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1. Consider the three infinite series below.

(i)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{5n}$$
 (ii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)(n^2-1)}{4n^3-2n+1}$ (iii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5(-4)^{n+2}}{3^{2n+1}}$

(a) Which of these series is (are) alternating?

Solution: Clearly series (i) and (iii). It is not necessary to expand to see that they are alternating.

(b) Which one of these series diverges, and why?

Solution: Series (ii). To show this, just show that the limit of the n^{th} term as $n \to \infty$ is not equal to zero.

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)(n^2 - 1)}{4n^3 - 2n + 1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^3 + n^2 - n - 1}{4n^3 - 2n + 1}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1 + 1/n - 1/n^2 - 1/n^3}{4 - 2/n^2 + 1/n^3} = \frac{1}{4} \neq 0$$

(c) One of these series converges absolutely. Which one? Compute its sum.

Solution: Series (iii) coverges absolutely, and its sum is given by the geometric series.

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5 \left(-4\right)^{n+2}}{3^{2n+1}} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{80 \left(-4\right)^n}{3 \cdot 9^n} \\ &= \frac{80}{3} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{4}{9}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{80}{3} \cdot \left[\left(-\frac{4}{9}\right) + \left(-\frac{4}{9}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{4}{9}\right)^3 + \cdots\right] \\ &= -\frac{320}{27} \cdot \left[1 + \left(-\frac{4}{9}\right) + \left(-\frac{4}{9}\right)^2 + \cdots\right] \\ &= -\frac{320}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{1+4/9} = -\frac{320}{27} \cdot \frac{9}{9+4} = -\frac{320}{27} \cdot \frac{9}{13} = \left[-\frac{320}{39}\right] \end{split}$$

2. Given that the function

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!},$$

is a solution to the differential equation

$$f''(x) + f(x) = 0.$$

Answer the following questions.

(a) Find f'(x).

Solution:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots$$

$$f'(x) = 0 - \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} - \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots$$

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$$

(b) Find f''(x).

Solution:

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} - \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots$$

$$f''(x) = -1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots$$

$$f''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

(c) Expand both f and f'' and then substitute into the differential equation

$$f''(x) + f(x) = 0,$$

to verify that it is a solution.

Solution:

$$0 = f''(x) + f(x)$$

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

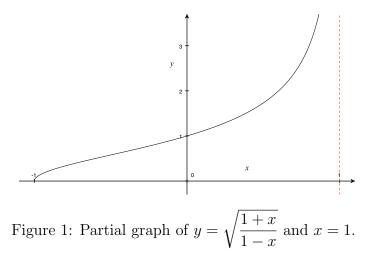
$$0 = \left(-1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots\right) + \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots\right)$$

$$0 = 0$$

3. Given

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

and the following graph.



(a) Why is this an improper integral?

Solution: At x = 1 it is undefined.

(b) Show that

$$\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} = \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

if -1 < x < 1.

Solution:

$$\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+x}}{\sqrt{1+x}} = \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

Or, if you prefer.

$$\frac{1+x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{(1+x)(1-x)}} = \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}}$$

(c) Use

$$\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} = \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$
$$\int \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

Solution:

to evaluate

$$\int \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \, \mathrm{d}x = \int \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, \mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, \mathrm{d}x + \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, \mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \boxed{\arcsin x - \sqrt{1-x^2} + C}$$

(d) Evaluate

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{a \to 1^{-}} \int_{-1}^{a} \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \, \mathrm{d}x = \lim_{a \to 1^{-}} \left(\arcsin x - \sqrt{1-x^2} \right) \Big]_{-1}^{a}$$
$$= \lim_{a \to 1^{-}} \left[\arcsin a - \sqrt{1-a^2} \right] - \arcsin (-1)$$
$$= \arcsin 1 - \arcsin (-1)$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \overline{\pi}$$

4. Integrate.

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{2x^3 - 4x^2 - 15x + 5}{x^2 - 2x - 8} \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

Solution: First you'll need to long divide.

$$\frac{2x^3 - 4x^2 - 15x + 5}{x^2 - 2x - 8} = 2x + \frac{x + 5}{x^2 - 2x - 8}.$$

Then use *partial fractions* to get

$$\frac{2x^3 - 4x^2 - 15x + 5}{x^2 - 2x - 8} = 2x + \frac{x + 5}{x^2 - 2x - 8} = 2x + \frac{3/2}{x - 4} - \frac{1/2}{x + 2}.$$

Now integrate.

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{2x^3 - 4x^2 - 15x + 5}{x^2 - 2x - 8} \, \mathrm{d}x = \int_{-1}^{1} 2x + \frac{3/2}{x - 4} - \frac{1/2}{x + 2} \, \mathrm{d}x$$
$$= x^2 + \frac{3}{2} \ln|x - 4| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x + 2| \Big]_{-1}^{1}$$
$$= \boxed{\ln \frac{3}{5\sqrt{5}}}$$

5. Given a differential equation of the form

$$y' = kxy^2,$$

find the constant k such that

$$y = \frac{1}{x^2 + 5}$$

is a solution to this differential equation.

Solution: First find y'

$$y' = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \left[\frac{1}{x^2 + 5} \right] = -\frac{2x}{\left(x^2 + 5\right)^2},$$

and then see what k is in the differential equation,

$$y' = kxy^{2}$$
$$-\frac{2x}{(x^{2}+5)^{2}} = kx\left(\frac{1}{x^{2}+5}\right)^{2}$$
$$k = \boxed{-2}$$

6. Use integration by parts to evaluate

$$\int_{1}^{2} x^{3} \ln x \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

Solution: Starting with,

$$u = \ln x$$
 and $\mathrm{d}v = x^3 \mathrm{d}x$,

then,

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$
 and $v = \frac{x^4}{4}$

Now carefully using these parts we finally have.

$$\int_{1}^{2} x^{3} \ln x \, dx = \frac{x^{4} \ln x}{4} \Big]_{1}^{2} - \frac{1}{4} \int_{1}^{2} \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{x^{4}}{4} \, dx$$
$$= \frac{x^{4} \ln x}{4} \Big]_{1}^{2} - \frac{1}{4} \int_{1}^{2} x^{3} \, dx$$
$$= \frac{x^{4} \ln x}{4} - \frac{x^{4}}{16} \Big]_{1}^{2}$$
$$= \left[\ln 16 - \frac{15}{16} \right]$$

7. Euler's identity is helpful when dealing with complex numbers, it states that for any real number θ ,

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta.$$

You should know from basic algebra how to raise i (where $\sqrt{-1} = i$) to a natural number power. Here's a short list:

 $i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i, i^4 = 1, i^5 = i, i^6 = -1, i^7 = -i, \dots$

Let's use our series expansion for e^x , but this time let's replace x by $i\theta$ and see if you can get **Euler's identity** by doing this. Use this identity to find out a simple form (it's a very simple and important number) for $e^{i\pi}$.

Solution:

$$e^{\theta} = 1 + \theta + \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} + \cdots$$

$$e^{i\theta} = 1 + i\theta + \frac{(i\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(i\theta)^3}{3!} + \frac{(i\theta)^4}{4!} + \frac{(i\theta)^5}{5!} + \cdots$$

$$= 1 + i\theta - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} - i\frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + i\frac{\theta^5}{5!} + \cdots$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \cdots\right) + i\left(\theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \cdots\right)$$

$$= \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

Using **Euler's identity** with $\theta = \pi$ we get:

 $e^{i\pi} = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi$ $e^{i\pi} = -1 + i \cdot 0$ $e^{i\pi} = -1$

This, of course leads to a very important relationship between π , 1, 0, e and i, namely

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0.$$

These five numbers are often referred to as the five most important numbers in mathematics. [Hate to sound biased, but these numbers are really in a class by themselves. In a way, numbers are polytheistic, and these five numbers stand equally above all others.] When I travel I almost always visit cultural centers where people are asked to leave a comment in a guest book, and I often leave $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$ because those symbols are universally understood by educated people. Once I saw it crossed off (with a comment stating that it was not true), I guess because it offended someone. Anyway, I just might start leaving $1 = 0.\overline{999}$ which probably appears equally offensive—I know it once offended me when I first saw calculus.

8. Evaluate.¹ You must show work!

$$\int_{1}^{4} \sin \sqrt{x} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Solution: Taking the hint.

$$u = \sqrt{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathrm{d}u = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \,\mathrm{d}x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathrm{d}u = \frac{1}{2u} \,\mathrm{d}x \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2u \,\mathrm{d}u = \mathrm{d}x$$

Here's goes.

$$\int_{1}^{4} \sin \sqrt{x} \, \mathrm{d}x = 2 \int_{1}^{2} u \sin u \, \mathrm{d}u$$

Now here's the parts.

 $v = u \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathrm{d}v = \mathrm{d}u \quad \text{and} \quad \sin u \, \mathrm{d}u = \mathrm{d}w \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\cos u = w$

Here goes.

$$\int_{1}^{4} \sin \sqrt{x} \, dx = 2 \int_{1}^{2} u \sin u \, du$$
$$= -2u \cos u \,]_{1}^{2} + 2 \int_{1}^{2} \cos u \, du$$
$$= -2u \cos u + 2 \sin u \,]_{1}^{2}$$
$$= -4 \cos 2 + 2 \sin 2 + 2 \cos 1 - 2 \sin 1$$

¹First make a simple *u*-substitution where $u = \sqrt{x}$, then use integration by parts.

9. The generalized Binomial Theorem was discovered by Isaac Newton around 1665, and you probably learned the Binomial Theorem in pre-calculus. It was probably introduced as an expansion of $(a + b)^n$.

$$(a+b)^{n} = a^{n} + k_{1}a^{n-1}b + k_{2}a^{n-2}b^{2} + k_{3}a^{n-3}b^{3} + \dots + k_{n-2}a^{2}b^{n-2} + k_{n-1}ab^{n-1} + b^{n}.$$

The pattern should be easy to follow, but the constants k_i are in fact difficult to compute. After some thought though, most students can figure out that these coefficients form a pattern for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. As you may recall, the coefficients of the binomial expansion can be computed using this formula:

$$_{n}C_{r} = \left(\begin{array}{c}n\\r\end{array}\right) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!},$$

where n represents the degree (row in Pascal's Triangle) and r represents the position starting with 0 and ending with n in each expansion. The **generalized Binomial**

Theorem does not limit the power to being an integer though. We will be using the Taylor series to develop the **generalized Binomial Theorem** which states for any exponent $a \in \mathbb{R}$, integer $n \ge 0$, and |x| < 1:

$$(1+x)^{a} = 1 + ax + \frac{a(a-1)}{2!}x^{2} + \frac{a(a-1)(a-2)}{3!}x^{3} + \dots + \binom{a}{n}x^{n} + \dots$$

Here we need to define the binomial coefficient

$$\binom{a}{n} = \frac{a(a-1)(a-2)\cdots(a-n+1)}{n!}.$$

For example

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}4/3\\3\end{array}\right) = \frac{4/3 \cdot (4/3 - 1) (4/3 - 2)}{3!} = -\frac{4}{81}.$$

So now, with what you know about Taylor series, try to develop the **generalized Binomial Theorem**.

(a) Repeatedly take derivatives of

$$f\left(x\right) = \left(1+x\right)^{a},$$

and try to find a simple pattern for the n^{th} derivative.

Solution:

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{a}$$

$$f'(x) = a(1+x)^{a-1}$$

$$f''(x) = a(a-1)(1+x)^{a-2}$$

$$f'''(x) = a(a-1)(a-2)(1+x)^{a-3}$$

$$\vdots = \vdots$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = a(a-1)(a-2)\cdots(a-n+1)(1+x)^{a-n}$$

(b) Now we need to evaluate these derivatives at x = 0, and derive the **Taylor series** using this information.

Solution:

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(0) = a$$

$$f''(0) = a(a-1)$$

$$f'''(0) = a(a-1)(a-2)$$

$$\vdots = \vdots$$

$$f^{(n)}(0) = a(a-1)(a-2)\cdots(a-n+1)$$

So the general coefficient of the **Taylor series** is

$$\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = \frac{a(a-1)(a-2)\cdots(a-n+1)}{n!}$$

The result being:

$$(1+x)^{a} = \boxed{1+ax+\frac{a(a-1)}{2!}x^{2}+\frac{a(a-1)(a-2)}{3!}x^{3}+\dots+\binom{a}{n}x^{n}+\dots}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^{n}$$

10. Find the area of the region bounded by the given curves.

$$y = xe^{-0.4x}, \quad y = 0, \quad x = 5$$

Solution: I am using integration by parts with u = x and $e^{-0.4x} dx = dv$.

$$\int_{0}^{5} x e^{-0.4x} \, dx = -\frac{5x}{2e^{0.4x}} \Big]_{0}^{5} + \frac{5}{2} \int_{0}^{5} e^{-0.4x} \, dx$$
$$= -\frac{5x}{2e^{0.4x}} - \frac{25}{4e^{0.4x}} \Big]_{0}^{5}$$
$$= -\frac{25}{2e^{2}} - \frac{25}{4e^{2}} + \frac{25}{4}$$
$$= \frac{25e^{2} - 75}{4e^{2}}$$

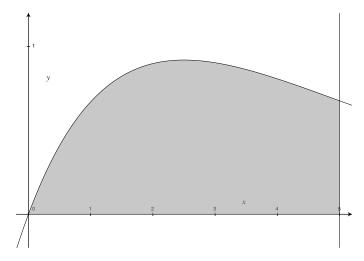


Figure 2: Area of interest.

Here's the graph.

11. Make a substitution to express the integral as a rational function and then evaluate the integral.

$$\int_9^{16} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x-4} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Solution: Let $u^2 = x$, and for x > 0 we also have $u = \sqrt{x}$, furthermore $2u \, du = dx$.

$$\int_{9}^{16} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x-4} \, dx = \int_{3}^{4} \frac{2u^{2}}{u^{2}-4} \, du$$

$$= \int_{3}^{4} 2 + \frac{8}{u^{2}-4} \, du$$

$$= \int_{3}^{4} 2 - \frac{2}{u+2} + \frac{2}{u-2} \, du$$

$$= 2u - 2\ln|u+2| + 2\ln|u-2| \int_{3}^{4}$$

$$= 2u + 2\ln\left|\frac{u-2}{u+2}\right|_{3}^{4}$$

$$= \left[8 + \ln\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)\right] - \left[6 + \ln\left(\frac{1}{25}\right)\right]$$

$$= \left[2 + \ln\left(\frac{25}{9}\right)\right]$$

12. Evaluate the integral.

$$\int_0^1 \frac{y}{e^{2y}} \, \mathrm{d}y$$

Solution: Using integration by parts with u = y and $e^{-2y} dy = dv$.

$$\int_{0}^{1} \frac{y}{e^{2y}} \, \mathrm{d}y = \int_{0}^{1} y e^{-2y} \, \mathrm{d}y$$
$$= -\frac{y}{2e^{2y}} \Big]_{0}^{1} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} e^{-2y} \, \mathrm{d}y$$
$$= -\frac{y}{2e^{2y}} - \frac{1}{4e^{2y}} \Big]_{0}^{1}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2e^{2}} - \frac{1}{4e^{2}} + \frac{1}{4}$$
$$= \boxed{\frac{e^{2} - 3}{4e^{2}}}$$

13. Given that

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)(1-2x)} = \frac{2}{1-2x} - \frac{1}{1-x}.$$

Try to find a power series for f(x) and its interval of convergence.

Solution: You should note that we'll be using

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots,$$

and

$$\frac{2}{1-2x} = 2\left[\frac{1}{1-(2x)}\right] = 2\left[1+2x+4x^2+8x^3+\dots+(2x)^n+\dots\right]$$
$$= 2+4x+8x^2+16x^3+\dots+2(2x)^n+\dots$$

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$$\frac{2}{1-2x} - \frac{1}{1-x} = \left[2 + 4x + 8x^2 + 16x^3 + \dots + 2(2x)^n + \dots\right] - \left[1 + x + x^2 + \dots\right]$$
$$= 1 + 3x + 7x^2 + 15x^3 + \dots + (2^{n+1} - 1)x^n + \dots$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(2^{n+1} - 1\right)x^n$$

Using the **Ratio Test** the interval of convergence is (-1/2, 1/2).

14. Evaluate (exact answer) without using a computer.

$$\int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^3 x \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Solution: On line (4) I am using $u = \csc x$ on the first integral and $u = \sin x$ on the second integral.

$$\int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot^3 x \, \mathrm{d}x = \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot x \left(\cot^2 x \right) \, \mathrm{d}x \tag{1}$$

$$= \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot x \left(\csc^2 x - 1 \right) \, \mathrm{d}x \tag{2}$$

$$= \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot x \, \csc^2 x \, \mathrm{d}x - \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot x \, \mathrm{d}x \tag{3}$$

$$= \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \cot x \ \csc x \ \csc x \ dx - \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \ dx \qquad (4)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2} \csc^2 x - \ln|\sin x| \right) \Big]_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2}$$
(5)

$$= \boxed{\frac{1 - \ln 2}{2}} \tag{6}$$

15. Find the sum of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-k}.$$

Solution: Expanding, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-k} = e^{-k} \left[1 + k + \frac{k^2}{2!} + \frac{k^3}{3!} + \frac{k^4}{4!} + \frac{k^5}{5!} + \frac{k^6}{6!} + \cdots \right]$$
$$= e^{-k} \left[e^k \right] = \boxed{1}$$

16. Evaluate the Integral.

$$\int \frac{x+4}{x^2+2x+5} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Solution: This is an irreducible quadratic factor. Let's work on the rational expression first.

$$\frac{x+4}{x^2+2x+5} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x+5} + \frac{3}{x^2+2x+5}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x+5} + \frac{3}{(x+1)^2+4}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x+5} + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{[(x+1)/2]^2+1}$$

So the integration becomes:

$$\int \frac{x+4}{x^2+2x+5} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x+5} \, \mathrm{d}x + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \int \frac{1}{\left[(x+1)/2\right]^2 + 1} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Now let's do one integration at a time. For

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \int \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x+5} \, \mathrm{d}x,$$

let $u = x^2 + 2x + 5$ and then du = (2x + 2) dx, resulting in:

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \int \frac{2x+2}{x^2+2x+5} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int^* \frac{1}{u} \, \mathrm{d}u = \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| + C_1 = \ln\sqrt{x^2+2x+5} + C_1.$$

The second integration

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \int \frac{1}{\left[(x+1)/2\right]^2 + 1} \, \mathrm{d}x,$$

requires that we let u = (x + 1)/2 and then 2du = dx, resulting in:

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \int \frac{1}{\left[(x+1)/2\right]^2 + 1} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} \, \mathrm{d}u = \arctan u + C_2 = \frac{3}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + C_2.$$

Combining the two we finally have:

$$\int \frac{x+4}{x^2+2x+5} \, \mathrm{d}x = \boxed{\ln\sqrt{x^2+2x+5} + \frac{3}{2}\arctan\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + C}$$

17. Find the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence for the following power series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n! x^n}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}.$$

Solution: Using the Ratio Test, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! x^{n+1}}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1) \cdot (2n+1)} \cdot \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)}{n! x^n} \right|$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1) x}{(2n+1)} \right|$$
$$= \frac{|x|}{2}$$

So by the **Ratio Test**, the series converges for |x| < 2, so the radius of convergence is 2. To find the interval of convergence we need to test the endpoints ± 2 . When x = 2 we get

$$a_n = \frac{n!2^n}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n-1)}$$

=
$$\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots n \cdot 2^n}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n-1)}$$

=
$$\frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdots 2n}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n-1)}$$

=
$$\left(\frac{2}{1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{6}{5}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{8}{7}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{2n}{2n-1}\right)$$

I think it is *obvious* that $a_n > 1$ for all n. Now if we were to use x = -2 we can still state that $|a_n| > 1$ for all n. So we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} |a_n| \neq 0,$$

and using the **Test for Divergence** we can state that the series diverges for $x = \pm 2$, so the interval of convergence is (-2, 2).

18. For what values of p is the series convergent?

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

Solution: First off, if p = 0 we have an alternating harmonic series which is convergent. If p < 0 we clearly have the a_n 's decreasing as n increases. If p > 0 we need to let

$$f\left(x\right) = \frac{\left(\ln x\right)^p}{x},$$

and its derivative is

$$f'(x) = \frac{(\ln x)^{(p-1)} (p - \ln x)}{x^2}.$$

Now, if $x > e^p$, then f'(x) < 0. So, for $n \ge \lceil e^p \rceil$,

$$\left| \left(-1 \right)^{n-1} \frac{\left(\ln n \right)^p}{n} \right|$$

is decreasing. Using the Alternating Series Test, we can state that

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

is convergent for all p.

19. For which positive integers k is the following series convergent?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(n!\right)^2}{\left(kn\right)!}$$

Solution: Using the Ratio Test, we have

$$\lim_{n \to infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)! (n+1)!}{(kn+k)!} \div \frac{(n!)^2}{(kn)!}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)! (n+1)!}{(kn+k)!} \cdot \frac{(kn)!}{(n!)^2}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(kn+k) (kn+k-1) (kn+k-2) \cdots (kn+1)}$$

Okay, if k = 1 we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(n+1)} = \infty,$$

so the series diverges. If k = 2 we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(2n+2)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{4} < 1$$

so the series converges. If k > 2 the degree of the denominator increases and the limit is zero. So the series converges for $k \ge 2$, where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

20. Using what you already know² about the Taylor series for e^x .

(a) Find the Taylor series for

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}.$$

Solution: You should know, or be able to derive that

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots$$

and is true for all x. Hence, using this expansion for e^x you should be able to simply derive that

$$e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots$$

for all x. Now adding e^x and e^{-x} together, we get

$$e^{x} + e^{-x} = 2 + 2 \cdot \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + 2 \cdot \frac{x^{4}}{4!} + 2 \cdot \frac{x^{6}}{6!} + \cdots$$

Finally, dividing by 2, we have

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \boxed{1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cdots}.$$

(b) Looking at the Taylor series for $\cosh x$, explain why it looks like a parabola near x = 0. What is the equation of this parabola? Graph both $\cosh x$ and the parabola to see if it's a good fit near zero.

Solution: For small x, the increasing degree terms play a minor role near zero, however, if we include the second degree term we can see the parabolic nature of $\cosh x$. The parabola that best fits $\cosh x$ near zero is

$$y = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!}$$

²Please do not take derivatives.

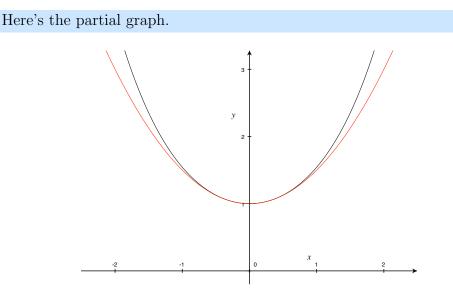


Figure 3: Partial graph of both $y = \cosh x$ (in black) and $y = 1 + x^2/2$ (in red).

21. By looking at the Taylor series, decide which of the following functions is largest, and which is smallest, for small positive θ .

$$1 + \sin \theta, \qquad \cos \theta, \qquad \frac{1}{1 - \theta^2}$$

Solution: Using what we already know. For example, using what you learned in precalculus, especially about non-linear inequalities, might be insightful when looking at these expansions.

$$1 + \sin \theta = 1 + \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \frac{\theta^9}{9!} - \frac{\theta^{11}}{11!} + \cdots$$
$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \frac{\theta^8}{8!} - \frac{\theta^{10}}{10!} + \cdots$$
$$\frac{1}{1 - \theta^2} = 1 + \theta^2 + \theta^4 + \theta^6 + \theta^{10} + \cdots$$

Clearly $1 + \sin \theta$ is the largest amongst the three series when θ is positive and near zero. Now looking at the remaining two series it is clear that $\cos \theta$ is smallest. Here's a partial graph with the viewing window deliberately set to $x \in [-0.0078, 0.3047]$ and $y \in [0.8945, 1.1117]$. Again, please make every effort to learn how to use technology to help visualize complicated graphs.

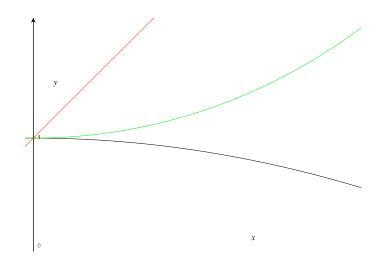


Figure 4: $y = 1 + \sin x$ in red; $y = \cos x$ in black; $y = (1 - x^2)^{-1}$ in green.

22. Use a known series to evaluate

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^3}.$$

Solution:

$$\frac{\sin x - x}{x^3} = \frac{x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots - x}{x^3}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{x^2}{5!} - \frac{x^4}{7!} + \dots$$
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \to 0} \left[-\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{x^2}{5!} - \frac{x^4}{7!} + \dots \right] = \boxed{-\frac{1}{6}}$$

23. Calculate

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{2^3 3!} + \frac{\pi^5}{2^5 5!} - \frac{\pi^7}{2^7 7!} + \cdots$$

Solution: This is the series for sine evaluated at $\pi/2$.

$$\sin\frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{2^3 3!} + \frac{\pi^5}{2^5 5!} - \frac{\pi^7}{2^7 7!} + \dots = \boxed{1}$$

24. Suppose you were given an *infinite* sequence of circles with the following radii:

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \cdots,$$

what is the total area of these circles?

Solution: This is an infinite geometric sum

$$\pi \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \pi \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \pi \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^2 + \dots = \pi \left[\frac{1}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots\right]$$
$$= \pi \cdot \frac{1/4}{1 - 1/4} = \left[\frac{\pi}{3}\right]$$

25. Find the sum of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}$$

for |x| < 1.

Solution: Okay, this may be a tough one, especially if you were taking partial sums and looking for patterns. However, this looks like it might be related to the following Taylor series

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \cdots$$

To see this relationship, take the derivative.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{1-x} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+\cdots \right]$$
$$\frac{1}{\left(1-x\right)^2} = 1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\cdots$$
$$\frac{1}{\left(1-x\right)^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}$$

26. Consider the loop of the curve defined by

$$6y^2 = x \, (2 - x)^2$$

A graph is provided. Find the area of the surface generated by rotating this loop about:

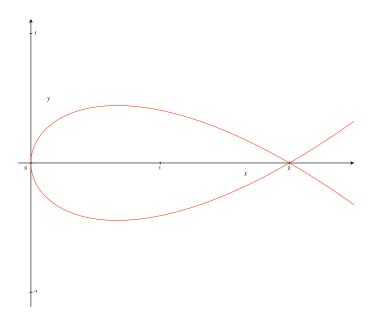


Figure 5: Partial graph of $6y^2 = x (2-x)^2$.

(a) x-axis;

Solution:

$$\int_{0}^{2} 2\pi y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}x = \int_{0}^{2} 2\pi \left[\frac{(2-x)\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{6}}\right] \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2-3x}{2\sqrt{6x}}\right)^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2} 2\pi \left[\frac{(2-x)\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{6}}\right] \sqrt{\frac{9x^{2} + 12x + 4}{24x}} \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2} 2\pi \left[\frac{(2-x)\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{6}}\right] \sqrt{\frac{(3x+2)^{2}}{24x}} \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{6} \int_{0}^{2} (2-x) (3x+2) \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{6} \int_{0}^{2} 4 + 4x - 3x^{2} \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{6} \left(4x + 2x^{2} - x^{3}\right) \Big]_{0}^{2} = \left[\frac{4\pi}{3}\right]$$

(b) y-axis.

Solution:

$$2\int_{0}^{2} 2\pi x \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}x = 2\int_{0}^{2} 2\pi x \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2 - 3x}{2\sqrt{6x}}\right)^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= 2\int_{0}^{2} 2\pi x \sqrt{\frac{9x^{2} + 12x + 4}{24x}} \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= 2\int_{0}^{2} 2\pi x \sqrt{\frac{(3x + 2)^{2}}{24x}} \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= 2\int_{0}^{2} 2\pi x \sqrt{\frac{(3x + 2)^{2}}{24x}} \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}} \int_{0}^{2} \sqrt{x} \left(3x + 2\right) \,\mathrm{d}x$$
$$= \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{x^{3/2} \left(18x + 20\right)}{15}\right)\Big|_{0}^{2} = \left[\frac{224\pi}{15\sqrt{3}}\right] = \frac{224\pi\sqrt{3}}{45}$$

27. (a) Use differentiation of a *known* power series to find the power series representation for

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}.$$

What is the radius of convergence?

Solution: You should note that we'll be using

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots,$$

to start this problem off. A bit *tricky*, but here goes

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{1-(-x)} \right]$$
$$= -\frac{d}{dx} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n \right]$$
$$= -\frac{d}{dx} \left[1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \cdots \right]$$
$$= 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \cdots$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) x^n$$

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You can use the **Ratio Test** to show that the radius of convergence is R = 1. By the way, the interval of convergence is (-1, 1). (b) Use part (a) to find a power series for

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^3}.$$

What is the radius of convergence?

Solution:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^3} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} \right]$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) x^n \right]$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \cdots \right]$$
$$= 1 - 3x + 6x^2 - 10x^3 + \cdots$$
$$= \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1) (n+2)}{2} x^n \right]$$

You can use the **Ratio Test** to show that the radius of convergence is R = 1. By the way, the interval of convergence is (-1, 1).

(c) Use part (b) to find a power series for

$$f\left(x\right) = \frac{x^2}{\left(1+x\right)^3}$$

What is the radius of convergence?

Solution:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{(1+x)^3} = x^2 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1) (n+2)}{2} x^n$$
$$= x^2 \left[1 - 3x + 6x^2 - 10x^3 + \cdots \right]$$
$$= \left[x^2 - 3x^3 + 6x^4 - 10x^5 + \cdots \right]$$
$$= \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1) (n+2)}{2} x^{n+2} \right]$$

You can use the **Ratio Test** to show that the radius of convergence is R = 1. By the way, the interval of convergence is (-1, 1). 28. Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{x\,(1+y^2)}{2}, \quad y\,(0) = 1.$$

Sketch the solution to this initial value problem, and use your sketch to estimate y(1). Also, given that

$$y\left(x\right) = \tan\left(\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

is a solution to this differential equation, estimate the true value of y(1).

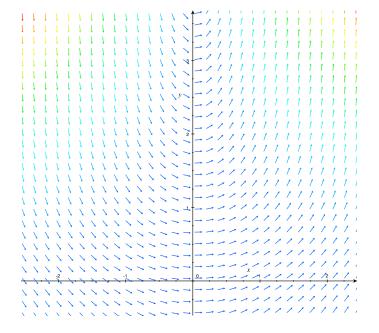


Figure 6: Direction field.

Solution: My sketch may be better than yours (I'm using software). From my graph I get y(1) = 1.7. Using the formula provided,

$$y(1) = \tan\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \approx \boxed{1.68579641717}.$$

Not bad.

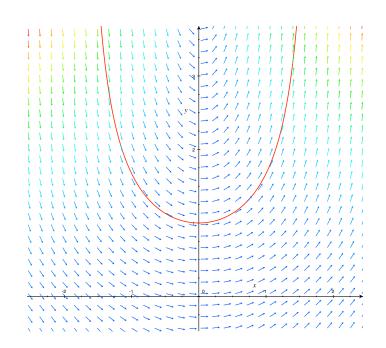


Figure 7: Direction field with solution.