

List 7*L'Hôpital's Rule, Taylor series and polynomials*

168. Give an equation for the tangent line to $y = e^{3x}(\cos(4x))^5$ at $x = 1$. $y = 3x + 1$
169. Is $y = e^{\sin(x)}$ concave up or concave down when $x = \pi$? **concave down** because $f''(\pi) = -1$ is negative.
170. Find the absolute extremes of $x \ln(x)$ on...
- (a) the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$. **abs min at $x = \frac{1}{e}$, abs max at $x = 0$**
- (b) the interval $[0, 1]$. **abs min at $x = \frac{1}{e}$, abs max at both $x = 0, x = 1$**
- (c) the interval $[0, 2]$. **abs min at $x = \frac{1}{e}$, abs max at $x = 2$**
- (d) the interval $[1, 2]$. **abs min at $x = 1$, abs max at $x = 2$**
171. Find the inflection points of $f(x) = \frac{3}{10}x^5 - 5x^4 + 32x^3 - 96x^2 + 28$. **$x = 2$ is the only inflection point. Although $f''(4) = 0$, the sign of f'' does not change at $x = 4$ because $f''(x) > 0$ for all x near 4.**
172. If f is a smooth function with

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| x | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f | 3 | 5 | -3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 12 |
| f' | 2 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| f'' | 0 | 4 | 1 | -1 | $-\frac{8}{3}$ | 0 | 1 |

answer the following:

- (a) Does f have a critical point at $x = 0$? **No** $f'(0) \neq 0$
- (b) Does f have a local minimum at $x = -1$? **Yes** $f'(-1) = 0$ and $f''(-1) > 0$
- (c) Does f have a local maximum at $x = 4$? **No** local min
- (d) It is possible that f has an absolute minimum at $x = -1$? **No**
 $f(x) < f(-1)$ for $x = -2$ and $x = 0$
- (e) It is possible that f has an absolute maximum at $x = -1$? **No**
 $f(x) > f(-1)$ for $x = 1, 2, \dots$
- (f) It is possible that f has an inflection point at $x = 3$? **Yes** $f''(3) = 0$ and $f''(2) < 0 < f''(4)$ (f'' changes sign)
- (g) It is possible that f has an inflection point at $x = 4$? **No** $f''(4) \neq 0$

L'Hôpital's Rule: if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ exists, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

The same substitution works if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$ or $-\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \infty$ or $-\infty$.
And also for one-sided limits and for $x \rightarrow \infty$ and $x \rightarrow -\infty$.

173. Calculate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3x^3 + 4x^2 - 13x + 6}{2x^4 + x^3 - x^2 + x - 3}$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\ln(x - 3)}$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{9x^2 + 8x - 13}{8x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1} = \frac{9 + 8 - 13}{8 + 3 - 2 + 1} = \frac{4}{10} = \boxed{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\pi \cos(\pi x)}{1/(x - 3)} = \frac{\pi \cos(4\pi)}{1/1} = \boxed{\pi}$$

174. Calculate the following limits:

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{1/x}$ L'Hôpital: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/x}{-1/x^2}$.

Then $\frac{1/x}{-1/x^2} = \frac{-x^2}{x} = -x$, so the limit is $-0 = \boxed{0}$.

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(x)$ Algebra: $x \ln(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{1/x}$, so this is the same as (a). $\boxed{0}$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{x \ln(x)} = e^{\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln(x)\right)} = e^0 = \boxed{1}$

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x$ Algebra: $x^x = (e^{\ln(x)})^x = e^{x \ln(x)}$, so this is the same as (c). $\boxed{1}$

Hint for (c): recall that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(g(x)) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)\right)$ if f is continuous.

175. (a) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 18}{3x + 4} \cdot \frac{1 - 18}{3 + 4} = \boxed{\frac{-17}{7}}$

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x}{3} \cdot \frac{2(1)}{3} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$

(b) Why are the answers to (a) and (b) not equal? Because $\frac{x^2 - 18}{3x + 4}$ is NOT $\frac{0}{0}$ when $x = 1$.

176. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin(x) - \sin(2x)}{x - \sin(x)}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin(x) - \sin(2x)}{x - \sin(x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos(x) - 2 \cos(2x)}{1 - \cos(x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin(x) + 4 \sin(2x)}{\sin(x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \cos(x) + 8 \cos(2x)}{\cos(x)} \\ &= \frac{-2 + 8}{1} = \boxed{6} \end{aligned}$$

177. (a) Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$ using L'Hôpital. $\boxed{1}$

(b) Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$ using the fact that $f(n) = e^{\ln(f(n))}$ and therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(f(n))} = e^{\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(f(n))\right)}.$$

$$e^1 = \boxed{e}$$

178. For the function $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = \boxed{0}$.

(b) Do not use L'Hôpital! Just plug in $x = 0$ to get $\frac{0^2}{e^0} = \frac{0}{e^0} = \frac{0}{1} = \boxed{0}$.

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^2 e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 e^x = \boxed{+\infty}$.

For a function $f(x)$, the **degree- N Taylor polynomial around $x = a$** is

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x - a)^n,$$

where $n! = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1$ is a factorial and $f^{(n)}$ is the n^{th} derivative of f . Note that $0! = 1$ and that $f^{(0)} = f$. In expanded form, this is

$$f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a)^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(N)}(a)}{N!}(x - a)^N.$$

179. (a) Calculate the functions $f'(x)$ and $f''(x)$ for $f(x) = x^{5/2}$.

(b) Calculate the numbers $f(4)$, $f'(4)$, and $f''(4)$ for $f(x) = x^{5/2}$.

(c) Give the degree-2 Taylor polynomial for $x^{5/2}$ around $x = 4$. (You may leave “ $(x - 4)$ ” in your answer; you do not have to expand it to “ $x^2 + \dots$ ”.)

$$\boxed{32 + 20(x - 4) + \frac{15}{4}(x - 4)^2}$$

180. Give the degree-3 Taylor polynomial for $e^x \cos(x)$ around $x = 0$. $\boxed{1 + x - \frac{x^3}{3}}$

(You will first need to find $f'(x)$, $f''(x)$, $f'''(x)$ and the numbers $f(0)$, \dots , $f'''(0)$.)

181. (a) Give the quadratic Taylor polynomial for \sqrt{x} around $x = 1$.

$$\boxed{1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) - \frac{1}{8}(x - 1)^2}$$

(b) Plug $x = 1.2$ into your polynomial from part (a) to get a “quadratic approximation” to $\sqrt{1.2}$. $1 + \frac{1}{2}(0.2) - \frac{1}{8}(0.2)^2 = \boxed{1.095}$

(c) Compare the quadratic approximation to the linear approximation from Task 82(a)-(c). Which is closer to the true value of $\sqrt{1.2} \approx 1.09545$? **The quadratic approximation is better (closer to the exact value $\sqrt{1.2}$) than the linear approximation.**

The **Taylor series around $x = a$** is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$. Here are Taylor¹ series around zero for some common functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x) &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots & \cos(x) &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \\ \frac{1}{1-x} &= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots & \ln(1+x) &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \\ e^x &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

182. Give the Taylor series for $\frac{x^3}{1-x}$ around $x = 0$. $(x^3)(\frac{1}{1-x}) = x^3(1 + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots) = x^3 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8 + \dots$

183. Give the Taylor series for $\ln(1+x^2)$ around $x = 0$. $x^2 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^6}{3} - \frac{x^8}{4} + \frac{x^{10}}{5} - \dots$

184. Give the Taylor polynomial of degree 6 for $f(x) = \ln(x)$ around $x = 1$.

$$(x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4 + \frac{1}{5}(x-1)^5 - \frac{1}{6}(x-1)^6$$

185. (a) Give the Taylor polynomial of degree 3 for $f(x) = \frac{x}{\cos(x)}$ around $x = 0$.

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\cos(x)} \qquad f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos(x) + x \sin(x)}{(\cos(x))^2} \qquad f'(0) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= \frac{c^2(-s + xc + s) - (c + xs)2c(-s)}{c^4} & f''(0) &= 0 \\ &= \frac{xc^3 + 2c^2s + 2xcs^2}{c^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$f'''(x) = \dots \qquad f'''(0) = 3$$

$$\text{so } P(x) = 0 + 1x + \frac{0}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{3!}x^3 = x + \frac{1}{2}x^3$$

(b) Give the Taylor polynomial of degree 4 for $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ around $x = 0$.

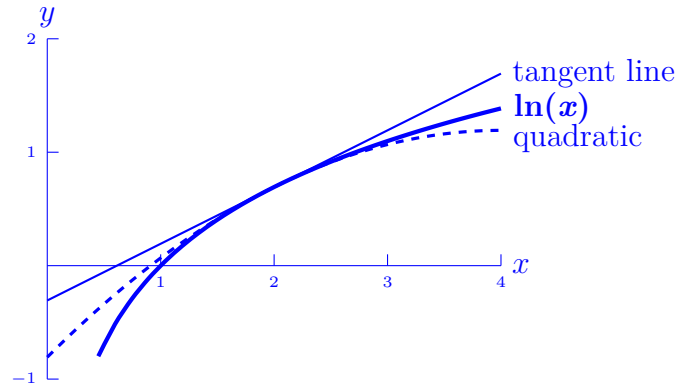
$$\frac{\sin(x)}{x} = \frac{x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots}{x} = 1 - \frac{1}{6}x^2 + \frac{1}{120}x^4 - \frac{1}{7!}x^6 + \dots, \text{ so the}$$

$$\text{Taylor polynomial is } 1 - \frac{1}{6}x^2 + \frac{1}{120}x^4$$

(c) Which more difficult—part (a) or part (b)? (a)

186. On a single set of axes with $x \in [0, 4]$ and $y \in [-1, 2]$, draw the curve $y = \ln(x)$, the tangent line to $y = \ln(x)$ at the point $(2, \ln 2)$, and the graph of the quadratic Taylor polynomial for $\ln(x)$ around $x = 2$.

¹ A Taylor series around zero is also called a “Maclaurin series”.



An **anti-derivative** of $f(x)$ is a function whose derivative is $f(x)$.
 In symbols, $F(x)$ is an anti-derivative of $f(x)$ if $F'(x) = f(x)$.

187. (a) Give an anti-derivative of $10x^9$.
 That is, give a function $F(x)$ for which $F'(x) = 10x^9$.
 (b) Give another anti-derivative of $10x^9$.
 (c) Give another anti-derivative of $10x^9$.
 (d) Give another anti-derivative of $10x^9$.

All answers will be of the form $x^{10} + C$. These might include x^{10} or $x^{10} + 1$ or $x^{10} - 12345$, etc.

188. Give an anti-derivative of $\sin(x)$. $-\cos(x)$ or any $-\cos(x) + C$

189. Give an anti-derivative for each of the following functions:

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| (a) x^3 | $\frac{1}{4}x^4$ | (e) $-3x^{15}$ | $-\frac{3}{16}x^{16}$ | (i) $\frac{-4}{3}x^7$ | $-\frac{1}{6}x^8$ |
| (b) $12x^5$ | $2x^6$ | (f) $\frac{1}{2}x^2$ | $\frac{1}{6}x^3$ | (j) $5\sin(x)$ | $-5\cos(x)$ |
| (c) $12x^4$ | $\frac{12}{5}x^5$ | (g) x^{5000} | $\frac{1}{5001}x^{5001}$ | (k) $2\cos(x)$ | $2\sin(x)$ |
| (d) x^{15} | $\frac{1}{16}x^{16}$ | (h) $\frac{3}{5}x^{12}$ | $\frac{3}{65}x^{13}$ | (l) e^x | e^x |

190. Give an anti-derivative of $3x^2 \cos(x^3 + 9)$. $\sin(x^3 + 9)$