

Taylor and Maclaurin series

EXAMPLE 12 Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2}$.

Using the expansion of e^x in the formula book

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \dots\right) - 1 - x}{x^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2} + 0 \dots = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

EXAMPLE 13 Find the first three nonzero terms in the Maclaurin series for (a) $e^x \sin x$

Using the expansion of e^x and $\sin x$ in the formula book

$$\left(1 + \cancel{x} + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} \dots\right) \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!}\right)$$

$$= x + x^2 + \cancel{\frac{x^3}{2}} - \frac{x^3}{6}$$

$$= x + x^2 + \underline{\underline{\frac{x^3}{3}}}$$

5-12 Find the Maclaurin series for $f(x)$

5. $f(x) = (1 - x)^{-2}$

Find the first 3 non zero terms. Can you write as a summation to infinity?

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= (1-0)^{-2} = 1 \\ f'(0) &= +2(1-x)^{-3} \quad f'(0) = 2(-1)^{-3} = -2 \\ f''(0) &= +6(1-x)^{-4} \quad f''(0) = 6(-1)^{-4} = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0)$$

$$f(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots$$

$$\boxed{f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1}}$$

6. $f(x) = \ln(1 + x)$

Find the first 3 non zero terms by differentiation. Can you write as a summation to infinity?

$$f(0) = \ln(1) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = \frac{1}{1+x} \quad f'(0) = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$f''(0) = - (1+x)^{-2} \quad f''(0) = -1$$

$$f'''(0) = 2(1+x)^{-3} \quad f'''(0) = 2$$

$$\therefore f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(0) + \dots$$

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

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