10.7: Taylor and Maclaurin Series

- The Taylor series for f(x) about x = a: $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n =$ $= f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 + \dots$
- The Maclaurin series is the Taylor series about x = 0 (i.e. a=0):

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} x^3 + \dots$$

• Known Mclaurin series and their intervals of convergence you must have memorized:

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

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\sin x \quad = \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad = \quad x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\arctan x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad [-1,1]$$

Examples.

1. Find Maclaurin series for the following functions:

(a)
$$f(x) = \sin^2 x$$

(b) $x + 3x^2 + xe^{-x}$

2. Express
$$\int \frac{\sin(3x)}{x} dx$$
 as an infinite series.

3. Find the sum of the series:

(a)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \pi^{2n}}{4^{2n} (2n)!}$$

(b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{7^n}{n!}$

(c)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{6n+3}}{2n+1}$$

4. Use series to approximate the integral $\int_0^{0.5} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx$ with error less than 10^{-3} .

10.9: Applications of Taylor Polynomials

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n = \sum_{\substack{n=0\\N-th \text{ degree}}}^N \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \sum_{\substack{n=N+1\\N-th \text{ degree}}}^\infty \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \\ R_N(x) \\ Remainder \\ Remaind$$

Examples.

- 5. Find the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = \frac{1}{2+6x}$ centered at a = 0.
- 6. Find the third-degree Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$ centered at a = 1.
- 7. Find the second degree Taylor Polynomial for $f(x) = \ln x$ at a = 3.

Review for Test 3, covering 10.2–10.7, 10.9

- 8. Given a series whose partial sums are given by $s_n = (7n + 3)/(n + 7)$, find the general term a_n of the series and determine if the series converges or diverges. If it converges, find the sum.
- 9. Find the sum of the following series or show they are divergent:

(a)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7+5^n}{10^n}$$

(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8}{(n+1)(n+3)}$

- 10. Write the repeating decimal $0.\overline{27}$ as a fraction.
- 11. Use the test for Divergence to determine whether the series diverges.

(a)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^5}{3(n^4+3)(n+1)}$$

(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n\sqrt{n}}$
(c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6-e^{-n}}$

12. Which of the following series converges absolutely?

(a)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(\pi^3 n^2)}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$$

(b)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt[4]{n}}$$

(c)
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\ln n}$$

(d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{(n!)^2}$
(e) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^n}{\ln(n+1)}$
(f) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+4}{n^{11}+n^7+n+1}$

13. Suppose that the power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n (x-4)^n$ has the radius of convergence 4. Consider the following pair of series:

$$(I) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 5^n \qquad (II) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 3^n$$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (a) (I) is convergent, (II) is divergent
- (b) Neither series is convergent
- (c) Bith series are convergent
- (d) (I) is divergent, (II) is convergent
- (e) no conclusion can be drawn about either series.
- 14. Show that the series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^2}$ converges. Then find un upper bound on the error in using s_{10} to approximate the series. (Note that $\ln 2 > 1/2$.)
- 15. If we represent $\frac{x^2}{4+9x^2}$ as a power series centered at a = 0, what is the associated radius of convergence?

16. Find the radius and interval of convergence of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n (3x-1)^n}{n}.$

- 17. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
 - (a) If $a_n > 0$ for $n \ge 1$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$ converges then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. (b) If $a_n > 0$ for $n \ge 1$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$ converges.
 - (b) If $u_n > 0$ for $n \ge 1$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$ converges then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n$
 - (c) If $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0$ then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$ converges.
 - (d) If $a_n > 0$ for $n \ge 1$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{e}{2}$ then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.

18. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2 3^n}$ converges to s. Use the Alternating Series Theorem to estimate $|s-s_6|$.