

# MATH 1500, Homework 8

Due date: Monday 23 November.

1. Section 4.9: 17, 18, 27.

2. A given function  $F(x)$  satisfies:

$$F(1) = 1; \quad F'(1) = 2, \quad F''(1) = 3, \quad F'''(x) = 4x - 5 \sin(x^6) + \frac{7}{x}.$$

(a) Estimate  $F(0.9)$  using quadratic approximation. What is the maximum error in your estimate?  
Hint: recall that  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ .

3. Write the full Taylor series of the following functions, centered at  $x = 0$ . Write down enough terms so that the general pattern is visible.

(a)  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

(d)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2-x}$

(e)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2+x^2}$

(f)  $f(x) = \ln(2+x^2)$

HINT: All you need is the Taylor series for  $\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$  and for  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$

HINT2: For (d), write  $\frac{1}{2-x} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1-x/2} \right)$ .

4. (a) Note that  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$ . Use this fact to show that the full Taylor series for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$  is

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

(b) Note that  $\frac{d}{dx} (\arctan x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ . Use this fact and question (3c) to determine the full Taylor series for  $f(x) = \arctan x$ .

(c) Recall that  $\tan(\pi/6) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Use this fact and your answer in (b) to prove that

$$\pi = 2\sqrt{3} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{7} \frac{1}{3^3} + \frac{1}{9} \frac{1}{3^4} \dots \right)$$

Use this series to determine  $\pi$  to three decimal places. How many terms did you need?

5. Section 4.3 numbers 1, 2, 3, 13, 16. [You can use either using Taylor series or L'Hopital's rule].