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2.1) The method of differences

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Worked example

Show that $r = \frac{1}{2}(r(r+1) - r(r-1))$

Hence prove, by the method of differences, that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$$

Your turn

Show that

$$4r^3 = r^2(r+1)^2 - (r-1)^2r^2$$

Hence prove, by the method of differences, that

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

Shown

Worked example

Find, using the method of differences,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{(r+2)(r+3)}$$

Your turn

Find, using the method of differences,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r(r+1)}$$

$$\frac{n}{n+1}$$

Worked example

Find, using the method of differences,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{2}{r(r+2)}$$

Your turn

Find, using the method of differences,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{2}{(r+1)(r+3)}$$

$$\frac{n(5n+13)}{6(n+2)(n+3)}$$

Worked example

Find, using the method of differences,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{2}{(4r^2 + 8r + 3)}$$

Your turn

Find, using the method of differences,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{2}{4r^2 - 1}$$

$$\frac{2n}{2n + 1}$$

Worked example

Find the value of

$$\sum_{r=100}^{200} \frac{4}{(4r-1)(4r+3)}$$

to 4 decimal places

Your turn

Find the value of

$$\sum_{r=16}^{25} \frac{4}{(2r+1)(2r+5)}$$

to 4 decimal places

0.0218 (4 dp)

2.2) Higher derivatives

Worked example

Given that $y = \ln(1 + x)$, find the value of $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$ when $x = \frac{1}{2}$

Your turn

Given that $y = \ln(1 - x)$, find the value of $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$ when $x = \frac{1}{2}$

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Worked example

Given that $y = \sec 3x$, find the value of $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$
when $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Your turn

Given that $y = \sin^2 3x$, find the value of $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4}$
when $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$

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Worked example

$$f(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{1 + x^2})$$

(a) Show that

$$(1 + x^2)f'''(x) + 3xf''(x) + f'(x) = 0$$

(b) Deduce the values of $f'(0)$, $f''(0)$, $f'''(0)$

Your turn

$$f(x) = e^{x^2}$$

(a) Show that:

(i) $f'(x) = 2x f(x)$

(ii) $f''(x) = 2f(x) + 2x f'(x)$

(iii) $f'''(x) = 2x f''(x) + 4f'(x)$

(b) Deduce the values of $f'(0)$, $f''(0)$, $f'''(0)$

(a) Shown

(b) $f(0) = 1$

$$f'(0) = 0$$

$$f''(0) = 2$$

$$f'''(0) = 0$$

2.3) Maclaurin series

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Worked example

Find the Maclaurin series for $\frac{1}{1-x}$

Your turn

Find the Maclaurin series for $\sqrt{1+x}$

$$\sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16} - \dots$$

Worked example

Find the Maclaurin series for $\ln(1 + x)$

Your turn

Find the Maclaurin series for e^x

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots$$

Worked example

Find the Maclaurin series for $\cos^2 x$ up to and including the term in x^4

Your turn

Find the Maclaurin series for $\sin^2 x$ up to and including the term in x^4

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

Worked example

- (a) Find the Maclaurin series for $\cos x$
- (b) Use the first three terms of the series to find an approximation for $\cos 30^\circ$

Your turn

- (a) Find the Maclaurin series for $\sin x$
- (b) Use the first two terms of the series to find an approximation for $\sin 10^\circ$

(a) $\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r}}{(2r)!} + \dots$

(b) 0.17365 (5 dp)

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Worked example

Find the Maclaurin series for e^{4x} up to and including the term in x^4

Your turn

Find the Maclaurin series for e^{3x} up to and including the term in x^4

$$e^{3x} = 1 + 3x + \frac{9x^2}{2} + \frac{9x^3}{2} + \frac{27x^4}{8} + \dots$$

Worked example

Find the Maclaurin series for $\ln(1 + 3x)$ up to and including the term in x^4

Your turn

Find the Maclaurin series for $\ln(1 + 2x)$ up to and including the term in x^4

$$\ln(1 + 2x) = 2x - 2x^2 + \frac{8x^3}{3} - 4x^4 + \dots$$

Worked example

Write down the first four non-zero terms in the series expansion, in ascending powers of x , of

$$\sin(4x^3)$$

Your turn

Write down the first four non-zero terms in the series expansion, in ascending powers of x , of

$$\cos(2x^2)$$

$$1 - 3x^4 + \frac{2}{3}x^8 - \frac{4}{45}x^{12} + \dots$$

Worked example

Find the first three non-zero terms of the series expansion of $\ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+3x}}{1-2x}\right)$, and state the interval in x for which the expansion is valid.

Your turn

Find the first three non-zero terms of the series expansion of $\ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-3x}\right)$, and state the interval in x for which the expansion is valid.

$$4x + \frac{7}{2}x^2 + \frac{31}{3}x^3 + \dots$$

Valid for $-\frac{1}{3} \leq x < \frac{1}{3}$

Worked example

Find the first three terms in the Maclaurin series expansion of $e^{\cos x}$

Your turn

Find the first three terms in the Maclaurin series expansion of $e^{\sin x}$

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

Worked example

Find the series expansions, up to and including the term in x^4 , of:

$$\ln(1 + 2x - 3x^2)$$

State the range of values of x for which the expansion is valid

Your turn

Find the series expansions, up to and including the term in x^4 , of:

$$\ln(1 + x - 2x^2)$$

State the range of values of x for which the expansion is valid

$$x - \frac{5x^2}{2} + \frac{7x^3}{3} - \frac{17x^4}{4} + \dots$$
$$-\frac{1}{2} < x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Worked example

Find the series expansions, up to and including the term in x^4 , of:

$$\ln(16 + 8x + x^2)$$

State the range of values of x for which the expansion is valid

Your turn

Find the series expansions, up to and including the term in x^4 , of:

$$\ln(9 + 6x + x^2)$$

State the range of values of x for which the expansion is valid

$$2 \ln 3 + \frac{2x}{3} - \frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{2x^3}{81} - \frac{x^4}{162} + \dots$$
$$-3 < x \leq 3$$

Worked example

Find the series expansion, up to and including the term in x^4 , of:

$$\ln(16 + 8x + x^2)$$

State the range of values of x for which the expansion is valid

Your turn

Find the series expansion, up to and including the term in x^4 , of:

$$\ln(9 + 6x + x^2)$$

State the range of values of x for which the expansion is valid

$$2 \ln 3 + \frac{2x}{3} - \frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{2x^3}{81} - \frac{x^4}{162} + \dots$$
$$-3 < x \leq 3$$

Worked example

Using the first two terms, $x - \frac{x^3}{3}$, in the expansion of $\arctan x$, find the first four terms of $e^{\arctan x}$

Deduce the first four terms in the series expansion of $e^{-\arctan x}$

Your turn

Using the first two terms, $x + \frac{x^3}{3}$, in the expansion of $\tan x$, find the first four terms of $e^{\tan x}$

Deduce the first four terms in the series expansion of $e^{-\tan x}$

$$e^{\tan x} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \dots$$

$$e^{-\tan x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{2} + \dots$$