

HOMework 10 – ANSWERS

§10.11 Question 6,8,12,16,20; §10.12 Questions 10,12

6.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2+x}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2}) \cdots (-\frac{1}{2} - n + 1)}{n!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdots (2n-1)}{2^{2n} n!} x^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n)!}{2^{3n} (n!)^2} x^n. \end{aligned}$$

We applied the binomial theorem to the variable  $x/2$  so the possible range of values is given by  $|x/2| < 1$  which gives  $|x| < 2$  and so the radius of convergence is 2.

8.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^3}} &= x^2 (1-x^3)^{-1/2} = x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n)!}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} (-x^3)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{3n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

We applied the binomial theorem to the variable  $-x^3$  so the possible range of values is given by  $|-x^3| < 1$  which is the same as  $|x| < 1$  and so the radius of convergence is 1.

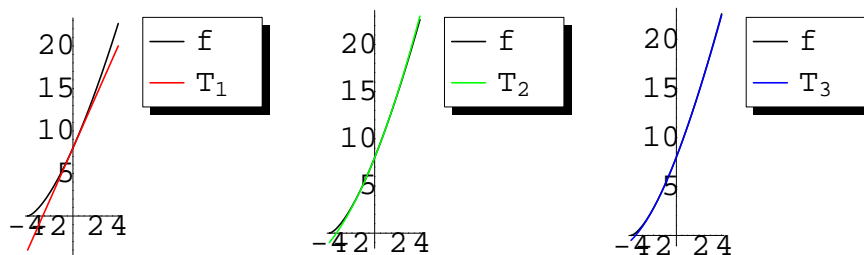
12.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4+x)^{3/2} &= 8\left(1 + \frac{x}{4}\right)^{3/2} = 8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{3}{2})(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2}) \cdots (\frac{3}{2} - n + 1)}{n!} \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^n \\
 &= 24 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdots (2n-5)}{2^n n!} \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^n = 24 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n-4)!}{2^{4n-2} n! (n-2)!} x^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the Taylor polynomials are

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_1(x) &= 8\left(1 + \frac{3x}{8}\right) = 8 + 3x, \\
 T_2(x) &= 8\left(1 + \frac{3x}{8} + \frac{(\frac{3}{2})(\frac{1}{2})}{2}\right) \frac{x^2}{16} = 8 + 3x + \frac{3x^2}{16}, \\
 T_3(x) &= 8\left(1 + \frac{3x}{8} + \frac{(\frac{3}{2})(\frac{1}{2})}{2} + \frac{(\frac{3}{2})(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{1}{2})}{3!} \frac{x^3}{64}\right) \frac{x^2}{16} = 8 + 3x + \frac{3x^2}{16} \\
 &= 8 + 3x + \frac{3x^2}{16} - \frac{x^3}{128}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We applied the binomial theorem to the variable  $x/4$  so the possible range of values is given by  $|x/4| < 1$  which gives  $|x| < 4$  and so the radius of convergence is 4. The graphs are given below



16.

$$\begin{aligned}(8+x)^{1/3} &= 2\left(1 + \frac{x}{8}\right)^{1/3} = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3}) \cdots (\frac{1}{3} - n + 1)}{n!} \frac{x^n}{8^n} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{2.5 \cdots (3n-4)}{2^{3n} 3^n n!} x^n.\end{aligned}$$

We applied the binomial theorem to the variable  $x/8$  so the possible range of values is given by  $|x/8| < 1$  which gives  $|x| < 8$  and so the radius of convergence is 8.

For part b). we put  $x = 0.2$  to get

$$2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{2.5 \cdots (3n-4)}{2^{3n} 3^n n!} \frac{1}{5^n}.$$

The alternating nature of this series suggests that the required answer is given by the partial sum  $s_n$  where

$$\frac{2.5 \cdots (3n-1)}{2^{3n+3} 3^{n+1} n!} \frac{1}{5^{n+1}} < 0.00005.$$

We find that this is satisfied when  $n = 2$  and so the required estimate is

$$\sqrt[3]{8.2} \simeq 2\left(1 + \frac{1}{120} - \frac{1}{14400}\right) \simeq 2.0165.$$

20.

$$\begin{aligned}(1+x^3)^{-1/2} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2}) \cdots (-\frac{1}{2} - n + 1)}{n!} (x^3)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1.3 \cdots (2n-1)}{2^n n!} x^{3n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{3n}.\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\frac{f^{(3n)}(0)}{(3n)!} = (-1)^n \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} \quad \text{and so} \quad f^{(9)}(0) = -9! \frac{6!}{2^6 r} = -113,400.$$

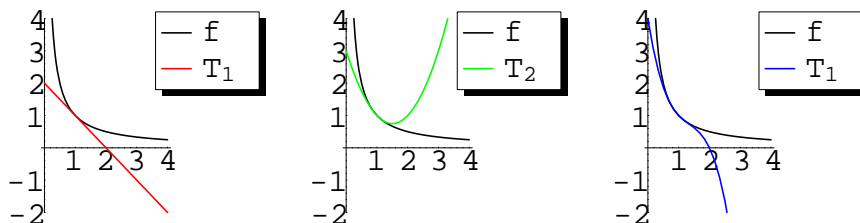
10. We have  $f'(x) = -1/x^2$ ,  $f''(x) = 2/x^3$  and, in general,  $f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^n n! / x^{n+1}$ , which gives  $f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n n!$ . It follows that the required Taylor series is

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

Notice that there is another way to reach this same conclusion,

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

It follows that  $T_1(x) = 1 - (x-1) = 2 - x$ ,  $T_2(x) = 1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 = 3 - 3x + x^2$  and  $T_3(x) = 1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 - (x-1)^3 = 4 - 6x + 4x^2 - x^3$ . The graphs are shown below



**22.** We have  $f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^{n-1}(n-1)!/x^n$  if  $n \geq 1$ . It follows that

$$\ln x = \ln 4 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n4^n} (x-4)^n.$$

The third Taylor polynomial is

$$T_3(x) = \ln 4 + \frac{x-4}{4} - \frac{(x-4)^2}{32} + \frac{(x-4)^3}{192}.$$

The remainder term is  $R_3(x) = -(x-4)^4/(4z^4)$  where  $z$  is between  $x$  and 4. We have  $3 \leq x \leq 5$  and so  $3 < z < 5$ , hence  $|R_3(x)| < 1/(4(3^4)) = 1/324 \simeq 0.0031$ . The graph of  $f$  and  $T_3$  are given below

