

SERIES DAY 8  
TAYLOR SERIES

Taylor Series centered at  $x = c$  :

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

If  $c = 0$ , the series is called a Maclaurin series.

Ex. Find a Taylor series for  $f(x) = e^{5x}$  centered at  $c = 2$ . Give the first four nonzero terms and the general term.

There are three special Maclaurin series you must know. These are the series for  $e^x$ ,  $\sin x$ , and  $\cos x$ .

To derive a series for  $e^x$  :

To derive a series for  $\sin x$  :

To derive a series for  $\cos x$  :

You can manipulate these three special series (or any series we are given) to find other series by using the following techniques:

- 1) Substitute into a series
- 2) Multiply or divide the series by a constant and/or a variable
- 3) Add or subtract two series
- 4) Differentiate or integrate a series
- 5) Recognize the series as the sum of a geometric power series

Ex. Find a Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$ . Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term.

Ex. Find a Maclaurin series for  $g(x) = x \cos x$ . Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term.

Ex. Find a Maclaurin series for  $h(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$ . Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term.