

Calculus — Homework 5 (Spring 2024)

1. Expand $f(x)$ in powers of x .

(a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$.

(b) $f(x) = \ln(2-3x)$.

(c) $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$.

(d) $f(x) = x^2 \arctan x$.

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

(f) $f(x) = \cosh x \sinh x$.

2. Find $f^{(9)}(0)$.

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(b) $f(x) = x \sin(x^2)$.

(c) $f(x) = x^2 \arctan x$.

(d) $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} + e^{2x^3}$.

3. Evaluate the limit by using power series.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$.

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^2}$.

4. Sum the series.

(a) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} x^{3k+1}$.

(b) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3k}{k!} x^{3k-1}$.

5. Set $f(x) = \frac{e^x - 1}{x}$.

(a) Expand $f(x)$ in a power series.

(b) Differentiate the series and show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = 1.$$

6. Show that, if $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ and $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k x^k$ both converge to the same sum on $(-r, r)$, $r > 0$, then $a_k = b_k$ for each k .

7. Let α be an arbitrary real number (not necessarily an integer). Set

$$f(x) = (1+x)^\alpha.$$

(a) Show that the Taylor series of $f(x)$ can be written as

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\cdots(\alpha-k+1)}{k!} x^k = 1 + \alpha x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)}{3!} x^3 + \cdots$$

which is called the **binomial series**.

(b) Show that the binomial series converges absolutely on $(-1, 1)$.

(c) Let

$$\varphi(x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\cdots(\alpha-k+1)}{k!} x^k, \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1).$$

Use term-by-term differentiation to show that

$$(1+x)\varphi'(x) = \alpha\varphi(x), \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1), \\ \varphi(0) = 1.$$

(d) Prove that

$$f(x) = \varphi(x), \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1).$$

(Hint: Differentiate $\frac{\varphi(x)}{(1+x)^\alpha}$.)

That is,

$$(1+x)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

for all $x \in (-1, 1)$.

In particular, we have

$$(1+x)^2 = 1 + 2x + x^2,$$

$$(1+x)^3 = 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3,$$

and

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k$$

if n is a positive integer.