

6. The function  $g$  has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. The Maclaurin series for  $g$  is given by

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{2e^n + 3} \text{ on its interval of convergence.}$$

- (a) State the conditions necessary to use the integral test to determine convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$ .

Use the integral test to show that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$  converges.

- (b) Use the limit comparison test with the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$  to show that the series  $g(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2e^n + 3}$

converges absolutely.

- (c) Determine the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for  $g$ .

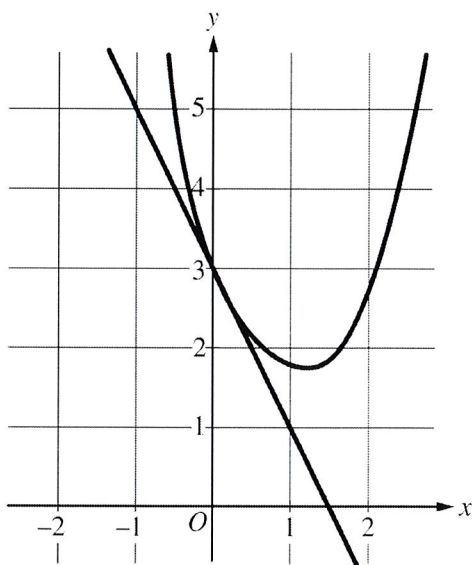
- (d) The first two terms of the series  $g(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2e^n + 3}$  are used to approximate  $g(1)$ . Use the alternating

series error bound to determine an upper bound on the error of the approximation.

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$n$	$f^{(n)}(0)$
2	3
3	$-\frac{23}{2}$
4	54

6. A function  $f$  has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers  $x$ . A portion of the graph of  $f$  is shown above, along with the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 0$ . Selected derivatives of  $f$  at  $x = 0$  are given in the table above.
- Write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 0$ .
  - Write the first three nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for  $e^x$ . Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for  $e^x f(x)$  about  $x = 0$ .
  - Let  $h$  be the function defined by  $h(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ . Use the Taylor polynomial found in part (a) to find an approximation for  $h(1)$ .
  - It is known that the Maclaurin series for  $h$  converges to  $h(x)$  for all real numbers  $x$ . It is also known that the individual terms of the series for  $h(1)$  alternate in sign and decrease in absolute value to 0. Use the alternating series error bound to show that the approximation found in part (c) differs from  $h(1)$  by at most 0.45.

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6. The Maclaurin series for  $\ln(1+x)$  is given by

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

On its interval of convergence, this series converges to  $\ln(1+x)$ . Let  $f$  be the function defined by

$$f(x) = x \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right).$$

- (a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for  $f$ .
  - (b) Determine the interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series for  $f$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
  - (c) Let  $P_4(x)$  be the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 0$ . Use the alternating series error bound to find an upper bound for  $|P_4(2) - f(2)|$ .
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$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= 0 \\f'(0) &= 1 \\f^{(n+1)}(0) &= -n \cdot f^{(n)}(0) \text{ for all } n \geq 1\end{aligned}$$

6. A function  $f$  has derivatives of all orders for  $-1 < x < 1$ . The derivatives of  $f$  satisfy the conditions above. The Maclaurin series for  $f$  converges to  $f(x)$  for  $|x| < 1$ .

(a) Show that the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for  $f$  are  $x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4}$ , and write the general term of the Maclaurin series for  $f$ .

(b) Determine whether the Maclaurin series described in part (a) converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges at  $x = 1$ . Explain your reasoning.

(c) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for  $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) \, dt$ .

(d) Let  $P_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  represent the  $n$ th-degree Taylor polynomial for  $g$  about  $x = 0$  evaluated at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , where  $g$  is the function defined in part (c). Use the alternating series error bound to show that

$$\left| P_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| < \frac{1}{500}.$$

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