10.10 Taylor Series Practice 2

Warm-Up:
The function *f* satisfies the equation $f'(x) = f(x) + 2x - 3$ and *f(0)=3*. The Taylor series for *f* converges to *f(x)* for all x. Find $f''(0)$ and find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for *f* about $x = 0$.

For the following problems, I encourage you to try them on your own and then play the video to see how I do it. Taking the leap on your own can get you more comfortable with these problems over time.
2004 Form B #2

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 given 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, and 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, and justify your answer.

2009 #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 $f(x) = \frac{e^{(x-1)^2} - 1}{(x-1)^2}$ 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.

2018 #6

6. The Maclaurin series for $\ln(1 + x)$ is given by

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

On its interval of convergence, this series converges to $\ln(1 + x)$. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = x\ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right)$.

(a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for f.

(b) Determine the interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series for f. Show the work that leads to your answer.

Homework

Please complete the two FRQs below without notes. Then use the videos I will post and the scoring rubrics to make corrections in a different color and grade yourself. Then fill out the Score Report form that will be online and email me pictures of your work!

Lookout for Taylor series questions mixed in with other concepts like in 2012 #4 below!

x	1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
$f'(x)$	8	10	12	13	14.5

The function f is twice differentiable for $x > 0$ with $f(1) = 15$ and $f''(1) = 20$. Values of f', the derivative of f, are given for selected values of x in the table above.

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 1$. Use this line to approximate $f(1.4)$.

(b) Use a midpoint Riemann sum with two subintervals of equal length and values from the table to approximate $\int_1^{1.4} f'(x)\,dx$. Use the approximation for $\int_1^{1.4} f'(x)\,dx$ to estimate the value of $f(1.4)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(c) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(1.4)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(d) Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 1$. Use the Taylor polynomial to approximate $f(1.4)$.

2015 #6

The Maclaurin series for a function f is given by $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{n} x^n = x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 3x^3 - \cdots + \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{n} x^n + \cdots$ and converges to $f(x)$ for $|x| < R$, where R is the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series.

(a) Use the ratio test to find R.

(b) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for f', the derivative of f. Express f' as a rational function for $|x| < R$.

(c) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for e^x. Use the Maclaurin series for e^x to write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for $g(x) = e^x f(x)$ about $x = 0$.