

### Worksheet 9.5—Lagrange Error Bound

Show all work. Calculator permitted except unless specifically stated.

#### Free Response & Short Answer

1. (a) Find the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $\cos x$  about  $x = 0$ . Then use your polynomial to approximate the value of  $\cos 0.8$ , and use Taylor's Theorem to determine the accuracy of the approximation. Give three decimal places.

(b) Find the interval  $[a, b]$  such that  $a \leq \cos 0.8 \leq b$ .

(c) Could  $\cos 0.8$  equal 0.695? Show why or why not.

## Answers

$$\textcircled{1} (a) P_4(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \approx \cos x = f(x) \quad c=0, x=0.8$$

$$\cos 0.8 \approx P_4(0.8) = 1 - \frac{(0.8)^2}{2!} + \frac{(0.8)^4}{4!} = 0.697 = A$$

$$R_4(0.8) = \left| \frac{f^{(5)}(z)}{5!} (0.8-0)^5 \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{5!} (0.8)^5 \right| = 0.0027306667 = B$$

\*  $f^{(5)}(z)$  has a max value of one on the interval  $[0, 0.8]$  since one is the amplitude of  $\cos x$  and its derivatives  
\*\* The Lagrange error here is also the Alternating series error

$$(b) \cos 0.8 \in [A-B, A+B] = [0.694333, 0.699797] = I$$

\*  $\cos 0.8$  actually equals  $0.6967067093 \in I$

(c)  $\cos 0.8$  could equal  $0.695$  because  $0.695 \in I$  from part (b).

2. (a) Write a fourth-degree Maclaurin polynomial for  $f(x) = e^x$ . Then use your polynomial to approximate  $e^{-1}$ , and find a Lagrange error bound for the maximum error when  $|x| \leq 1$ . Give three decimal places.

(b) Find an interval  $[a, b]$  such that  $a \leq e^{-1} \leq b$ .

## Answers

$$\textcircled{2} f(x) = e^x \approx T_4(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}, \quad c=0, x=-1$$

$$\textcircled{a} f(-1) = e^{-1} \approx T_4(-1) = 1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} = 0.375 = A$$

$$R_4(-1) = \left| \frac{f^{(5)}(z)}{5!} (0 - (-1))^5 \right| \leq \left| \frac{e}{5!} \right| = 0.0226523486 = B$$

\*  $f^{(5)}(z)$  has a max value of  $e^1$  on  $|x| \leq 1 \Rightarrow -1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\textcircled{b} e^{-1} \in [A-B, A+B] = [0.352347, 0.397652] = I$$

\*  $e^{-1}$  actually equals  $0.3678794412 \in I$

3. Let  $f$  be a function that has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers  $x$ . Assume that  $f(5) = 6$ ,  $f'(5) = 8$ ,  $f''(5) = 30$ ,  $f'''(5) = 48$ , 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.

## Answers

$$\textcircled{3} f(5) = 6, f'(5) = 8, f''(5) = 30, f'''(5) = 48, |f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 75 \quad \forall x \in [5, 5.2]$$

$$(a) T_3(x) = 6 + 8(x-5) + \frac{30}{2!}(x-5)^2 + \frac{48}{3!}(x-5)^3 \approx f(x)$$

$$(b) f(5.2) \approx T_3(5.2) = 6 + 8(0.2) + 15(0.2)^2 + 8(0.2)^3 = \boxed{8.264} = A$$

$$R_3(5.2) = \left| \frac{f^{(4)}(\xi)}{4!} (5.2-5)^4 \right| \leq \left| \frac{75}{4!} (0.2)^4 \right| = \boxed{0.005} = B$$

$$(c) f(5.2) \in [A-B, A+B] = [8.259, 8.269] = I$$

(d)  $f(5.2)$  could not equal 8.254 because  $8.254 \notin I$  from part (c).

Review (Problems 4 - 7):

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

5. Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for

(a)  $f(x) = x \cos(x^3)$

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

6. Find the radius and interval of convergence for

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

(b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n)!(x-5)^n$

## Answers

④  $f(x) = \sin x, c = \frac{3\pi}{4}$

$$f(x) = \sin x, f'(\frac{3\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \text{so } f(x) = \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x - \frac{3\pi}{4}) - \frac{\sqrt{2}/2}{2!}(x - \frac{3\pi}{4})^2$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x, f'(\frac{3\pi}{4}) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad + \frac{\sqrt{2}/2}{3!}(x - \frac{3\pi}{4})^3 + \frac{\sqrt{2}/2}{4!}(x - \frac{3\pi}{4})^4 + \dots$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin x, f''(\frac{3\pi}{4}) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos x, f'''(\frac{3\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x, f^{(4)}(\frac{3\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

⑤ (a)  $f(x) = x \cos(x^3)$

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

$$\cos(x^3) = 1 - \frac{x^6}{2!} + \frac{x^{12}}{4!} - \frac{x^{18}}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{6n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

$$f(x) = x \cos(x^3) = x - \frac{x^7}{2!} + \frac{x^{13}}{4!} - \frac{x^{19}}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{6n+1}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{1-x^2+x^4-x^6+\dots} \quad \text{so } \frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots + (-1)^n x^{2n} + \dots$$

$$\frac{1+x^2}{1+x^2} = \frac{1-x^2+x^4-x^6+\dots}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{-x^2-x^4}{x^4}$$

⑥ Radius and Interval of Convergence

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

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-2)^{n+1}}{3^{n+1} (n+1)^2} \cdot \frac{3^n n^2}{(x-2)^n} \right|$$

$$= L \left| \frac{(x-2) n^2}{3(n+1)^2} \right| = \frac{1}{3} |x-2| < 1$$

so  $|x-2| < 3$ , center  $c=2$

**Radius = 3, Interval  $[-1, 5]$**

Test endpoints:

$x = -1$ :  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-3)^n}{3^n n^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n} 3^n}{3^n n^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow$  convergent p-series

$x = 5$ :  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3^n}{3^n n^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \rightarrow$  convergent alt series

**So Interval is  $[-1, 5]$**

(b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n)! (x-5)^n$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2n+2)! (x-5)^{n+1}}{(2n)! (x-5)^n} \right|$$

$$= L \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |(2n+2)(2n+1)(x-5)|$$

$= \infty \neq 1$  so

**Radius = 0**

**This series converges only at  $x=5$ , its center**



7. Use the Maclaurin series for  $\cos x$  to find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x}$ .

8. The Taylor series about  $x = 3$  for a certain function  $f$  converges to  $f(x)$  for all  $x$  in the interval of convergence. The  $n$ th derivative of  $f$  at  $x = 3$  is given by

$$f^{(n)}(3) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{5^n (n+3)} \text{ and } f(3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

(a) Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 3$ .

(b) Find the radius of convergence of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 3$ .

(c) Show that the third-degree Taylor polynomial approximates  $f(4)$  with an error less than  $\frac{1}{4000}$ .

## Answers

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{7} \quad \cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots \\
 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots\right)}{x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots}{x} = 0 \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{x} \left( \frac{x}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} + \dots \right)}{\cancel{x}} = \boxed{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad \underline{c=3} \quad f^{(n)}(3) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{5^{n(n+3)}}, \quad f(3) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad f'(3) = \frac{-1}{5 \cdot 4}, \quad f''(3) = \frac{2}{25 \cdot 5}, \quad f'''(3) = \frac{-6}{125 \cdot 6}, \quad f^{(4)}(3) = \frac{4!}{5^4 \cdot 7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad T_4(x) &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{20}(x-3) + \frac{2/125}{2!}(x-3)^2 - \frac{6/(6 \cdot 125)}{3!}(x-3)^3 + \frac{4!/(5^4 \cdot 7)}{4!}(x-3)^4 \approx f(x) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{20}(x-3) + \frac{1}{125}(x-3)^2 - \frac{1}{250}(x-3)^3 + \frac{1}{4375}(x-3)^4
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term for the Taylor series for  $f(x)$  is:

$$\frac{f^{(n)}(3)}{n!} = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{n! 5^{n(n+3)}} = \frac{(-1)^n}{5^{n(n+3)}}. \quad \text{Radius: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-3)^{n+1} \cdot 5^{n(n+3)}}{5^{(n+1)(n+4)} \cdot (x-3)^n} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x-3| \frac{5^{n+3}}{5^{n+4}} = \frac{1}{5} |x-3| < 1 \quad \text{so } |x-3| < 5 \quad \text{and } \boxed{\text{Radius} = 5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c)} \quad f(4) \approx T_4(4), \quad R_4(4) &= \left| \frac{f^{(5)}(2)}{5!} (4-3)^5 \right| \leq \left| \frac{5!}{5! \cdot 5^5 \cdot 8} (1)^5 \right| = \frac{1}{25000} = 0.00004 \\
 x=4, c=3 & \quad * \text{ on the interval } [3, 4], \quad f^{(5)}(2) \approx f^{(5)}(3) = \frac{(-1)^5 5!}{5^5 \cdot 8} < \frac{1}{4000}
 \end{aligned}$$

9. Let  $f$  be a function that has derivatives of all orders on the interval  $(-1,1)$ . Assume  $f(0) = 1$ ,  $f'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f''(0) = -\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $f'''(0) = \frac{3}{8}$ , and  $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 6$  for all  $x$  in the interval  $(-1,1)$ .

(a) Find the third-degree Taylor polynomial about  $x = 0$  for the function  $f$ .

(b) Use your answer to part (a) to estimate the value of  $f(0.5)$ .

(d) What is the maximum possible error for the approximation made in part (b)?

## Answers

$$\textcircled{9} f(0)=1, f'(0)=\frac{1}{2}, f''(0)=-\frac{1}{4}, f'''(0)=\frac{3}{8}, |f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 6 \quad \forall x \in (-1,1), c=0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} T_3(x) &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1/4}{2!}x^2 + \frac{3/8}{3!}x^3 \approx f(x) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{16}x^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b)} f(0.5) \approx T_3(0.5) = 0.7265625 = \frac{93}{128}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} R_3(0.5) &= \left| \frac{f^{(4)}(z)}{4!} (0.5-0)^4 \right| \leq \left| \frac{6}{4!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \right| = 0.015625 = \frac{1}{64} \\ &\quad c=0, x=0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$  max possible error



10. 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  $f(4.2)$ .

(c) Find a bound on the error for the approximation in part (b).

## Answers

(10)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

(a)  $c = 4$

$f(x) = x^{1/2}, f(4) = 2$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}, f'(4) = \frac{1}{4}$

$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2}, f''(4) = -\frac{1}{32}$

So  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} \approx T_2(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-4) - \frac{1/32}{2!}(x-4)^2$   
 $= 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-4) - \frac{1}{64}(x-4)^2$

(b)  $f(4.2) = \sqrt{4.2} \approx T_2(4.2) = 2 + \frac{1}{4}(0.2) - \frac{1}{64}(0.2)^2 = 2.049375 = A$

(c)  $T_2(4.2) = \left| \frac{f'''(z)}{3!} (4.2-4)^3 \right| \leq \left| \frac{3}{3!(256)} (0.2)^3 \right| = \frac{1}{(250)(256)} = 0.00001562$

\*  $f'''(x) = \frac{3}{8}x^{-5/2} = \frac{3}{8\sqrt{x^5}}$ .  $f'''(x)$  has its max value on  $[4, 4.2]$  at

$x=4$ , so  $f'''(z) = \frac{3}{8\sqrt{4^5}} = \frac{3}{256}$

or  $\frac{1}{64000}$   
 MAX ERROR

11. Let  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n}$  for all  $x$  for which the series converges.

(a) Find the interval of convergence of this series.

(b) Use the first three terms of this series to approximate  $f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

(c) Estimate the error involved in the approximation in part (b). Show your reasoning.



## Answers

①  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n}$  (a) Interval of Convergence:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{2} x \right| = \frac{1}{2} |x| < 1$   
 $|x-0| < 2$

(b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \dots$

possible I.C.  
 $[-2, 2]$

Test endpoints:

$x = -2: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \rightarrow \text{Diverges}$  Radius = 2

$x = 2: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2)^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1 \rightarrow \text{Diverges}$

$f(x) \approx 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} = T_2(x)$  So Interval of Convergence is  $\boxed{(-2, 2)}$

$f(-\frac{1}{2}) \approx T_2(-\frac{1}{2}) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} = \boxed{0.8125} = \frac{13}{16}$

(c) For  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ , the series is an alternating series, so the maximum error will be the magnitude of the first unused term in the series for  $f(-\frac{1}{2}) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{64} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{4^n} + \dots$

So error  $\leq \left| -\frac{1}{64} \right| = \boxed{\frac{1}{64}}$  1st unused term in  $T_2(-\frac{1}{2})$

12. 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  $\left|f\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) - P\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\right| < \frac{1}{3000}$ .

## Answers

$$(12) f(x) = \cos\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \quad c=0$$

$$f(x) = \cos\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right), f(0) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f'(x) = -3\sin\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right), f'(0) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$f''(x) = -9\cos\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right), f''(0) = -\frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f'''(x) = 27\sin\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right), f'''(0) = \frac{27}{2}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 81\cos\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right), f^{(4)}(0) = \frac{81\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = -243\sin\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right), f^{(5)}(0) = -\frac{243}{2}$$

$$(a) P_4(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{9\sqrt{3}/2}{2!}x^2 + \frac{27/2}{3!}x^3 + \frac{81\sqrt{3}/2}{4!}x^4 \approx f(x)$$

$$P_4(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{4}x^2 + \frac{9}{4}x^3 + \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{16}x^4 \approx f(x)$$

$$(b) R_4\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \left| \frac{f^{(5)}(z)}{5!} \left(\frac{1}{6} - 0\right)^5 \right| \leq \left| \frac{243}{5!} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^5 \right| = \frac{81}{40} \left(\frac{1}{7776}\right) \approx 0.0002604 = A$$

$c=0, x=\frac{1}{6}$  \* the max value of  $|f^{(5)}(z)|$  is 243, the amplitude of  $f^{(5)}(x)$

$$\frac{1}{3000} \approx 0.0003333 = B$$

$$A < B, \text{ where } A = \left| f\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) - P_4\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \right|$$

13. (Review) Use series to find an estimate for  $I = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$  that is within 0.001 of the actual value. Justify.

14. 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

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

Show that the sixth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 5$  approximates  $f(6)$  with an error less than  $\frac{1}{1000}$ .

## Answers

$$(13) e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$e^{-x^2} = 1 - x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{n!} + \dots$$

$$I = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx = x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 2!} - \frac{x^7}{7 \cdot 3!} + \frac{x^9}{9 \cdot 4!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)n!} + \dots \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 2!} - \frac{1}{7 \cdot 3!} + \frac{1}{9 \cdot 4!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)n!} + \dots \right) - (0) = I$$

\* The approximation for  $I$  must be within  $\frac{1}{1000}$  of the actual value.

\*  $I$  is an alternating series, so error is less than the magnitude of the 1st unused term. The 1st term that is less than 0.001

$$\text{is } \left| \frac{1}{11 \cdot 5!} \right| \approx 0.000757, \text{ so } I \approx 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 2!} - \frac{1}{7 \cdot 3!} + \frac{1}{9 \cdot 4!}$$

$$\approx \boxed{0.747486} = A$$

\* P.S.  $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx = 0.7468241328 = B$ , so  $|A - B| = 0.000006626 < 0.001$   
actual error

$$(14) C=5, f^{(n)}(5) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{2^n (n+2)}, f(5) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(6) \approx T_6(6), R_6(6) = \left| \frac{f^{(7)}(\xi)}{7!} (6-5)^7 \right| \leq \left| \frac{5!}{7! \cdot 2^5 \cdot 7} \right| = \frac{1}{42 \cdot 32 \cdot 7} = A$$

\*  $\left| f^{(7)}(\xi) \right|$  is approximated by  $\left| f^{(7)}(5) \right| = \left| \frac{(-1)^7 7!}{2^7 (7+2)} \right| = \frac{7!}{2^7 \cdot 9}$

$$A = \frac{1}{9408} < \frac{1}{1000}$$

\*\*notice the question did not ask us to approximate  $f(6)$ .

**Multiple Choice**

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

(A) 0.054    (B) 0.0054    (C) 0.26667    (D) 0.02667    (E) 0.00267

16. What are all the values of  $x$  for which the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  converges?

(A)  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$     (B)  $-1 < x < 1$     (C)  $-1 < x \leq 1$     (D)  $-1 \leq x < 1$     (E) All real  $x$

## Answers

$$(15) f(x) \approx T_4(x), \quad x=3, c=1, \quad |f^{(5)}(x)| < 0.01$$

$$R_4(3) = \left| \frac{f^{(5)}(z)}{5!} (3-1)^5 \right| \leq \left| \frac{0.01}{5!} (2^5) \right| = \boxed{0.00266666} \quad \boxed{E}$$

$$(16) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}; \quad \text{Interval of Convergence: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x}{n+1} \right| = 0 < 1 \quad \forall x$$

So interval is  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and radius is  $\infty$ .  $\boxed{E}$   
& all real  $x$

17. 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

18. The maximum error incurred by approximating the sum of the series  $1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} - \frac{3}{4!} + \frac{4}{5!} - \dots$  by the sum of the first six terms is

- (A) 0.001190    (B) 0.006944    (C) 0.33333    (D) 0.125000    (E) None of these



## Answers

(17) The coefficient of  $x^6$  for  $c=0$ ,  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$   
 $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$ ,  $\sin(x^2) = x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} + \dots$   
the coeff of  $x^6$  is  $-\frac{1}{3!} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{6}}$  **A**

(18)  $1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} - \frac{3}{4!} + \frac{4}{5!} - \frac{5}{6!} + \frac{6}{7!}$       maximum error  $\leq \left| \frac{6}{7!} \right| = 0.0011904762$   
1st 6 terms      1st unused term      **A**

19. 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)  $-\frac{1}{7!}$

20. Now that you have finished the last question of the last “new concept” worksheet of your high school career, how do you feel? (Show your work)

- (A) Relieved    (B) Very Sad    (C) Euphoric    (D) Tired    (E) All of these

## Answers

$$(19) f'(x) = \sin(x^2), \sin(x^2) = x - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} + \dots = f'(x)$$

$$f(x) = \int f'(x) dx = C + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{7 \cdot 3!}x^7 + \frac{1}{11 \cdot 5!}x^{10} + \dots; \text{Coeff of } x^7 \text{ is } -\frac{1}{7 \cdot 3!} = -\frac{1}{42}$$

(20) (A), (B), or (C) but not (D)