

CALCULUS BC

WORKSHEET ON SERIES AND ERROR

Work the following on notebook paper.

1. Let f be a function that has derivatives of all orders on the interval $(-1, 1)$. Assume $f(0) = 1$,

$$f'(0) = \frac{1}{2}, f''(0) = -\frac{1}{4}, f'''(0) = \frac{3}{8}, \text{ and } |f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 6 \text{ for all } x \text{ in the interval } (0, 1).$$

(a) Find the third-degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 0$ for the function f .

(b) Use your answer to part (a) to estimate the value of $f(0.5)$.

(c) What is the maximum possible error for the approximation made in part (b)?

2. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

(a) Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 4$ for the function f .

(b) Use your answer to part (a) to estimate the value of $f(4.2)$.

(c) Find a bound on the error for the approximation in part (b).

3. Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n}$ for all x for which the series converges.

(a) Find the interval of convergence of this series.

(b) Use the first three terms of this series to approximate $f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

(c) Estimate the error involved in the approximation in part (b). Show your reasoning.

4. Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \cos\left(3x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ and let $P(x)$ be the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$.

(a) Find $P(x)$.

(b) Use the Lagrange error bound to show that $\left|f\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) - P\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\right| < \frac{1}{3000}$.

5. Use series to find an estimate for $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$ that is accurate to three decimal places. Justify.

6. Suppose a function f is approximated with a fourth-degree Taylor polynomial about $x = 1$. If the maximum value of the fifth derivative between $x = 1$ and $x = 3$ is 0.01, that is,

$|f^{(5)}(x)| < 0.01$, then the maximum error incurred using this approximation to compute $f(3)$ is

(A) 0.054 (B) 0.0054 (C) 0.26667 (D) 0.02667 (E) 0.00267

7. The maximum error incurred by approximating the sum of the series $1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} - \frac{3}{4!} + \frac{4}{5!} - \dots$

by the sum of the first six terms is

(A) 0.001190 (B) 0.006944 (C) 0.33333 (D) 0.125000 (E) None of these

8. The Taylor series about $x = 5$ for a certain function f converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence. The n th derivative of f at $x = 5$ is given by

$$f^{(n)}(5) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{2^n (n+2)} \text{ and } f(5) = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Show that the sixth-degree Taylor polynomial for } f$$

about $x = 5$ approximates $f(6)$ with an error less than $\frac{1}{1000}$.