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Taylor and Power Series FRQ

AP Calculus BC

$$f(0) = 0$$
$$f'(0) = 1$$
$$f^{(n+1)}(0) = -n \cdot f^{(n)}(0) \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

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 $|x| < 1$.

(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 nth-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

$$\left| P_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| < \frac{1}{500}.$$

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 nth derivative of f at $x = 1$ is given by $f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n \frac{(n-1)!}{2^n}$ for $n \geq 2$.

(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 $f(1.2)$.

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 $x = 0$.

CALCULATOR INACTIVE

If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ is a Taylor series that converges to $f(x)$ for all real x, then $f'(1) =$

(A) 0 (B) a_1 (C) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ (D) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n$ (E) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n{}^{n-1}$

CALCULATOR ACTIVE

What are all values of x for which the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{(x+2)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$ converges?

(A) $-3 < x < -1$ (B) $-3 \le x < -1$ (C) $-3 \le x \le -1$ (D) $-1 \le x < 1$ (E) $-1 \le x \le 1$

The Taylor series for $\ln x$, centered at $x = 1$, is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^{n+1}\frac{(x-1)^n}{n}$. Let f be the function given by the sum of the first three nonzero terms of this series. The maximum value of $|\ln x - f(x)|$ for $0.3 \le x \le 1.7$ is

(A) 0.030 (B) 0.039 (C) 0.145 (D) 0.153 (E) 0.529

The graph of the function represented by the Maclaurin series $1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \ldots + \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{n!} + \ldots$ intersects the graph of $y = x^3$ at $x =$

(A) 0.773 (B) 0.865 (C) 0.929 (D) 1.000 (E) 1.857