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2002 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

The Maclaurin series for $\ln\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)$ is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}$ with interval of convergence $-1 \leq x < 1$.

- (a) Find the Maclaurin series for $\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+3x}\right)$ and determine the interval of convergence.
- (b) Find the value of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$.
- (c) Give a value of p such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^p}$ converges, but $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{2p}}$ diverges. Give reasons why your value of p is correct.
- (d) Give a value of p such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ diverges, but $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{2p}}$ converges. Give reasons why your value of p is correct.

(a)
$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+3x}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-(-3x)}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3x)^n}{n} \text{ or } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{3^n}{n} x^n$$

We must have $-1 \leq -3x < 1$, so interval of convergence is $-\frac{1}{3} < x \leq \frac{1}{3}$.

2 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{series} \\ 1 : \text{interval of convergence} \end{array} \right.$

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

1 : answer

(c) Some p such that $0 < p \leq \frac{1}{2}$ because

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^p} \text{ converges by AST, but the}$$

$$p\text{-series } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{2p}} \text{ diverges for } 2p \leq 1.$$

3 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{correct } p \\ 1 : \text{reason why } \sum \frac{(-1)^n}{n^p} \text{ converges} \\ 1 : \text{reason why } \sum \frac{1}{n^{2p}} \text{ diverges} \end{array} \right.$

(d) Some p such that $\frac{1}{2} < p \leq 1$ because the

$$p\text{-series } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ diverges for } p \leq 1 \text{ and the}$$

$$p\text{-series } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{2p}} \text{ converges for } 2p > 1.$$

3 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{correct } p \\ 1 : \text{reason why } \sum \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ diverges} \\ 1 : \text{reason why } \sum \frac{1}{n^{2p}} \text{ converges} \end{array} \right.$

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Question 6

The function f has a Taylor series about $x = 2$ that converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence. The n th derivative of f at $x = 2$ is given by $f^{(n)}(2) = \frac{(n+1)!}{3^n}$ for $n \geq 1$, and $f(2) = 1$.

- (a) Write the first four terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 2$.
- (b) Find the radius of convergence for the Taylor series for f about $x = 2$. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) Let g be a function satisfying $g(2) = 3$ and $g'(x) = f(x)$ for all x . Write the first four terms and the general term of the Taylor series for g about $x = 2$.
- (d) Does the Taylor series for g as defined in part (c) converge at $x = -2$? Give a reason for your answer.

(a) $f(2) = 1$; $f'(2) = \frac{2!}{3}$; $f''(2) = \frac{3!}{3^2}$; $f'''(2) = \frac{4!}{3^3}$

$$f(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{3}(x-2) + \frac{3!}{2!3^2}(x-2)^2 + \frac{4!}{3!3^3}(x-2)^3 + \dots + \frac{(n+1)!}{n!3^n}(x-2)^n + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{2}{3}(x-2) + \frac{3}{3^2}(x-2)^2 + \frac{4}{3^3}(x-2)^3 + \dots + \frac{n+1}{3^n}(x-2)^n + \dots$$

3 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{coefficients } \frac{f^{(n)}(2)}{n!} \text{ in} \\ \text{first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{powers of } (x-2) \text{ in} \\ \text{first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{array} \right.$

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{n+2}{3^{n+1}}(x-2)^{n+1}}{\frac{n+1}{3^n}(x-2)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{3} |x-2|$

$$= \frac{1}{3} |x-2| < 1 \text{ when } |x-2| < 3$$

The radius of convergence is 3.

3 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{sets up ratio} \\ 1 : \text{limit} \\ 1 : \text{applies ratio test to} \\ \text{conclude radius of} \\ \text{convergence is 3} \end{array} \right.$

(c) $g(2) = 3$; $g'(2) = f(2)$; $g''(2) = f'(2)$; $g'''(2) = f''(2)$

$$g(x) = 3 + (x-2) + \frac{1}{3}(x-2)^2 + \frac{1}{3^2}(x-2)^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{3^n}(x-2)^{n+1} + \dots$$

2 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{array} \right.$

- (d) No, the Taylor series does not converge at $x = -2$ because the geometric series only converges on the interval $|x-2| < 3$.

1 : answer with reason

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Question 2

Let f be a function having derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. The third-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 2$ is given by $T(x) = 7 - 9(x - 2)^2 - 3(x - 2)^3$.

- (a) Find $f(2)$ and $f''(2)$.
- (b) Is there enough information given to determine whether f has a critical point at $x = 2$?
 If not, explain why not. If so, determine whether $f(2)$ is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither, and justify your answer.
- (c) Use $T(x)$ to find an approximation for $f(0)$. Is there enough information given to determine whether f has a critical point at $x = 0$? If not, explain why not. If so, determine whether $f(0)$ is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither, and justify your answer.
- (d) The fourth derivative of f satisfies the inequality $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 6$ for all x in the closed interval $[0, 2]$. Use the Lagrange error bound on the approximation to $f(0)$ found in part (c) to explain why $f(0)$ is negative.

(a) $f(2) = T(2) = 7$
 $\frac{f''(2)}{2!} = -9$ so $f''(2) = -18$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : f(2) = 7 \\ 1 : f''(2) = -18 \end{cases}$

(b) Yes, since $f'(2) = T'(2) = 0$, f does have a critical point at $x = 2$.
 Since $f''(2) = -18 < 0$, $f(2)$ is a relative maximum value.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{states } f'(2) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{declares } f(2) \text{ as a relative} \\ \quad \text{maximum because } f''(2) < 0 \end{cases}$

(c) $f(0) \approx T(0) = -5$
 It is not possible to determine if f has a critical point at $x = 0$ because $T(x)$ gives exact information only at $x = 2$.

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : f(0) \approx T(0) = -5 \\ 1 : \text{declares that it is not} \\ \quad \text{possible to determine} \\ 1 : \text{reason} \end{cases}$

(d) Lagrange error bound $= \frac{6}{4!}|0 - 2|^4 = 4$
 $f(0) \leq T(0) + 4 = -1$
 Therefore, $f(0)$ is negative.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{value of Lagrange error} \\ \quad \text{bound} \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$

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Question 2

A water tank at Camp Newton holds 1200 gallons of water at time $t = 0$. During the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 18$ hours, water is pumped into the tank at the rate

$$W(t) = 95\sqrt{t} \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{6}\right) \text{ gallons per hour.}$$

During the same time interval, water is removed from the tank at the rate

$$R(t) = 275 \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right) \text{ gallons per hour.}$$

- (a) Is the amount of water in the tank increasing at time $t = 15$? Why or why not?
 (b) To the nearest whole number, how many gallons of water are in the tank at time $t = 18$?
 (c) At what time t , for $0 \leq t \leq 18$, is the amount of water in the tank at an absolute minimum? Show the work that leads to your conclusion.
 (d) For $t > 18$, no water is pumped into the tank, but water continues to be removed at the rate $R(t)$ until the tank becomes empty. Let k be the time at which the tank becomes empty. Write, but do not solve, an equation involving an integral expression that can be used to find the value of k .

- (a) No; the amount of water is not increasing at $t = 15$ since $W(15) - R(15) = -121.09 < 0$.

1 : answer with reason

- (b) $1200 + \int_0^{18} (W(t) - R(t)) dt = 1309.788$
 1310 gallons

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{limits} \\ 1 : \text{integrand} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

- (c) $W(t) - R(t) = 0$
 $t = 0, 6.4948, 12.9748$

t (hours)	gallons of water
0	1200
6.495	525
12.975	1697
18	1310

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{interior critical points} \\ 1 : \text{amount of water is least at} \\ \quad t = 6.494 \text{ or } 6.495 \\ 1 : \text{analysis for absolute minimum} \end{cases}$

The values at the endpoints and the critical points show that the absolute minimum occurs when $t = 6.494$ or 6.495 .

- (d) $\int_{18}^k R(t) dt = 1310$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{limits} \\ 1 : \text{equation} \end{cases}$

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Question 6

The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^3}$. The Maclaurin series for f is given by

$$1 - x^3 + x^6 - x^9 + \cdots + (-1)^n x^{3n} + \cdots,$$

which converges to $f(x)$ for $-1 < x < 1$.

- (a) Find the first three nonzero terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for $f'(x)$.
- (b) Use your results from part (a) to find the sum of the infinite series $-\frac{3}{2^2} + \frac{6}{2^5} - \frac{9}{2^8} + \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{3n}{2^{3n-1}} + \cdots$.
- (c) Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series representing $\int_0^x f(t) dt$.
- (d) Use the first three nonzero terms of the infinite series found in part (c) to approximate $\int_0^{1/2} f(t) dt$. What are the properties of the terms of the series representing $\int_0^{1/2} f(t) dt$ that guarantee that this approximation is within $\frac{1}{10,000}$ of the exact value of the integral?

(a) $f'(x) = -3x^2 + 6x^5 - 9x^8 + \cdots + 3n(-1)^n x^{3n-1} + \cdots$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{first three terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$

(b) The given series is the Maclaurin series for $f'(x)$ with $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

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

Thus, the sum of the series is $f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{\left(1+\frac{1}{8}\right)^2} = -\frac{16}{27}$.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : f'(x) \\ 1 : f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \end{cases}$

(c) $\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^3} dt = x - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^7}{7} - \frac{x^{10}}{10} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{3n+1}}{3n+1} + \cdots$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$

(d) $\int_0^{1/2} \frac{1}{1+t^3} dt \approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4}{4} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7}{7}$.

The series in part (c) with $x = \frac{1}{2}$ has terms that alternate, decrease in absolute value, and have limit 0. Hence the error is bounded by the absolute value of the next term.

$$\left| \int_0^{1/2} \frac{1}{1+t^3} dt - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4}{4} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7}{7} \right) \right| < \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}}{10} = \frac{1}{10240} < 0.0001$$

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{approximation} \\ 1 : \text{properties of terms} \\ 1 : \text{absolute value of fourth term} < 0.0001 \end{cases}$

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Question 6

Let f be the function given by $f(x) = 6e^{-x/3}$ for all x .

- (a) Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term for the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.
- (b) Let g be the function given by $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$. Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term for the Taylor series for g about $x = 0$.
- (c) The function h satisfies $h(x) = kf'(ax)$ for all x , where a and k are constants. The Taylor series for h about $x = 0$ is given by

$$h(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots$$

Find the values of a and k .

(a)
$$f(x) = 6 \left[1 - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2!3^2} - \frac{x^3}{3!3^3} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{n!3^n} + \cdots \right]$$

$$= 6 - 2x + \frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x^3}{27} + \cdots + \frac{6(-1)^n x^n}{n!3^n} + \cdots$$

3 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{two of } 6, -2x, \frac{x^2}{3}, -\frac{x^3}{27} \\ 1 : \text{remaining terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \\ \langle -1 \rangle \text{ missing factor of } 6 \end{array} \right.$

(b) $g(0) = 0$ and $g'(x) = f(x)$, so

$$g(x) = 6 \left[x - \frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{x^3}{3!3^2} - \frac{x^4}{4!3^3} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!3^n} + \cdots \right]$$

$$= 6x - x^2 + \frac{x^3}{9} - \frac{x^4}{4(27)} + \cdots + \frac{6(-1)^n x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!3^n} + \cdots$$

3 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{two terms} \\ 1 : \text{remaining terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \\ \langle -1 \rangle \text{ missing factor of } 6 \end{array} \right.$

(c) $f'(x) = -2e^{-x/3}$, so $h(x) = -2ke^{-ax/3}$

$$h(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots = e^x$$

$$-2ke^{-ax/3} = e^x$$

$$\frac{-a}{3} = 1 \text{ and } -2k = 1$$

3 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{computes } kf'(ax) \\ 1 : \text{recognizes } h(x) = e^x, \\ \text{or} \\ \text{equates 2 series for } h(x) \\ 1 : \text{values for } a \text{ and } k \end{array} \right.$

$$a = -3 \text{ and } k = -\frac{1}{2}$$

OR

$$f'(x) = -2 + \frac{2}{3}x + \cdots, \text{ so}$$

$$h(x) = kf'(ax) = -2k + \frac{2}{3}akx + \cdots$$

$$h(x) = 1 + x + \cdots$$

$$-2k = 1 \text{ and } \frac{2}{3}ak = 1$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } a = -3$$

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Question 6

Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$.

- (a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.
- (b) Does the series found in part (a), when evaluated at $x = 1$, converge to $f(1)$? Explain why or why not.
- (c) The derivative of $\ln(1+x^2)$ is $\frac{2x}{1+x^2}$. Write the first four nonzero terms of the Taylor series for $\ln(1+x^2)$ about $x = 0$.
- (d) Use the series found in part (c) to find a rational number A such that $\left|A - \ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)\right| < \frac{1}{100}$. Justify your answer.

(a)
$$\frac{1}{1-u} = 1 + u + u^2 + \dots + u^n + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots + (-x^2)^n + \dots$$

$$\frac{2x}{1+x^2} = 2x - 2x^3 + 2x^5 - 2x^7 + \dots + (-1)^n 2x^{2n+1} + \dots$$

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{two of the first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{remaining terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$

- (b) No, the series does not converge when $x = 1$ because when $x = 1$, the terms of the series do not converge to 0.

1 : answer with reason

(c)
$$\ln(1+x^2) = \int_0^x \frac{2t}{1+t^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^x (2t - 2t^3 + 2t^5 - 2t^7 + \dots) dt$$

$$= x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{3}x^6 - \frac{1}{4}x^8 + \dots$$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{two of the first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{remaining terms} \end{cases}$

(d)
$$\ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 + \dots$$

Let $A = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{7}{32}$.

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{uses } x = \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 : \text{value of } A \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

Since the series is a converging alternating series and the absolute values of the individual terms decrease to 0,

$$\left|A - \ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)\right| < \left|\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6\right| = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{64} < \frac{1}{100}.$$

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2009 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

The function f is defined by the power series

$$f(x) = 1 + (x + 1) + (x + 1)^2 + \cdots + (x + 1)^n + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x + 1)^n$$

for all real numbers x for which the series converges.

- (a) Find the interval of convergence of the power series for f . Justify your answer.
- (b) The power series above is the Taylor series for f about $x = -1$. Find the sum of the series for f .
- (c) Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = \int_{-1}^x f(t) dt$. Find the value of $g\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$, if it exists, or explain why $g\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ cannot be determined.
- (d) Let h be the function defined by $h(x) = f(x^2 - 1)$. Find the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for h about $x = 0$, and find the value of $h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

- (a) The power series is geometric with ratio $(x + 1)$.
The series converges if and only if $|x + 1| < 1$.
Therefore, the interval of convergence is $-2 < x < 0$.

OR

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x + 1)^{n+1}}{(x + 1)^n} \right| = |x + 1| < 1 \text{ when } -2 < x < 0$$

At $x = -2$, the series is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$, which diverges since the

terms do not converge to 0. At $x = 0$, the series is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1$,

which similarly diverges. Therefore, the interval of convergence is $-2 < x < 0$.

- (b) Since the series is geometric,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x + 1)^n = \frac{1}{1 - (x + 1)} = -\frac{1}{x} \text{ for } -2 < x < 0.$$

- (c) $g\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_{-1}^{-\frac{1}{2}} -\frac{1}{x} dx = -\ln|x| \Big|_{x=-1}^{x=-\frac{1}{2}} = \ln 2$

- (d) $h(x) = f(x^2 - 1) = 1 + x^2 + x^4 + \cdots + x^{2n} + \cdots$

$$h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = f\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{identifies as geometric} \\ 1 : |x + 1| < 1 \\ 1 : \text{interval of convergence} \end{cases}$$

OR

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets up limit of ratio} \\ 1 : \text{radius of convergence} \\ 1 : \text{interval of convergence} \end{cases}$$

1 : answer

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{antiderivative} \\ 1 : \text{value} \end{cases}$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{first three terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \\ 1 : \text{value of } h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$

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2010 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

The Maclaurin series for the function f is given by $f(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2x)^n}{n-1}$ on its interval of convergence.

(a) Find the interval of convergence for the Maclaurin series of f . Justify your answer.

(b) Show that $y = f(x)$ is a solution to the differential equation $xy' - y = \frac{4x^2}{1+2x}$ for $|x| < R$, where R is the radius of convergence from part (a).

$$(a) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(2x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)-1}}{\frac{(2x)^n}{n-1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| 2x \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| 2x \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} \right| = |2x|$$

$$|2x| < 1 \text{ for } |x| < \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore the radius of convergence is $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\text{When } x = -\frac{1}{2}, \text{ the series is } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-1)^n}{n-1} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n-1}.$$

This is the harmonic series, which diverges.

$$\text{When } x = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ the series is } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 1^n}{n-1} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n-1}.$$

This is the alternating harmonic series, which converges.

The interval of convergence for the Maclaurin series of f is $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$.

$$(b) \quad y = \frac{(2x)^2}{1} - \frac{(2x)^3}{2} + \frac{(2x)^4}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n (2x)^n}{n-1} + \dots$$

$$= 4x^2 - 4x^3 + \frac{16}{3}x^4 - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n (2x)^n}{n-1} + \dots$$

$$y' = 8x - 12x^2 + \frac{64}{3}x^3 - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n n(2x)^{n-1} \cdot 2}{n-1} + \dots$$

$$xy' = 8x^2 - 12x^3 + \frac{64}{3}x^4 - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n n(2x)^n}{n-1} + \dots$$

$$xy' - y = 4x^2 - 8x^3 + 16x^4 - \dots + (-1)^n (2x)^n + \dots$$

$$= 4x^2(1 - 2x + 4x^2 - \dots + (-1)^n (2x)^{n-2} + \dots)$$

The series $1 - 2x + 4x^2 - \dots + (-1)^n (2x)^{n-2} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2x)^n$ is a

geometric series that converges to $\frac{1}{1+2x}$ for $|x| < \frac{1}{2}$. Therefore

$$xy' - y = 4x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{1+2x} \text{ for } |x| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

5 : {
1 : sets up ratio
1 : limit evaluation
1 : radius of convergence
1 : considers both endpoints
1 : analysis and interval of convergence

4 : {
1 : series for y'
1 : series for xy'
1 : series for $xy' - y$
1 : analysis with geometric series

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Question 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 $\frac{1}{5}$.

(a) $x^3 - \frac{x^6}{2} + \frac{x^9}{3} - \frac{x^{12}}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{x^{3n}}{n} + \dots$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$

(b) The interval of convergence is centered at $x = 0$.

At $x = -1$, the series is $-1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} - \dots - \frac{1}{n} - \dots$, which diverges because the harmonic series diverges.

At $x = 1$, the series is $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \dots$, the alternating harmonic series, which converges.

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

2 : answer with analysis

(c) The Maclaurin series for $f'(x)$, $f'(t^2)$, and $g(x)$ are

$$f'(x) : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cdot 3x^{3n-1} = 3x^2 - 3x^5 + 3x^8 - 3x^{11} + \dots$$

$$f'(t^2) : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cdot 3t^{6n-2} = 3t^4 - 3t^{10} + 3t^{16} - 3t^{22} + \dots$$

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

$$\text{Thus } g(1) \approx \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{11} = \frac{18}{55}.$$

4 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{two terms for } f'(t^2) \\ 1 : \text{other terms for } f'(t^2) \\ 1 : \text{first two terms for } g(x) \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$

(d) The Maclaurin series for g evaluated at $x = 1$ is alternating, and the terms decrease in absolute value to 0.

$$\text{Thus } \left| g(1) - \frac{18}{55} \right| < \frac{3 \cdot 1^{17}}{17} = \frac{3}{17} < \frac{1}{5}.$$

1 : analysis