

SEQUENCES AND SERIES

- A **sequence** is an ordered list of numbers where each term is obtained according to a fixed rule.

e.g. $1, 4, 9, 16, \dots$
 u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4
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$f(i) = i^2, i \in \mathbb{N}$
 then $1, 4, 9, 16, \dots$

- A **series** is written as $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$, the terms of which form a sequence

e.g. $1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + \dots$

$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

$$= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2$$

- The **n th term** of a sequence or series is denoted by u_n

(or a_n)

- A sequence or series can be defined by a recurrence relation where u_{n+1} is given as a function of lower terms.

- A first-order recurrence relation is where $u_{n+1} = f(u_n)$, recall Higher
 $u_{n+1} = 0.8u_n + 15$

1) Find the first 3 terms of each sequence and state whether it is increasing, decreasing or neither

a) $u_i = -2i$ b) $u_i = 2i + 3$ c) $u_i = 1 + (-1)^i$

2) Write the following series in expanded form

a) $\sum_{i=1}^6 3i$ b) $\sum_{i=1}^5 (-1)^i \left(\frac{3}{i}\right)$

Arithmetic Sequences and Series

An **arithmetic sequence** or series is one in which

$$u_{n+1} - u_n = u_n - u_{n-1} \quad \text{for all values of } n$$

i.e. there is a common difference, ***d***, between neighbouring terms in the sequence.

This is the defining property of an arithmetic sequence.

e.g. for the sequence 1, 4, 7, 10, 13,..... the common difference is 3 and the sequence is defined as **the arithmetic sequence with first term 1 and common difference 3.**

For an **Arithmetic Sequence or Series** with first term ***a*** and common difference ***d***, the ***n*th** term is given by

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

giving

$$u_1 = a$$

$$u_2 = a + d$$

$$u_3 = a + 2d$$

$$u_4 = a + 3d$$

Examples

- 1) Find an expression for u_n and evaluate u_{11} for the sequence 3, 7, 11, 15,.....

$a_1 = 3$ $d = 4$

Note

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$a_2 = 3 + 1(4) = 7$$

$$a_3 = 3 + 2(4) = 11$$

$$a_4 = 3 + 3(4) = 15$$

$$\text{ie. } a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

$$\text{here } a_n = 3 + (n-1)4$$

$$= 4n - 1$$

$$a_{11} = 4(11) - 1$$

$$= 43$$

using formula, $u_n = a + (n-1)d$

$$a = 3 \quad u_1 = d = 4$$

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$= 3 + (n-1) \cdot 4$$

$$= 4n - 1$$

$$u_{11} = 4(11) - 1$$

$$= \underline{\underline{43}}$$

- 2) In an arithmetic sequence $u_5 = 23$ and $u_{12} = 37$. Find an expression for the n th term of this sequence.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Arithmetic } \Rightarrow U_n &= a + (n-1)d \\ \Rightarrow U_5 &= a + 4d = 23 \\ U_{12} &= a + 11d = 37 \quad (\text{subtracting}) \\ \hline & -7d = -14 \\ & d = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given } a + 4d &= 23 \\ a + 4(2) &= 23 \\ a &= 23 - 8 \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } U_n &= 15 + (n-1) \cdot 2 \\ &= \underline{\underline{2n + 13}} \end{aligned}$$

[check that $u_{12} = 37$!]

- 3) Given the arithmetic sequence 5, 11, 17, 23,..... find the value of n for which $u_n = 113$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 5 & d &= 17 - 11 \\ & & &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } U_n &= a + (n-1)d = 113 \\ 5 + (n-1) \cdot 6 &= 113 \\ 5 + 6n - 6 &= 113 \\ -1 + 6n &= 113 + 1 \\ 6n &= 114 \\ \underline{\underline{n}} &= \underline{\underline{19}} \end{aligned}$$

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Sum to n terms of an Arithmetic Sequence or Series

For the general arithmetic series with first term a and common difference d , the sum to n terms, partial sum, is given by

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$$

on formula sheet

Proof of above see p152/153 textbook

Illustration For finite sequence 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

$$\text{Total (10)} = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 9 + 10$$

$$\text{Total (10)} = 10 + 9 + 8 + 7 + \dots + 2 + 1 \quad (\text{addies})$$

$$2 \times \text{Total (10)} = 11 + 11 + 11 + 11 + \dots + 11 + 11$$

$$2 \times \text{Total (10)} = \frac{10}{2} \times 11$$

$$\text{Total (10)} = \frac{10}{2} \times 11$$

$$= \underline{\underline{55}}$$

Remember $\text{Total (n)} = \frac{n}{2}(a+l)$, $a = \text{first term}$
 $l = \text{last term}$

$$\text{or } S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + u_n), \quad u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$= \frac{n}{2}(a + a + (n-1)d)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n-1)d)$$

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Examples

1) For the arithmetic series $3 + 7 + 11 + 15 + \dots$, find an expression for S_n , the sum to n terms and hence evaluate S_{20}

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + l)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2}(a + u_n)$$

$$l = u_n = a + (n-1)d$$
$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n-1)d)$$

$$, \quad a=3, \quad d=4$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{n}{2}(6 + (n-1)4)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2}(2 + 4n)$$

$$= n(1 + 2n)$$

$$\text{Hence } S_{20} = 20(1 + 2(20))$$

$$= 20(41)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{820}}$$

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2) Find the sum of the arithmetic series $17 + 19 + 21 + \dots + 231$

For number of terms

$$U_n = a + (n-1)d, \quad a = 17 \quad d = 19 - 17 = 2$$

$$231 = 17 + (n-1) \cdot 2$$

$$231 = 15 + 2n$$

$$216 = 2n$$

$$n = 108$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d)$$

$$S_{108} = \frac{108}{2} (34 + 107 \times 2)$$

$$= 54 \times (34 + 214)$$

$$= 54 \times 248$$

$$231 = \underline{\underline{13392}}$$

$$231 = 17 + 2n$$

$$216 = 2n$$

Here $108 \times 2 = 216$

$$= \frac{108 \times 216}{2}$$

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3) In an arithmetic progression (general term) $u_{10} = 3$ and $S_6 = 76.5$. Find the smallest value of n such that $S_n < 0$.

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d)$$

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$S_6 = \frac{6}{2} (2a + 5d) = 76.5$$

$$u_{10} = a + 9d = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 5d = 25.5 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 18d = 6 \quad (2)$$

now (2) - (1) $\Rightarrow 13d = -19.5$

Hence $d = \underline{-1.5}$

Given $a + 9d = 3$

$$a = 3 - 9(-1.5)$$

$$u_{10} = a + 9d = \underline{36.5}$$

Let $S_n < 0$ $\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d) < 0$

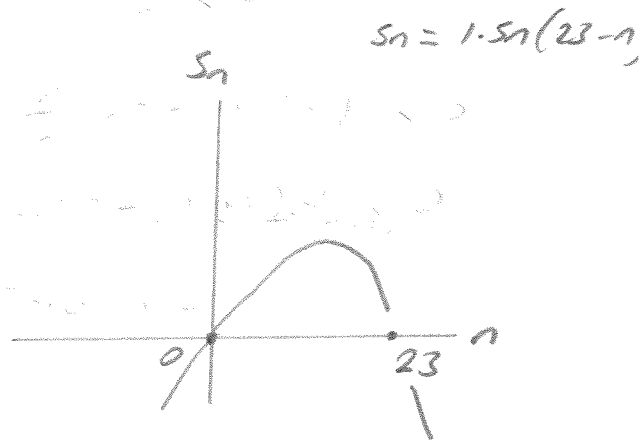
$$\frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d) < 0$$

$$\frac{n}{2} (33 - 1.5n + 1.5) < 0$$

$$n(34.5 - 1.5n) < 0$$

$$1.5n(23 - n) < 0$$

$$n < 0 \text{ or } n > 23 \text{ (from graph)}$$



For smallest n such that $S_n < 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{n=24}}$

Geometric Sequences

A geometric sequence or series is one in which there is a **common ratio**, r , between neighbouring terms i.e.

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{u_n}{u_{n-1}} \quad \text{for all values of } n$$

for example 2, 6, 18, 54, is a geometric sequence with **first term 2** and **common ratio 3**

$$a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, ar^4, \dots$$

In general for a Geometric Sequence or Series, with first term a and common ratio r

$$u_n = ar^{n-1} \quad , \quad r \neq 0, 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 2 \\ a_2 &= 2 \times 3^1 \\ a_3 &= 2 \times 3^2 \\ a_4 &= 2 \times 3^3 \\ a_n &= 2 \times 3^{(n-1)} \end{aligned}$$

Examples

1. Show that $2\sin x$, $\sin 2x$ and $\sin 2x \cos x$ could be the first three terms of a geometric sequence.

$$\text{Let } a_1 = 2\sin x \quad a_2 = \sin 2x \quad a_3 = \sin 2x \cos x$$

$$\frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{\sin 2x}{2\sin x}$$

$$= \frac{2\sin x \cos x}{2\sin x}$$

$$= \cos x$$

$$\frac{a_3}{a_2} = \frac{\sin 2x \cos x}{\sin 2x}$$

$$= \cos x$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{OR} \\ r_1 = \dots, r_2 = \dots \\ r_1 = r_2 \Rightarrow \text{Common ratio} \\ \text{etc.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \cos x \quad \text{for } n=1 \text{ and } n=2$$

there is a common ratio for the first 3 terms.

2. Find the geometric sequence whose third term is 18 and whose eighth term is 4374.

$$U_n = ar^{(n-1)}$$

$$U_3 = ar^2 = 18$$

$$U_8 = ar^7 = 4374$$

Dividing to eliminate a gives

$$r^5 = 243$$

$$r = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2$$

Hence $U_n = 2(3)^{n-1}$

3. Given the geometric sequence 3, 6, 12, 24, find n such that $u_n = 196608$

$$a = 3, \quad r = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

Now $U_n = ar^{(n-1)}$

$$196608 = 3(2)^{n-1}$$

$$65536 = 2^{(n-1)}$$

$$y = a^x \Rightarrow \log_a y = x$$

$$\log_2 65536 = \log_2 2^{(n-1)}$$

$$\log_2 65536 = n-1$$

$$n = \log_2 65536 + 1$$

$$\underline{\underline{n = 17}}$$

Sum to n terms of a Geometric Sequence or Series

The sum of the terms in a geometric sequence is called a geometric series.

For the general geometric progression with first term a and common ratio r , the sum to n terms, (partial sum or finite sum) is given by

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \quad r \neq 1$$

from

$$S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

$$rS_n = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + ar^n$$

$$S_n - rS_n = a - ar^n$$

$$(1-r)S_n = a(1-r^n)$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

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Examples

1) Find the 12th term and S_6 of the geometric sequence 1, 3, 9, 27,

$$U_n = ar^{(n-1)}, \quad a=1, \quad r=3$$

$$\Rightarrow U_n = 3^{(n-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{U_{12} = 3^{11} = 177147}}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S_6 = \frac{1(1-3^6)}{1-3}$$

$$= \frac{-728}{-2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{364}}$$

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2) What is the smallest number of terms that will give a total greater than 6000000 for the sequence 8, 24, 72,.....?

$$S_n > 6000000$$

$$\frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} > 6000000, \quad a=8, \quad r=3$$

$$\frac{8(1-3^n)}{-2} > 6000000$$

$$8(1-3^n) < -12000000$$

Switch inequality sign
since \times by negative

$$1-3^n < -1500000$$

$$-3^n < -1500001$$

$$3^n > 1500001$$

$$\log_3 3^n > \log_3 1500001$$

$$n > \log_3 1500001$$

$$n > 12.94 \dots$$

Hence $n=13$ is the smallest no. of terms.

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3) Find two possible geometric series such that $S_2 = 15$ and $S_4 = 255$

Geometric $\Rightarrow a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots$

$$S_2 = a + ar = a(1+r)$$

$$S_4 = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 = a(1+r+r^2+r^3)$$

NOW $\frac{S_4}{S_2} = \frac{255}{15}$

$$\frac{a(1+r+r^2+r^3)}{a(1+r)} = 17$$

$$(2) \frac{(1+r)(r^2+1)}{(1+r)} = \frac{255}{15}$$

$$r^2 + 1 = 17 \quad (1+r^2) = 17$$

$$r^2 = 16 \quad r = \pm 4$$

$$r = \pm 4$$

$$r = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow a(-3) = 15 \text{ from (1)}$$

$$a = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow U_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-5(-4)^{n-1}}}$$

$$r = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a(5) = 15 \text{ from (1)}$$

$$a = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow U_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{3(4)^{n-1}}}$$

Factorise Trinomial

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & -1 & 0 & -1 & \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$f(-1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (r+1)$ is a factor

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Sum To Infinity

If the partial sum S_n tends towards a limit as n tends to infinity, then the limit is called the sum to infinity of the series.

Arithmetic Series

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n-1)d)$$

can be written as

$$S_n = n^2 \left[\frac{d}{2} + \frac{(a - \frac{d}{2})}{n} \right]$$

and so as $n \rightarrow \infty$ $S_n \rightarrow n^2 \frac{d}{2}$

and so as $n \rightarrow \infty$ $S_n \rightarrow \pm\infty$ depending on value of d

The sum to infinity for an arithmetic series is undefined.

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Geometric Series

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}, \quad r \neq 1$$

If $|r| > 1$ then $r^n \rightarrow \pm\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Consider 3, 9, 27, 81, ... $r=3$

If $|r| < 1$ then $r^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Consider $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \frac{1}{81}, \dots$ $r=\frac{1}{3}$

If $r = 1$ then $S_n = na \rightarrow \pm\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ depending on a

Consider 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, ... $r=1$

If $r = -1$ then $S_n = 0$ for even n and $S_n = a$ for odd n , as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Consider 3, -3, 3, -3, 3, -3

Hence

The **Sum to Infinity of a Geometric Series** is only defined when $|r| < 1$ and is given by

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad -1 < r < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{a - ar^n}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{a}{1-r} - \left(\frac{a}{1-r}\right)r^n \end{aligned}$$

If $|r| < 1$ then as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\left(\frac{a}{1-r}\right)r^n \rightarrow 0$

and $S_n \rightarrow \frac{a}{1-r}$

Examples1) Express $0.\dot{0}7$ as a fraction

$$0.\dot{0}7 = 0.\dot{0}777\ldots = 0.07 + 0.007 + 0.0007 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{0.007}{0.07} = 0.1, \quad a = 0.07$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad |r| < 1$$

$$= \frac{0.07}{1-0.1}$$

$$= \frac{0.07}{0.9}$$

$$= \frac{7}{90}$$

2) Find the sum to infinity of the geometric series $18 + 12 + 8 + \dots$

$$a = 18 \quad r = \frac{12}{18} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{since } |r| < 1$$

$$= \frac{18}{1 - \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{18}{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{54}}$$

3) Given that 18 and 6 are two adjacent terms in an infinite geometric series with sum to infinity of 81, find the first term.

$$r = \frac{6}{18} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{where } |r| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 81 = \frac{a}{1-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$81 = \frac{a}{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$81 \times \frac{2}{3} = a$$

$$a = 54$$

Hence first term = 54

Summary of Formula to Learn for NAB and Exam

Arithmetic Sequence

$$u_{n+1} - u_n = u_n - u_{n-1}$$

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$$

Geometric Sequence

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{u_n}{u_{n-1}}$$

$$u_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \quad r \neq 1$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{for } |r| < 1$$

Power Series

We can use polynomials to approximate some functions.

Any series of the form

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots$$

is called a **POWER SERIES**.

MacLaurins Theorem

$$f(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(0)}{i!} x^i$$

valid when $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$

Examples

1.(a) Find a power series for $f(x) = \cos x$

(b) Hence find a power series for $\cos 2x$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \cos x & f(0) &= 1 \\ f'(x) &= -\sin x & f'(0) &= 0 \\ f''(x) &= -\cos x & f''(0) &= -1 \\ f'''(x) &= \sin x & f'''(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This then repeats since

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x$$

Hence power series

$$f(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$$

$$\cos x = 1 + \frac{0}{1!}x + \frac{-1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{0}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^6}{720} + \dots$$

For $\cos 2x$, replace x with $2x$ in $f(x) = \cos x$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2x &= 1 - \frac{(2x)^2}{2} + \frac{(2x)^4}{24} - \frac{(2x)^6}{720} + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{2^2}{2}x^2 + \frac{2^4}{24}x^4 - \frac{2^6}{720}x^6 + \dots \\ &= 1 - 2x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^4 - \frac{4}{45}x^6 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Expressions for $\ln(1+x)$ and $\tan^{-1}x$

These can be found relatively easily from the simpler expansion

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

Replace x with x^2 gives

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

$$\text{Now } \ln(1+x) = \int (1+x)^{-1} dx$$

$$= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots + C$$

$$[\text{Since when } x=0, \ln(1+x)=0 \Rightarrow C=0]$$

$$\text{Also } \tan^{-1}x = \int (1+x^2)^{-1} dx$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} - \dots + C$$

$$[\text{Again for } x=0, \tan^{-1}x=0 \Rightarrow C=0]$$

2(a) Find the first four terms in MacLaurins series for $f(x) = e^{2x}$ (b) Hence find an expression for e^{2x+3}

$$(a) f(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$$

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

$$\Rightarrow e^{2x} = 1 + 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

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

$$(b) e^{2x+3} = e^{2x} \cdot e^3 \quad \left[\text{don't replace } x \text{ with } 2x+3 \text{ as it does not produce a 'clean' power series} \right]$$

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

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

3 Find the term in x^4 in the expansion of $e^x(1+2x)$.

$$f(x) = (1+2x)e^x$$

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

only need to go this far for x^4

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

$$\text{term in } x^4 = 1 \left(\frac{x^4}{4!} \right) + 2x \left(\frac{x^3}{3!} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \frac{2}{6}x^4$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{8}x^4}}$$

valid for

Basic Expansions

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \frac{x^{2i+1}}{(2i+1)!} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \frac{x^{2i}}{(2i)!} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^i}{i!} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \frac{x^{i+1}}{i+1} \quad -1 < x \leq 1$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \frac{x^{2i+1}}{2i+1} \quad -1 < x < 1$$

learn these

We can use these to derive others.

Examples

1. Find a power series for $\ln \frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)}$

using log laws

$$\ln \frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)} = \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x)$$

replacing x with $-x$

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

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

$$= 2x + \frac{2x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{5} + \frac{2x^7}{7} + \dots \quad (-1 < x < 1)$$

Advanced Higher Maths : Unit 2

1.2 Applying Algebraic Skills to Sequences and Series

2. Expand $e^{-2x} \sin 3x$ in ascending powers of x as far as x^4 .

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

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!}$$

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

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

$$\sin 3x = 3x - \frac{(3x)^3}{3!}$$

$$= 3x - \frac{9}{2}x^3$$

Now,

$$e^{-2x} \sin 3x = \left(3x - \frac{9}{2}x^3\right) \left(1 - 2x + 2x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x^4\right)$$

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

$$= 3x - 6x^2 + 6x^3 - 4x^4 - \frac{9}{2}x^3 + 9x^4 + \dots$$

$$= 3x - 6x^2 + 6x^3 - 4x^4 \quad (\text{as far as } x^4) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

3. Expand $e^{\sin x}$ as far as x^4 .

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

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!}$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{6}$$

Replacing x with $\sin x$,

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

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

$$+ \frac{1}{24} \left(x^4 + \dots\right)$$

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

$$= 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 \quad (\text{as far as } x^4) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

