

Section 1: Finding and using Maclaurin series

Solutions to Exercise level 3

1. (i) $f(x) = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$f'(x) = -\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$f''(x) = -\cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$

$f'(0) = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$

$f''(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$

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

(ii) $f(x) = \sec\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$f'(x) = \sec\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$$f''(x) = (\sec\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right))\tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \sec x(\sec^2\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right))$$

$$= \sec\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\tan^2\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \sec^3\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$f(0) = 2$

$f'(0) = 2\sqrt{3}$

$f''(0) = 6 + 8 = 14$

$$\sec x = 2 + 2x\sqrt{3} + 7x^2 + \dots$$

(iii)
$$\cos x \sec x = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} + \dots\right)(2 + 2x\sqrt{3} + 7x^2 + \dots)$$

$$= 1 - x\sqrt{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots + x\sqrt{3} - 3x^2 + \dots + \frac{7}{2}x^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

as expected since $\cos x \sec x = 1$.