $f'(4.3)$.
 - c) Write the fourth degree Taylor polynomial for $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ about 4.
 - d) Can $f(3)$ be determined from the information given? Justify your answer.
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1999 BC4 (calculator allowed)

The function f has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers x . Assume that $f(2) = -3$, $f'(2) = 5$, $f''(2) = 3$, 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 $f(1.5)$ 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 $x = 0$.
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2003B BC6 (no calculator)

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 $x = 2$.
 - 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.
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2004B BC2 (no calculator)

Let f be a function having derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. The third degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 2$ is given by $T(x) = 7 - 9(x-2)^2 - 3(x-2)^3$.

- a) Find $f(2)$ and $f''(2)$.
- b) Is there enough information to determine whether f has a critical point at $x = 2$?
If not, explain why not.
If so, determine whether $f(2)$ is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither. Justify your answer.
- c) Use $T(x)$ to find an approximation for $f(0)$. Is there enough information given to determine whether f has a critical point at $x = 0$?
If not, explain why not.
If so, determine whether $f(0)$ is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither. Justify your answer.
- d) The fourth derivative of f satisfies the inequality $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 6$ for all x in the closed interval $[0, 2]$. Use the Lagrange error bound on the approximation for $f(0)$ found in part c) to explain why $f(0)$ is negative.
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2001 BC6 (no calculator)

A function is defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3^2}x + \frac{3}{3^3}x^2 + \dots + \frac{n+1}{3^{n+1}}x^n + \dots$ for all x in the interval of convergence of the given power series.

a) Find the interval of convergence for this power series. Show the work that leads to your answer.

b) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - \frac{1}{3}}{x}$.

c) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term for an infinite series that represents $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$.

d) Find the sum of the series determined in part c).
