

## 9.10: Taylor and Maclaurin Series

When you finish your homework you should be able to...

- π Find a Taylor series or a Maclaurin series for a function.
- π Find a binomial series.
- π Use a basic list of Taylor series to derive other power series.

**WARM-UP:** Find the 8<sup>th</sup> degree Maclaurin polynomial for the function

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \cos x = f^{(4)}(x) & f(0) &= f^{(4)}(0) = f^{(8)}(0) = 1 \\
 f'(x) &= -\sin x = f^{(5)}(x) & f'(0) &= f^{(5)}(0) = 0 \\
 f''(x) &= -\cos x = f^{(6)}(x) & f''(0) &= f^{(6)}(0) = -1 \\
 f'''(x) &= \sin x = f^{(7)}(x) & f'''(0) &= f^{(7)}(0) = 0 \\
 f^{(8)}(x) &= \cos x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P_8(x) = 1 + 0x - \frac{1x^2}{2!} + \frac{0x^3}{3!} + \frac{1x^4}{4!} + \frac{0x^5}{5!} - \frac{1x^6}{6!} + \frac{0x^7}{7!} + \frac{1x^8}{8!}$$

$$P_8(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!}$$

Now let's see if we can form a power series!

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}, \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

What about that interval of convergence?

Ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+2}}{(2n+2)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{x^{2n}} \right| \\
 = & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^2 (2n)!}{(2n+2)(2n+1)(2n)!} \right| \rightarrow 0 < 1 \\
 & \text{IOC } (-\infty, \infty)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem: The Form of a Convergent Power Series

If  $f$  is represented by a power series  $f(x) = \sum a_n (x-c)^n$  for all  $x$  in an open interval  $I$  containing  $c$ , then

$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}$$

and

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

Pf: Consider  $\sum a_n (x-c)^n$  with a radius of convergence  $R$ .  
We know that the  $n$ th derivative of  $f$  exists for  $|x-c| < R$ .  
[props of functions defined by power series theorem]

$$f^{(0)}(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + a_3(x-c)^3 + a_4(x-c)^4 + \dots$$

$$f'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2(x-c) + 3a_3(x-c)^2 + 4a_4(x-c)^3 + \dots$$

$$f''(x) = 2a_2 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot a_3(x-c) + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot a_4(x-c)^2 + \dots$$

$$f'''(x) = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot a_3 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 a_4 + \dots$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = n! a_n + (n+1)! a_{n+1} (x-c) + \dots$$

And,

$$f^{(0)}(c) = 0! a_0$$

$$f'(c) = 1! a_1$$

$$f''(c) = 2! a_2$$

$\vdots$

$$f^{(n)}(c) = n! a_n$$

$$f^{(n)}(c) = n! a_n$$
$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} //$$

## Definition of Taylor and Maclaurin Series

If a function  $f$  has derivatives of all orders at  $x=c$ , then the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-c)^n = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n + \dots$$

is called the Taylor series for  $f(x)$  at  $c$ . If  $c=0$ ,

then the series is the Maclaurin series for  $f$ .

**Example 1:** Find the Taylor series, centered at  $c$ , for the function.

a.  $f(x) = e^{-4x}$ ,  $c=0$      $f(0) = 1$

$f'(x) = -4e^{-4x}$      $f'(0) = -4$

$f''(x) = 16e^{-4x}$      $f''(0) = 16$

$f'''(x) = -64e^{-4x}$      $f'''(0) = -64$

⋮

$f^{(n)}(x) = (-4)^n e^{-4x}$      $f^{(n)}(0) = (-1)^n \cdot 4^n$

$$f(x) = e^{-4x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 4^n}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (4x)^n}{n!}, \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

$f(x) = e^{g(x)}$   
 $f'(x) = g'(x)e^{g(x)}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(4x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{(4x)^n} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{4x (n!)}{(n+1)(n!)} \right|$$

$$= 0$$

b.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}, c=2$

$$f(x) = (1-x)^{-1}$$

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

$$f''(x) = -2(1-x)^{-3}(-1) = 2(1-x)^{-3}$$

$$f'''(x) = 6(1-x)^{-4}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 24(1-x)^{-5}$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(x) = n!(1-x)^{-(n+1)}$$

$$f(2) = -1$$

$$f'(2) = 1$$

$$f''(2) = -2$$

$$f'''(2) = 6$$

$$f^{(4)}(2) = -24$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(2) = (-1)^{n+1} n!$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = -1 + 1(x-2) - \frac{2}{2!}(x-2)^2 + \frac{6}{3!}(x-2)^3 - \frac{24}{4!}(x-2)^4 + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} (x-2)^n, (1, 3)$$

Ratio test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-2)^{n+1}}{(x-2)^n} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x-2| < 1$$

$$-1 < x-2 < 1$$

$$1 < x < 3$$

Endpoint 5:

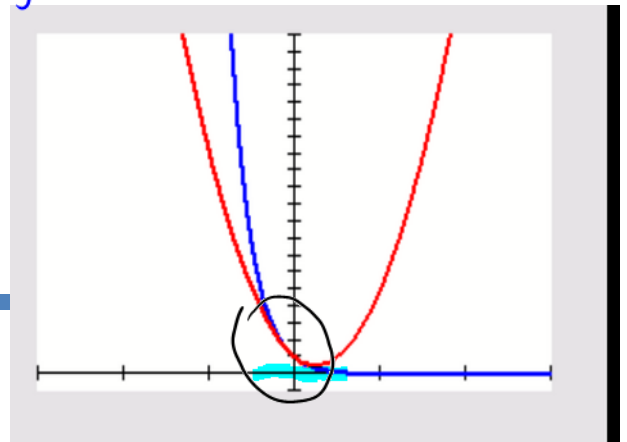
$$x=1: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} (-1)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{2n+1}$$

diverged by  
nth term

test for divergence

$$x=3: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} (1)^n$$



## Theorem: Convergence of Taylor Series

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = 0$  for all  $x$  in the interval  $I$ , then the Taylor series for  $f$  converges and equals  $f(x)$ .

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x-c)^n$$

Pf: For a Taylor Series, the  $n$ th partial sum is the  $n$ th Taylor polynomial. So  $S_n(x) = P_n(x)$  and

$$P_n(x) = f(x) - R_n(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(x) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(x) - R_n(x)) \\ &= f(x) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

So for any  $x$  the Taylor series converges if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ . //

**Example 2:** Prove that the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = \cos x$  converges to  $f(x)$  for all  $x$ .

$$f(x) = \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$f^{(n+1)}(x) = \pm \sin x \text{ or } \pm \cos x$$

$$\text{So } \left| f^{(n+1)}(z) \right| \leq 1 \text{ for all } z.$$

By Taylor's Thm,

$$0 \leq |R_n(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \right| \leq \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

→ and,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = 0$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \right| = 0$$

by the squeeze theorem.

It follows that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$

converges to  $f(x) = \cos x$ , for all  $x$ .

## Binomial Series

Let's check out the function  $f(x) = (1+x)^k$ , where  $k$  is a rational number. What do you think the Maclaurin series is for this function? Guess what...YOU KNOW HOW TO FIND IT!!! So, on your mark, get set, GO!

1. Differentiate  $f(x)$  a bunch of times and evaluate each

derivative at 0. Evil plan: Discover a

pattern.

$$f(x) = (1+x)^k$$

$$f'(x) = k \cdot (1+x)^{k-1}$$

$$f''(x) = k \cdot (k-1) (1+x)^{k-2}$$

$$f'''(x) = k(k-1)(k-2)(1+x)^{k-3}$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(x) = k(k-1)(k-2) \cdots (k-(n-1)) (1+x)^{k-n}$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = k(k-1)(k-2) \cdots (k-n+1) (1+x)^{k-n}$$

$$(1+x)^k = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{3!} x^3 + \cdots + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2) \cdots (k-n+1)}{n!} x^n + \cdots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{k(k-1)(k-2) \cdots (k-n+1)}{n!} x^n$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(0) = k$$

$$f''(0) = k(k-1)$$

$$f'''(0) = k(k-1)(k-2)$$

$$f^{(n)}(0) = k(k-1)(k-2) \cdots (k-n+1)$$

2. Determine the interval of convergence... Don't forget to test the endpoints!

Ratio Test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{k(k-1)(k-2) \cdots \overbrace{(k-n+1)}^{k-(n-1)} (k-[(n+1)-1]) x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n \cdot k(k-1)(k-2) \cdots (k-n+1)} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(k-n)x \cdot x}{(n+1)n!} \right|$$

$$= |x| < 1$$

$$-1 < x < 1$$

Endpoints:

$x = -1$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{k(k-1)(k-2) \cdots (k-n+1)(-1)^n}{n!}$$

converges  $-1 < k < 0$

and diverges for  $k > 0$ .

3. Determine whether the series \_\_\_\_\_ to  $f(x)$  within the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Guidelines for Finding a Power Series

1. Differentiate  $f(x)$  and evaluate each derivative at  $c$  until you find a pattern.
2. Form the Taylor coefficient  $a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}$ , and determine the interval of convergence for the power series.
3. Determine whether the series converges to  $f(x)$  within the interval of convergence.

**Example 3:** Find the Maclaurin series for the function using the binomial series.

$$a. f(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x)^4} = (1+x)^{-4}; k = -4$$

$$(1+x)^{-4} = 1 + (-4)x + \frac{(-4)(-5)x^2}{2!} + \frac{(-4)(-5)(-6)x^3}{3!} + \frac{(-4)(-5)(-6)(-7)x^4}{4!} + \frac{(-4)(-5)(-6)(-7)(-8)x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$(1+x)^{-4} = 1 - 4x + \frac{5 \cdot 4 x^2}{2!} - \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 x^3}{3!} + \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 x^4}{4!} - \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$(1+x)^{-4} = 1 - 4x + \frac{5! x^2}{3! 2!} - \frac{6! x^3}{3! 3!} + \frac{7! x^4}{3! 4!} - \frac{8! x^5}{3! 5!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n (n+3)! x^n}{3! n!} + \dots$$

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

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

$$(1+x)^{-4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+3)!}{3! n!} x^n$$



b.  $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x^3} = (1+x^3)^{1/2}$ ;  $k = \frac{1}{2}$

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

$$(1+x)^{1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})x^2}{2!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})x^3}{3!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{5}{2})x^4}{4!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{5}{2})(-\frac{7}{2})x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$(1+x)^{1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^3 \cdot 3 \cdot x^3}{3!} - \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot x^4}{4!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot x^5}{5!}$$

*doesn't work*

$$(1+x)^{1/2} = \underbrace{1}_{n=0} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}x}_{n=1} - \frac{1 \cdot x^2}{2^2 2!} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot x^3}{2^3 3!} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot x^4}{2^4 4!} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot x^5}{2^5 5!} + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \dots (2n-3) x^n}{2^n n!} + \dots$$

$$(1+x)^{1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-3) x^n}{2^n n!} \quad \text{So,}$$

$$(1+x^3)^{1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-3) x^{3n}}{2^n n!}$$

$2n+1$   
 $2n-1$   
 $2n+3$   
 $2n-3$

## A Basic List of Power Series for Elementary Functions

FUNCTION	INTERVAL OF CONVERGENCE
$\frac{1}{x} = 1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 - (x-1)^3 + (x-1)^4 - \dots + (-1)^n (x-1)^n + \dots$ $+ \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (x-1)^n$	$0 < x < 2$
$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 + \dots + (-1)^n x^n + \dots$	$-1 < x < 1$
$\ln x = (x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} - \frac{(x-1)^4}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^n}{n} + \dots$ $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^n}{n}$	$0 < x \leq 2$
$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$	$-\infty < x < \infty$
$\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + \dots$ $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$
$\arcsin x = x + \frac{x^3}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 x^5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{(2n)! x^{2n+1}}{(2^n n!)^2 (2n+1)} + \dots$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$
$(1+x)^k = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)x^2}{2!} + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)x^3}{3!} + \dots$	$-1 < x < 1^*$

\*convergence at endpoints depends on  $k$

**Example 4:** Find the Maclaurin series for the function using the basic list of power series for elementary functions.

a.  $f(x) = \ln(1+x^2)$

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

$$\ln(x^2+1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} [(x^2+1)-1]^n}{n}$$

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

IOC =

b.  $f(x) = e^x + e^{-x}$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-x)^n &= [(-1)x]^n \\ &= (-1)^n x^n \\ (ab)^n &= a^n b^n \end{aligned}$$

$$+ e^{-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{n!} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

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

$$e^x + e^{-x} = 2 + 0 + \frac{2x^2}{2!} + 0 + \frac{2x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$e^x + e^{-x} = 2 \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \right)$$

$$e^x + e^{-x} = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^x + e^{-x} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1+(-1)^n}{n!} x^n \\ &= 2 + 0x + \frac{2x^2}{2!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos^2 A = \frac{1 + \cos 2A}{2}$$

c.  $f(x) = \cos^2 x$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1 + \cos 2x]$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{4x^2}{2!} + \frac{16x^4}{4!} - \frac{64x^6}{6!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot 2^{2n} x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

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

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$\frac{2^{2n}}{2^1} = 2^{2n-1}$$

d.  $f(x) = x \cos x$

$$x \cos x = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$x \cos x = x \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \right]$$

$$x \cos x = \left[ x - \frac{x^3}{2!} + \frac{x^5}{4!} - \frac{x^7}{6!} + \dots \right]$$

$$x \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n)!}$$

e.  $f(x) = \cot x$

**Example 5:** Find the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for the function  $f(x) = e^x \ln(1+x)$ .

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

$$e^x \ln(1+x) = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right]$$

$$= \left[ 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \right] \left[ x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \right]$$

$$= x + \left( x^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) + \left( -\frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^3}{2!} \right) + \left( -\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^4}{3} - \frac{x^4}{2! \cdot 2} + \frac{x^4}{3!} \right)$$

$$= x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{2x^4}{4} + \frac{x^4}{3} + \frac{x^4}{6}$$

$$P_4(x) = \boxed{x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + 0}$$

**Example 6:** Use a power series to approximate the value of the integral with an error less than 0.0001.

$$\int_0^{1/2} \arctan x^2 dx = \int_0^{1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x^2)^{2n+1}}{2n+1} dx$$

$$\arctan x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

$$= \int_0^{1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{4n+2}}{2n+1} dx$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{(4n+2)+1}}{(2n+1)(4n+2+1)} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1/2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{4n+3}}{(2n+1)(4n+3)} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1/2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)(4n+3)} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{4n+3} - (0)^{4n+3} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)(4n+3) 2^{4n+3}}$$

$$\frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)(4n+3) 2^{4n+3}} < 0.0001$$

It turns out that  $n=2$  [trial & error]