

AP Calculus BC_Taylor Series

1. Let f be a function that has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. Assume $f(0) = 5, f'(0) = -3, f''(0) = 1,$ and $f'''(0) = 4$. (AP 1998)
- (A) Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$ and use it to approximate $f(0.2)$.
 - (B) Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for g , where $g(x) = f(x^2)$, about $x = 0$.
 - (C) Write the third degree Taylor polynomial for h , where $h(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt$, about $x = 0$.
 - (D) Let h be defined as in part (C). Given that $f(1) = 3$, either find the exact value of $h(1)$ or explain why it cannot be determine.

2. 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

$$f^{(n)}(5) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{2^n (n+2)}, \text{ and } f(5) = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ (AP 2000)}$$

- (A) Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 5$.
- (B) Find the radius of convergence of the Taylor series for f about $x = 5$.
- (C) Show that the sixth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 5$ approximates $f(6)$ with error less than $\frac{1}{1000}$.

3. The function f has derivatives of all orders for all real number x . Assume $f(2) = -3, f'(2) = 5, f''(2) = 3,$ and $f'''(2) = -8$. (AP 1999)

- (A) Write the thud-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 2$ and use it to approximate $f(1.5)$.
- (B) The fourth derivative of f satisfies the inequality $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 3$ for all x in the closed interval $[1.5, 2]$. Use the Lagrange error bound on the approximation to $f(1.5)$ found in part (a) to explain why $f(1.5) \neq -5$.
- (C) Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial, $P(x)$, for $g(x) = f(x^2+2)$ about $x = 0$. Use P to explain why g must have a relative minimum at $x = 0$.

4. The Maclaurin series for the function f is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^{n+1}}{n+1} = 2x + \frac{4x^2}{2} + \frac{8x^3}{3} + \frac{16x^4}{4} + \dots + \frac{(2x)^{n+1}}{n+1} + \dots$$

on its interval of convergence. (AP 2002)

- (A) Find the interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series for f Justify your answer.
- (B) Find the first four terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for $f(x)$.
- (C) Use the Maclaurin series you found in part (b) to find the value of $f'\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$.

5. A function f is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3^2}x + \frac{3}{3^3}x^2 + \dots + \frac{n+1}{3^{n+1}}x^n + \dots$$

For all x in the interval of convergence of the given power series. (AP 2001)

- (A) Find the interval of convergence for this power series. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(B) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - \frac{1}{3}}{x}$.

- (C) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term for an infinite series that represents $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$.

- (D) Find the sum of the series determined in part (c).

6. Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \sin\left(5x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$, and let $P(x)$ be the third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$ (AP 2004)

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

- (B) Find the coefficient of x^{22} in the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.

- (C) Use the Lagrange error bound to show that $\left|f\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) - P\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)\right| < \frac{1}{100}$.

- (D) Let G be the function given by $G(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$. Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for G about $x = 0$.

7. The function f is defined by the power series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

for all real numbers x . (AP 2003)

- (A) Find $f'(0)$ and $f''(0)$. Determine whether f has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at $x = 0$. Give a reason for your answer.

- (B) Show that $1 - \frac{1}{3!}$ approximates $f(1)$ with error less than $\frac{1}{100}$.

- (C) Show that $y = f(x)$ is a solution to the differential equation $xy' + y = \cos x$.

8. The function f is defined by the power series

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

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

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

For the real numbers x for which the series converges. (AP 2006)

- (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 $x = 0$. Given a reason for you answer.

9. Let f be a function with derivatives of all orders and for which $f(2) = 7$. When n is odd, the n th derivative of f at $x = 2$ is 0. When n is even and $n \geq 2$, the n th derivative of f at $x = 2$ is given by $f^{(n)}(2) = \frac{(n-1)!}{3^n}$. (AP 2005)

- (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.

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

10. The function f , defined above, has derivatives of all orders. Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = 1 + \int_0^x f(t) dt$. (AP 2010)

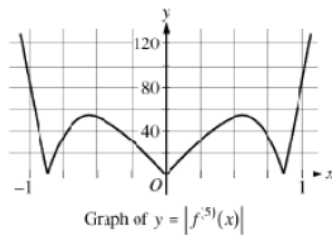
- (A) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for $\cos x$ about $x = 0$. Use this series to write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.
- (B) Use the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$ found in part (a) to determine 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 $\frac{1}{6!}$.

11. The Maclaurin series for e^x is $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$. 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 $x = 1$. (AP 2009)

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

12. Let $f(x) = \sin(x^2) + \cos x$. The graph of $y = |f^{(5)}(x)|$ is shown in the figure. (AP 2011)



- (A) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for $\sin x$ about $x = 0$, and write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for $\sin(x^2)$ about $x = 0$.
- (B) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for $\cos x$ about $x = 0$. Use this series and the series for $\sin(x^2)$, found in part (a), to write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.
- (C) Find the value of $f^{(6)}(0)$.
- (D) Let $P_4(x)$ be the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$. Using information from the graph of $y = |f^{(5)}(x)|$ shown in fig., shown that

$$\left| P_4\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \right| < \frac{1}{3000}.$$

13. The function g has derivatives of all orders, and the Maclaurin series for g is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+3} = \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x^3}{5} + \frac{x^5}{7} - \dots \quad (\text{AP 2012})$$

- (A) Using the ratio test, determine the interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series for g .
- (B) The Maclaurin series for g evaluated at $x = \frac{1}{2}$ is an alternating series whose terms decrease in absolute value to 0. The approximation for $g = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ using the first two nonzero terms of this series is $\frac{17}{120}$. Show that this approximation differs from $g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ by less than $\frac{1}{200}$.
- (C) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for $g'(x)$.

14. A function f has derivatives of all orders at $x = 0$. Let $P_n(x)$ denote the n th-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$. (AP 2013)

- (A) It is known that $f(0) = -4$ and that $P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -3$. Show that $f'(0) = 2$.
- (B) It is known that $f''(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $f'''(0) = \frac{1}{3}$. Find $P_3(x)$.
- (C) The function h has first derivative given by $h'(x) = f(2x)$. It is known that $h(0) = 7$. Find the third-degree Taylor polynomial for h about $x = 0$.

15. The Taylor series for a function f about $x = 1$ is given by $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^n}{n} (x-1)^n$ and converges to $f(x)$ for $|x-1| < R$, where R is the radius of convergence of the Taylor series. (AP 2014)
- (A) Find the value of R .
- (B) Find the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f' , the derivative of f , about $x = 1$.
- (C) The Taylor series for f' about $x = 1$, found in part (b), is a geometric series. Find the function f' to which the series converges for $|x-1| < R$. Use this function to determine f for $|x-1| < R$.
16. The Maclaurin series for a function f is given by $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{n} x^n = x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 3x^3 - \dots + \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{n} x^n + \dots$ and converges to $f(x)$ for $|x| < R$, where R is the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series. (AP 2015)
- (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 $x = 0$.
17. The function f has a Taylor series about $x=1$ that converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence. It is known that $f(1) = 1$, $f'(1) = -\frac{1}{2}$, and the n^{th} derivative of f at $x=1$ is given by $f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n \frac{(n-1)!}{2^n}$ for $n \geq 2$. (AP 2016)
- (A) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x - 1$.
- (B) The Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ has a radius of convergence of 2. Find the interval of convergence. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (C) The Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ can be used to represent $f(1, 2)$ as an alternating series. Use the first three nonzero terms of the alternating series to approximate $f(1, 2)$.
- (D) Show that the approximation found in part (C) is within 0.001 of the exact value of $f(1, 2)$.
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- $$f(0) = 0$$
- $$f'(0) = 1$$
- $$f^{(n+1)} = -n \cdot f^{(n)}(0) \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

A function f has derivatives of all orders for $-1 < x < 1$. The derivatives of f satisfy the conditions above. The Maclaurin series for f converges to $f(x)$ for $|x| < 1$.

(AP 2017)

(A) Show that the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for f are

$$x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4},$$

and write the general term of the Maclaurin series for f .

(B) Determine whether the Maclaurin series described in part (a) converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges at $x = 1$. Explain your reasoning.

(C) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$.

(D) Let $P_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ represent the n th-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$ evaluated at $x = \frac{1}{2}$, where g is the function defined in part (c). Use the alternating series error bound to show that $\left|P_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right| < \frac{1}{500}$.

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The Maclaurin series for $(1 + x)^{-1}$ is given by

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

On its interval of convergence, this series converges to $\frac{1}{1+x}$. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$ in $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$. (AP 2018)

(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.

(C) Let $P_4(x)$ be the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$. Use the alternating series error bound to find an upper bound for $|P_4(2) - f(2)|$.