

HOMEWORK 3

(Math 200-Section A)

1. Find the radius and interval of convergence for the power series: (9 pts)

(a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n2^n} x^n$ (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^n x^n$ (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!} x^n$

(Hint: For (b), keep in mind that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$)

2. The power series for $\ln(1+x)$ is given by: (3 pts)

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots, \quad -1 < x \leq 1.$$

Use this to approximate $\ln 2$ in two decimal places.

(Note: Just use the first four terms of the power series)

3. **Term-by-term differentiation and integration:** (8 pts)

If $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, $-R < x < R$, then:

(i) $f(x)$ is differentiable and $f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx}(a_n x^n)$, $-R < x < R$

(ii) $f(x)$ is integrable and $\int f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$, $-R < x < R$.

- (a) Given that the power series of $\sin x$ is $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$ and using the information above, find the power series for $\cos x$ (write down only the first four terms). Use that to show that $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{72} + \frac{\pi^4}{31104} - \frac{\pi^6}{33592320} \dots$.

- (b) Using the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}$, $-1 < x < 1$ and the information above, show that $\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. Use that to approximate π in two decimal places.

(Note: Just use the first four terms of the power series)