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1. Find the 4-th order Maclaurin polynomial of  $f(x) = \sin x - \cos x$ .

$$f(x) = \sin x - \cos x \Rightarrow f(0) = -1$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x + \sin x \Rightarrow f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin x + \cos x \Rightarrow f''(0) = 1$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos x - \sin x \Rightarrow f'''(0) = -1$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x - \cos x \Rightarrow f^{(4)}(0) = -1$$

$$\text{So } M_4(x) = -1 + 1 \cdot x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{(-1)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{(-1)}{4!} x^4$$

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

2. Find the  $n$ -th order Taylor polynomial of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-2x)^2}$  centred at  $-1$ .

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

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

$$f''(x) = (-2)(-3)(1-2x)^{-4}(-2)^2$$

$$f'''(x) = (-2)(-3)(-4)(1-2x)^{-5}(-2)^3$$

$$\vdots$$

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

$$= 2^k (k+1)! (1-2x)^{-(k+2)}$$

$$\text{So } f^{(k)}(-1) = 2^k (k+1)! \cdot 3^{-(k+2)} \Rightarrow \frac{f^{(k)}(-1)}{k!} = (k+1) \frac{2^k}{3^{k+2}}$$

$$\text{and } T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(-1)}{k!} (x+1)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1) \frac{2^k}{3^{k+2}} (x+1)^k$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} + \frac{4}{27}(x+1) + \frac{4}{27}(x+1)^2 + \dots + (n+1) \frac{2^n}{3^{n+2}} (x+1)^n$$

3. Recall that the  $n$ -th order Maclaurin polynomial of  $e^x$  is

$$M_n(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

Use this to find the Maclaurin polynomials of the following functions to the given order:

(a)  $f(x) = 3e^x + 1$  [order 4]

$$3 \left( 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \right) + 1 = 4 + 3x + \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{8}$$

(b)  $g(x) = e^x + e^{-x}$  [order 4]

$$\left( 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \right) + \left( 1 + (-x) + \frac{(-x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(-x)^4}{4!} \right)$$
$$= 2 + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{12}$$

(c)  $h(x) = e^{-x^2}$  [order 8]

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

(d)  $k(x) = x^3 e^{x^2}$  [order 8]

$$x^3 \left( 1 + x^2 + \frac{(x^2)^2}{2!} \right)$$
$$= x^3 + x^5 + \frac{x^7}{2!}$$