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<b>Topic: Unit 10*</b>	<b>Convergence and Taylor Polynomials</b> <b>Free Response Question Review</b>	<b>Date: April 13, 2020</b>

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Topic Name	Topic #	Quick Synopsis	
Working with <b>Geometric Series</b>	10.2	<b>CONVERGENCE OF A GEOMETRIC SERIES</b> 1. If $ r  < 1$ , the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$ converges 2. If $ r  \geq 1$ , the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$ diverges.	<b>SUM OF AN INFINITE GEOMETRIC SERIES</b> If $ r  < 1$ , the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$ converges, and its sum is $S = \frac{a}{1-r}$ where $a$ is the first term of the geometric series and $r$ is the common ratio.
<b>Harmonic and <math>p</math>-Series</b>	10.5	<b>CONVERGENCE OF A <math>p</math>-SERIES</b> The $p$ -series is defined by the following where $p$ is a positive real number. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = \frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^p} + \dots$ 1. converges if $p > 1$ , and 2. diverges if $0 < p \leq 1$ .	
<b>Alternating Series Test for Convergence</b>	10.7	<b>ALTERNATING SERIES TEST</b> Let $a_n > 0$ . The alternating series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$ converge if the following conditions are both met: 1. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ 2. $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ for all $n > N$ where $N$ is an integer	
<b>Ratio Test for Convergence</b>	10.8	<b>THE RATIO TEST</b> Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ be a series of nonzero terms. 1. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left  \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right  = L$ , a number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If <math>L &lt; 1</math>, then the series <math>\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n</math> converges absolutely.</li> <li>• If <math>L = 1</math>, then the ratio test provides no conclusive information about the convergence or divergence of <math>\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n</math>.</li> <li>• If <math>L &gt; 1</math>, then the series <math>\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n</math> diverges.</li> </ul> 2. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left  \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right  \Rightarrow \infty$ , then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.	
<b>Finding Taylor Polynomial Approximations of Functions</b>	10.11	<b>DEFINITIONS OF <math>n</math>TH TAYLOR POLYNOMIAL AND <math>n</math>TH MACLAURIN POLYNOMIAL</b> If $f$ has $n$ derivatives at $c$ , then the polynomial $P_n(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)(x-c)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)(x-c)^n}{n!}$ is called the $n$ th <b>Taylor polynomial</b> for $f$ at $c$ .  If $c = 0$ : $P_n(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)(x)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)(x)^n}{n!}$ is called the $n$ th <b>Maclaurin polynomial</b> for $f$ .	

## 2020 FRQ Practice Problem BC1

**BC1** Let  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{p-2}}$  and  $b_n = \frac{-2}{n^{6-p}}$

(a) Let  $p = 2.5$ . Show that both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converge.

$$p = 2.5 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{1/2}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-2}{n^{7/2}}$$

Converges by Alternating Series Test,

which is a convergent  $p$ -Series  $p = \frac{7}{2} > 1$

$$1. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\infty} \rightarrow 0$$

$$2. \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ because } \sqrt{n} \text{ is increasing}$$

(b) Find all integer values of  $p$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  both converge.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{p-2}} \text{ will converge if } p-2 > 0 \Rightarrow p > 2$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-2}{n^{6-p}} \text{ will converge if } 6-p > 1 \Rightarrow p < 5$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ both converge when } p = 3 \text{ or } 4$$

(c) Let  $p = 4$ . Let  $f(x)$  be a function with derivatives of all orders at  $x = 2$  with  $f(2) = -3$  and where

$f^{(n)}(2) = n! \cdot a_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Find  $P_3(x)$ , the third degree Taylor polynomial for  $f(x)$  centered at  $x = 2$ .

$$f(2) = -3$$

$$P_3(x) = f(2) + f'(2)(x-2) + \frac{f''(2)}{2!}(x-2)^2$$

$$f'(2) = 1! \cdot a_1 = \frac{(-1)^1}{1^{(4-2)}} = -1$$

$$P_3(x) = -3 - 1(x-2) + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2!}(x-2)^2 - \frac{2}{3 \cdot 3!}(x-2)^3$$

$$f''(2) = 2! \cdot a_2 = 2 \cdot \frac{(-1)^2}{2^{(4-2)}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P_3(x) = -3 - (x-2) + \frac{1}{4}(x-2)^2 - \frac{1}{9}(x-2)^3$$

$$f'''(2) = 3! \cdot a_3 = 6 \cdot \frac{(-1)^3}{3^{(4-2)}} = -\frac{6}{9} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

- (d) Using  $P_3(x)$  that you found in part (c), find  $P_3'(x)$ . When  $x = 3$ , the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$  is a  $p$ -series whose first three terms correspond to the three terms of  $P_3'(x)$ . Determine whether  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$  converges or diverges when  $x = 3$ .

$$P_3(x) = -3 - (x-1) + \frac{1}{4}(x-2)^2 - \frac{1}{9}(x-2)^3$$

$$P_3'(x) = -1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-2) - \frac{1}{3}(x-2)^2$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n = -1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-2) - \frac{1}{3}(x-2)^2 + \dots$$

At  $x = 3$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n = -1 + \frac{1}{2}(3-2) - \frac{1}{3}(3-2)^2 + \dots = -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \dots$$

The resulting series is the alternating harmonic series which converges.

## 2020 FRQ Practice Problem BC2

**BC2** Consider the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  where  $a_n = \frac{5(x+3)^n}{(-6)^n}$ .

- (a) Determine if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges or diverges when  $x = 1$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5(x+3)^n}{(-6)^n}$$

$$\text{At } x = 1, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5(1+3)^n}{(-6)^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5(4)^n}{(-6)^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5 \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^n$$

This is a geometric series where  $r = -\frac{2}{3}$ .

$$|r| = \frac{2}{3} < 1 \Rightarrow \text{the series converges.}$$

- (b) Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = L$  where  $L$  is a real number. Show that there is a value of  $x$  such that  $L = 15$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \frac{5}{1 - \left( \frac{x+3}{-6} \right)} = \frac{5}{1 + \frac{x+3}{6}} = \frac{5}{\frac{x+9}{6}} = \frac{30}{x+9} = 15$$

$$\text{So, } 15(x+9) = 30 \rightarrow x+9 = 2 \rightarrow x = -7$$

Where  $x = -7$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5(-4)^n}{(-6)^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5 \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^n$   
which is a convergent geometric series.

(c) Let  $d_n = \frac{a_n}{n+1}$ . Find the interval of convergence for  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5(x+3)^n}{(-6)^n(n+1)}$$

Using the ratio test, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{d_{n+1}}{d_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{5(x+3)^{n+1}}{(-6)^{n+1}(n+2)} \cdot \frac{(-6)^n(n+1)}{5(x+3)^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x+3)(n+1)}{(-6)^1(n+2)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x+3)}{6} \right| = 1 \cdot \left| \frac{x+3}{6} \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{To converge, } \left| \frac{x+3}{6} \right| < 1.$$

$$\left| \frac{x+3}{6} \right| < 1 \rightarrow |x+3| < 6 \rightarrow -6 < x+3 < 6 \rightarrow -9 < x < 3$$

This series converges on  $(-9, 3]$

Check the endpoints.

$$\begin{aligned} x = -9 &\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5(-9+3)^n}{(-6)^n(n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5}{(n+1)} \text{ which is a divergent} \end{aligned}$$

harmonic series

$$x = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5(3+3)^n}{(-6)^n(n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5(6)^n}{(-6)^n(n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot 5}{(n+1)} \text{ which converges} \end{aligned}$$

by the AST.

(d) Let  $f(x)$  be a function that is twice differentiable at all  $x$  values. If the first three terms of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n$  are the second degree Taylor polynomial for  $f(x)$  centered at  $x = -3$ , find  $f''(-3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n &= \frac{5(x+3)^0}{(-6)^0(0+1)} + \frac{5(x+3)^1}{(-6)^1(1+1)} + \frac{5(x+3)^2}{(-6)^2(2+1)} + \dots \\ &= 5 - \frac{5}{12}(x+3) + \frac{5}{108}(x+3)^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{f''(-3)}{2!} = \frac{5}{108} \Rightarrow f''(-3) = \frac{10}{108} = \frac{5}{54}$$

## 2020 FRQ Practice Problem BC3

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$f''(x)$	$f'''(x)$
1	-2	0	3	4
4	$-\frac{9}{4}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{9}{4}$	$\frac{9}{2}$

**BC3** The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable for all orders at all  $x$  values. Selected values for  $f$  and several of its derivatives are given in the table above. The function  $g$  is defined by:

$$g(x) = 3x + \int_4^{4x} f(t) dt$$

(a) Find  $P_3(x)$ , the third degree Taylor polynomial for  $f(x)$  centered at  $x = 1$ .

$$P_3(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{f'''(1)}{3!}(x-1)^3$$

$$P_3(x) = -2 + (0)(x-1) + \frac{3}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{4}{3!}(x-1)^3 = -2 + \frac{3}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{2}{3}(x-1)^3$$

(b) Find  $T_3(x)$ , the third degree Taylor polynomial for  $g(x)$  centered at  $x = 1$ .

$$T_3(x) = g(1) + g'(1)(x-1) + \frac{g''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{g'''(1)}{3!}(x-1)^3$$

$$T_3(x) = 3 - 6(x-1) + \frac{24}{2!}(x-1)^2 - \frac{144}{3!}(x-1)^3$$

$$= 3 - 6(x-1) + 12(x-1)^2 - 24(x-1)^3$$

$$g'(x) = 3 + 4 \cdot f(4x)$$

$$g'(1) = 3 + 4 \cdot f(4) = 3 + 4 \left( -\frac{9}{4} \right) = -6$$

$$g''(x) = 16 \cdot f'(4x)$$

$$g''(1) = 16 \cdot f'(4) = 16 \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) = 24$$

$$g'''(x) = 64 \cdot f''(4x)$$

$$g'''(1) = 64 \cdot f''(4) = 64 \left( -\frac{9}{4} \right) = -144$$

(c) Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  be a geometric series whose first four terms are the four terms of  $T_3(x)$  found in part (b).

Find  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  where  $x = \frac{5}{4}$  or show that the series diverges.

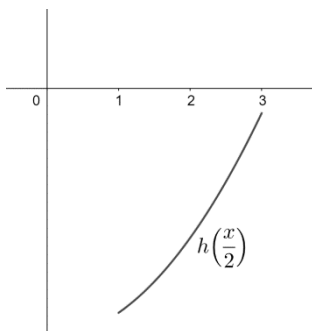
$$T_3(x) = 3 - 6(x-1) + 12(x-1)^2 - 24(x-1)^3$$

$$T_3\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = 3 - 6\left(\frac{5}{4} - 1\right) + 12\left(\frac{5}{4} - 1\right)^2 - 24\left(\frac{5}{4} - 1\right)^3$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = 3 - 6\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 12\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - 24\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 3 - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{8} + \dots$$

$$S = \frac{3}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{3}{3/2} = 2$$



(d) A portion of the function  $h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  is above. Explain why  $h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  could not be the graph of  $f(x)$ .

$$f(1) = h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ which we know nothing about}$$

$$f(4) = h(2) \text{ which is shown on the graph}$$

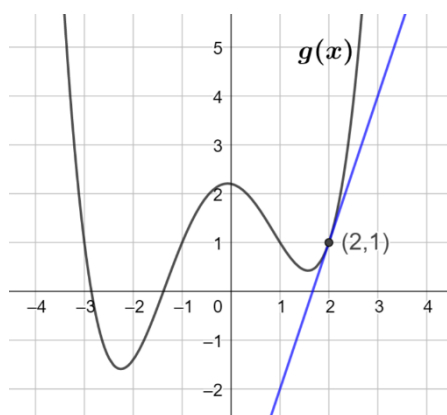
$$f(4) = -\frac{9}{4} < 0 \quad h(2) < 0$$

$$f'(4) = \frac{3}{2} > 0 \quad h'(2) > 0 \text{ because } h \text{ is increasing}$$

$$f''(4) = -\frac{9}{4} < 0 \quad h''(2) > 0 \text{ because } h \text{ is concave up}$$

Based on the concavity, the graph of  $h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  could not be the graph of  $f(x)$

## 2020 FRQ Practice Problem BC4



**BC4** A function  $g$  has derivatives of all orders for all values of  $x$ . A portion of the graph of  $g$  is shown above with the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 2$ .

Let  $h$  be the function defined by  $h(x) = x - 2 - \int_2^{2x} g(t) dt$ .

(a) Find the second degree Taylor polynomial  $T_2(x)$ , for  $h(x)$  centered at  $x = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(1) &= ((1) - 2) - \int_2^{2(1)} g(t) dt = -1 - \int_2^2 g(t) dt = -1 & T_2(x) &= h(1) + h'(1)(x-1) + \frac{h''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2 \\
 h'(x) &= 1 - (g(2x)(2)) = 1 - 2g(2x) & T_2(x) &= -1 + (-1)(x-1) + \frac{(-12)}{2!}(x-1)^2 \\
 h'(1) &= 1 - 2g(2) = 1 - 2(1) = -1 & &= -1 - (x-1) - 6(x-1)^2 \\
 h''(x) &= -2g'(2x)(2) = -4g'(2x) \Rightarrow & & \\
 h''(1) &= -4g'(2) = -4(3) = -12 & &
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Explain why  $P_2(x) = 1 + 3(x-2) - \frac{5(x-2)^2}{2!}$  could not be the second degree Taylor polynomial for  $g(x)$  centered at  $x = 2$ .

$$g(2) = 1 \quad g'(2) = 3$$

$$g(x) \text{ is concave up at } x = 2 \Rightarrow g''(2) > 0$$

$$P_2(x) \text{ 2nd degree term} = -\frac{5(x-2)^2}{2!} \Rightarrow g''(2) = -5$$

so  $P_2(x)$  can not be the second degree Taylor polynomial.

(c) Consider the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!}$  where the first three terms of  $a_n$  correspond to the three terms for

$T_2(x)$ . Find  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!}$  when  $x = 0$ .

$$T_2(x) = -1 - (x-1) - 6(x-1)^2 = a_n$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!} = \frac{-1}{0!} - \frac{1}{2!}(x-1) - \frac{6}{4!}(x-1)^2 + \dots = -1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1) - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2 + \dots$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!} = -1 - \frac{1}{2}(-1) - \frac{1}{4}(-1)^2 + \dots = -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!} = \frac{-1}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{-2}{2+1} = -\frac{2}{3}$$