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6. Let f be a function with derivatives of all orders and for which $f(2) = 7$. When n is odd, the nth derivative of f at $x = 2$ is 0. When n is even and $n \geq 2$, the nth derivative of f at $x = 2$ is given by $f^{(n)}(2) = \frac{(n-1)!}{3^n}$.

   (a) Write the sixth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 2$.

   (b) In the Taylor series for f about $x = 2$, what is the coefficient of $(x-2)^{2n}$ for $n \geq 1$?

   (c) Find the interval of convergence of the Taylor series for f about $x = 2$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^2 - \frac{6}{y-2}$ for $y \neq 2$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = -4$.

(a) Evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at $(-1, -4)$.

(b) Is it possible for the x-axis to be tangent to the graph of f at some point? Explain why or why not.

(c) Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = -1$.

(d) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = -1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(0)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

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6. The function f is defined by the power series

$$f(x) = -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{2x^2}{3} - \frac{3x^3}{4} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n nx^n}{n+1} + \cdots$$

for all real numbers x for which the series converges. The function g is defined by the power series

$$g(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{2!} + \frac{x^2}{4!} - \frac{x^3}{6!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{(2n)!} + \cdots$$

for all real numbers x for which the series converges.

(a) Find the interval of convergence of the power series for f. Justify your answer.

(b) The graph of $y = f(x) - g(x)$ passes through the point $(0, -1)$. Find $y'(0)$ and $y''(0)$. Determine whether y has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 0$. Give a reason for your answer.

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Question 6

Let f be the function given by $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$.

(a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.

(b) Use your answer to part (a) to find $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - x^2 - f(x)}{x^4}$.

(c) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for $\int_0^x e^{-t^2}\,dt$ about $x = 0$. Use the first two terms of your answer to estimate $\int_0^{1/2} e^{-t^2}\,dt$.

(d) Explain why the estimate found in part (c) differs from the actual value of $\int_0^{1/2} e^{-t^2}\,dt$ by less than $\frac{1}{200}$.

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x	$h(x)$	$h'(x)$	$h''(x)$	$h'''(x)$	$h^{(4)}(x)$
1	11	30	42	99	18
2	80	128	$\frac{488}{3}$	$\frac{448}{3}$	$\frac{584}{9}$
3	317	$\frac{753}{2}$	$\frac{1383}{4}$	$\frac{3483}{16}$	$\frac{1125}{16}$

3. Let h be a function having derivatives of all orders for $x > 0$. Selected values of h and its first four derivatives are indicated in the table above. The function h and these four derivatives are increasing on the interval $1 \le x \le 3$.

   (a) Write the first-degree Taylor polynomial for h about $x = 2$ and use it to approximate $h(1.9)$. Is this approximation greater than or less than $h(1.9)$? Explain your reasoning.

   (b) Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for h about $x = 2$ and use it to approximate $h(1.9)$.

   (c) Use the Lagrange error bound to show that the third-degree Taylor polynomial for h about $x = 2$ approximates $h(1.9)$ with error less than 3×10^{-4}.

6. The Maclaurin series for e^x is $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots$. The continuous function f is defined by

$f(x) = \dfrac{e^{(x-1)^2} - 1}{(x-1)^2}$ for $x \neq 1$ and $f(1) = 1$. The function f has derivatives of all orders at $x = 1$.

(a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for $e^{(x-1)^2}$ about $x = 1$.

(b) Use the Taylor series found in part (a) to write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 1$.

(c) Use the ratio test to find the interval of convergence for the Taylor series found in part (b).

(d) Use the Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ to determine whether the graph of f has any points of inflection.

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{\cos x - 1}{x^2} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ -\dfrac{1}{2} & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

6. The function f, defined above, has derivatives of all orders. Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = 1 + \int_0^x f(t)\,dt.$

(a) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for $\cos x$ about $x = 0$. Use this series to write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.

(b) Use the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$ found in part (a) to determine whether f has a relative maximum, relative minimum, or neither at $x = 0$. Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Write the fifth-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$.

(d) The Taylor series for g about $x = 0$, evaluated at $x = 1$, is an alternating series with individual terms that decrease in absolute value to 0. Use the third-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$ to estimate the value of $g(1)$. Explain why this estimate differs from the actual value of $g(1)$ by less than $\frac{1}{6!}$.