

CALCULUS BC
WORKSHEET ON POWER SERIES AND LAGRANGE ERROR BOUND

Work the following on **notebook paper**. Use your calculator on problem 1 only.

1. Let f be a function that has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers x . Assume that

$$f(5) = 6, f'(5) = 8, f''(5) = 30, f'''(5) = 48, \text{ and } |f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 75$$

for all x in the interval $[5, 5.2]$.

- (a) Find the third-degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 5$ for $f(x)$.
(b) Use your answer to part (a) to estimate the value of $f(5.2)$. What is the maximum possible error in making this estimate? Give three decimal places.
(c) Find an interval $[a, b]$ such that $a \leq f(5.2) \leq b$. Give three decimal places.
(d) Could $f(5.2)$ equal 8.254? Show why or why not.

2. Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \cos\left(2x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ and let $P(x)$ be the third-degree

Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$.

- (a) Find $P(x)$.

- (b) Use the Lagrange error bound to show that $\left|f\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) - P\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)\right| < \frac{1}{12,000}$.

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3. Find the first four nonzero terms of the power series for $f(x) = \sin x$ centered at $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$.

Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for each of the following, and find the interval of convergence for each series.

4. $f(x) = x \cos(x^3)$

5. $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{1+x}$

Find the radius and interval of convergence for:

6. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-2)^n}{3^n n^2}$

7. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n)!(x-5)^n$

Multiple Choice.

8. The coefficient of x^6 in the Taylor series expansion about $x = 0$ for $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$ is

(A) $-\frac{1}{6}$ (B) 0 (C) $\frac{1}{120}$ (D) $\frac{1}{6}$ (E) 1

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9. If f is a function such that $f'(x) = \sin(x^2)$, then the coefficient of x^7 in the Taylor series for $f(x)$ about $x = 0$ is

(A) $\frac{1}{7!}$ (B) $\frac{1}{7}$ (C) 0 (D) $-\frac{1}{42}$ (E) $-\frac{1}{7!}$

Answers

Answers to Worksheet on Power Series and Lagrange Error Bound

1. (a) $6 + 8(x-5) + 15(x-5)^2 + 8(x-5)^3$

(b) $f(5.2) \approx P_3(5.2) = 8.264$

$$|R_3(5.2)| \leq 0.005$$

(c) $8.259 \leq f(5.2) \leq 8.269$

(d) No, 8.254 does not lie in the interval found in part (c).

2. (a) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - x - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{2!}x^2 + \frac{4}{3!}x^3$

$$(b) \left| R_3\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \right| \leq \frac{\left| 16\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^4 \right|}{4!} = \frac{2^4\left(\frac{1}{2^4 \cdot 5^4}\right)}{4!} = \frac{1}{5^4 \cdot 4!} = \frac{1}{625 \cdot 24} = \frac{1}{15,000} < \frac{1}{12,000}$$

3. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\left(x - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2 \cdot 2!}\left(x - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2 \cdot 3!}\left(x - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$

4. $x - \frac{x^7}{2!} + \frac{x^{13}}{4!} - \frac{x^{19}}{6!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{6n+1}}{(2n)!}$. Converges for all real numbers.

5. $x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{n+2}$. Converges for $-1 < x < 1$.

6. Radius = 3; interval: $-1 \leq x \leq 5$

7. Converges only if $x = 5$

8. A

9. D

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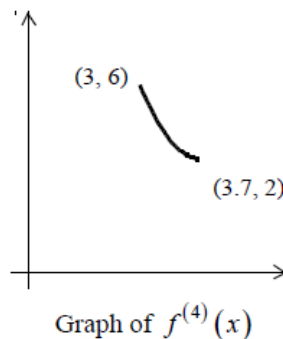
WORKSHEET ON SERIES AND ERROR

Work the following on **notebook paper**. You may use your calculator on problems 1, 2, 3, and 6.

1. Let f be a function that has derivatives of all orders. Assume

$$f(3) = 1, \quad f'(3) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad f''(3) = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad f'''(3) = \frac{3}{8},$$

and the graph of $f^{(4)}(x)$ on $[3, 3.7]$ is shown on the right. The graph of $f^{(4)}(x)$ is decreasing on $[3, 3.7]$.



- (a) Find the third-degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 3$ for the function f .
- (b) Use your answer to part (a) to estimate the value of $f(3.7)$.
- (c) What is the maximum possible error for the approximation made in part (b)?
- (d) Could $f(3.7)$ equal 1.283? Show why or why not.

2. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

- (a) Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 4$ for the function f .
- (b) Use your answer to part (a) to estimate the value of $f(5.1)$.
- (c) Use the Lagrange error bound to find a bound on the error for the approximation in part (b).
- (d) Find the value of $|f(5.1) - P_2(5.1)|$.

3. Find the maximum error incurred by approximating the sum of the series

$$1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} - \frac{3}{4!} + \frac{4}{5!} - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n-1}{n!} + \dots$$

by the sum of the first five terms. Justify your answer.

4. Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \cos\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ and let $P(x)$ be the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$.

- (a) Find $P(x)$.
- (b) Use the Lagrange error bound to show that $\left|f\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) - P\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\right| < \frac{1}{3000}$.

5. Use series to find an estimate for $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$ so that the error is less than $\frac{1}{200}$. Justify your answer.

6. Suppose a function f is approximated with a fourth-degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 1$. If the maximum value of the fifth derivative between $x = 1$ and $x = 3$ is 0.01, that is,

$$|f^{(5)}(x)| < 0.01, \text{ find the maximum error incurred using this approximation to compute } f(3).$$

7. The Taylor series about $x = 5$ for a certain function f converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence. The n th derivative of f at $x = 5$ is given by

$$f^{(n)}(5) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{2^n (n+2)} \text{ and } f(5) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

- (a) Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 5$.
- (b) Show that the third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 5$ approximates $f(6)$ with an error less than 0.02.

Answers

Answers to Worksheet on Series and Error

1. (a) $1 + \frac{x-3}{2} - \frac{(x-3)^2}{4 \cdot 2!} + \frac{3(x-3)^3}{8 \cdot 3!}$

(b) 1.310

(c) Since $f^{(4)}(x)$ is decreasing on $[3, 3.7]$, the maximum value of $f^{(4)}(x)$ is $f^{(4)}(3) = 6$

$$\text{so } |\text{Error bound}| \leq \left| \frac{6(3.7-3)^4}{4!} \right| = 0.060.$$

(d) Yes, $1.250 \leq f(3.7) \leq 1.370$ so $f(3.7)$ could equal 1.283.

2. (a) $2 + \frac{x-4}{4} - \frac{(x-4)^2}{32 \cdot 2!}$

(b) 2.256

(c) The maximum value of the third derivative $f'''(x) = \frac{3}{8x^{5/2}}$ on $[4, 5.1]$ is $f'''(4) = 0.0117\dots$

$$\text{so } |\text{Error bound}| \leq \left| \frac{0.0117\dots(5.1-4)^3}{3!} \right| = 0.003.$$

(d) 0.002

3. The series has terms that are alternating in sign, decreasing in magnitude, and having a limit of 0 so the error is less than the first truncated term by the Alternating Series Remainder.

$$|\text{Error}| < \text{6th term so } |\text{Error}| < \frac{5}{6!} \text{ or } 0.007.$$

4. (a) $P(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{3x}{2} - \frac{9\sqrt{3}x^2}{2 \cdot 2!} + \frac{27x^3}{2 \cdot 3!} + \frac{81\sqrt{3}x^4}{2 \cdot 4!}$

(b)

$$|R_4(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(5)}(z)(x-0)^5}{5!} \right| \leq \left| \frac{243x^5}{5!} \right| \text{ so } \left| R_4\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \right| \leq \left(\frac{243}{5!} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{6} \right)^5 = \frac{1}{5!2^5} = \frac{1}{(120)(32)} < \frac{1}{3000}$$

5. The series has terms that are alternating in sign, decreasing in magnitude, and having a limit of 0 so the error is less than the first truncated term by the Alternating Series Remainder.

$$\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx \approx 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5(2!)} - \frac{1}{7(3!)} = \frac{26}{35}. \quad |\text{Error}| < \frac{1}{216} < \frac{1}{200}.$$

6. 0.003

7. (a) $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x-5}{2^1(3)} + \frac{(x-5)^2}{2^2(4)} - \frac{(x-5)^3}{2^3(5)}$

Since the series has terms that are alternating, decreasing in magnitude, and having a limit of 0, the error involved in approximating $f(6)$ with the third-degree Taylor polynomial is less than the fourth-degree term so

$$|\text{Error}| < \frac{(6-5)^4}{2^4(6)} = \frac{1}{96} < \frac{1}{50} \text{ by the Alternating Series Remainder.}$$