

2016 AP[®] CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

6. 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 $n \geq 2$.

- Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 1$.
- 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.
- 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 $f(1.2)$.
- Show that the approximation found in part (c) is within 0.001 of the exact value of $f(1.2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } P_3(x) &= f(x) + f'(x)(x-1) + \frac{f''(x)(x-1)^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(x)(x-1)^3}{3!} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{4} \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} - \frac{2}{8} \frac{(x-1)^3}{6} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{8}(x-1)^2 - \frac{1}{24}(x-1)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

b) $R = 2$ centered at $x = 1$
 $-1 < x < 3$

Let $x = -1$

$$1 + 1 + \frac{1}{8}(-1-1)^2 - \frac{1}{24}(-1-1)^3$$

$$1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots$$

harmonic series
 \rightarrow diverges

Let $x = 3$

$$1 - 1 + \frac{1}{8}(3-1)^2 - \frac{1}{24}(3-1)^3$$

$$1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}$$

alternating $\sum \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow$ converges

Therefore the interval of convergence
 is $-1 < x \leq 3$

$$\begin{aligned} c) \quad f(1.2) &\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}(1.2-1) + \frac{1}{8}(1.2-1)^2 \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.2) + \frac{1}{8}(0.2)^2 \\ &= 0.905 \end{aligned}$$

$$d) \quad |f(1.2) - P_2(x)| = |f(1.2) - 0.905| \leq \text{error}$$

$$= \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(x)(x-1)^3}{3!} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(x)(1.2-1)^3}{3!} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-2}{8} \frac{(0.2)^3}{3!} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{3000} \leq 0.001$$

2011 AP[®] CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS (Form B)

6. Let $f(x) = \ln(1+x^3)$.

- (a) The Maclaurin series for $\ln(1+x)$ is $x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{x^n}{n} + \dots$. Use the series to write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for f .
- (b) The radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for f is 1. Determine the interval of convergence. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for $f'(t^2)$. If $g(x) = \int_0^x f'(t^2) dt$, use the first two nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for g to approximate $g(1)$.
- (d) The Maclaurin series for g , evaluated at $x = 1$, is a convergent alternating series with individual terms that decrease in absolute value to 0. Show that your approximation in part (c) must differ from $g(1)$ by less than $\frac{1}{5}$.

$$\begin{aligned} a) f(x) = \ln(1+x^3) &= x^3 - \frac{(x^3)^2}{2} + \frac{(x^3)^3}{3} - \frac{(x^3)^4}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(x^3)^n}{n} + \dots \\ &= x^3 - \frac{x^6}{2} + \frac{x^9}{3} - \frac{x^{12}}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{3n}}{n} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

b) let $x = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(-1)^{3n}}{n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{4n+1}}{n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

diverges b/c
harmonic series
(or $p=1$)

let $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(1)^{3n}}{n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \end{aligned}$$

converges by
alternating term
test

Therefore interval of
convergence is

$$-1 < x \leq 1$$

(t^2)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3^n x^{3n-1}}{n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} 3x^{3n-1} = 3x^2 - 3x^5 + 3x^8 - 3x^{11} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} 3(t^2)^{3n-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} 3t^{6n-2} = 3t^4 - 3t^{10} + 3t^{16} - 3t^{22} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3t^{6n-1}}{6n-1} = \frac{3x^5}{5} - \frac{3x^{11}}{11} + \frac{3x^{17}}{17} - \frac{3x^{23}}{23} + \dots$$

$$\approx \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{11} = \frac{18}{55}$$

$$- p_2(x) = \text{error}$$

$$- \frac{18}{55} \leq a_{n+1}$$

$$= a_3$$

$$= \frac{3(1)^{17}}{17}$$

$$= \frac{3}{17} < \frac{1}{5}$$