

Quiz 22 Solution

1. First, calculate the derivative of several times: $(f(x) = x \cos x + 2 \sin 2x)$

$$f'(x) = \cos x - x \sin x + 2 \cos 2x$$

$$f''(x) = -2 \sin x - x \cos x - 4 \sin 2x$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = -3 \cos x + x \sin x - 8 \cos 2x$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 4 \sin x + \cos x + 16 \sin 2x$$

Then plug in $x = 0$, you can observe derivatives of even times vanish. Derivatives of odd times ($n = 2k + 1$), well, there are two situations.

When k is even, $k = 2p$ (eg: $n = 1$), $f^{(2k+1)}(0) = (2k + 1) + 2^{2k+1}$

When k is odd, $k = 2p + 1$ (eg: $n = 3$), $f^{(2k+1)}(0) = -(2k + 1) - 2^{2k+1}$

Then we conclude $f^{(2k+1)}(0) = (-1)^k (2k + 1 + 2^{2k+1})$, hence the Maclaurin

series is
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{2k + 1 + 2^{2k+1}}{(2k + 1)!} x^{2k+1}$$

(PS: Generally, it is possible to find out $f^{(n)}(x)$ without plugging in $x = 0$, but that costs time in an exam and induction is needed.)

2. First, calculate the derivative of several times: $(f(x) = \int \ln(1 + 2x) dx)$

$$f'(x) = \ln(1 + 2x)$$

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

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

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

$$f^{(5)}(x) = -2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2^4 (1 + 2x)^{-4}$$

Then plug in $x = 0$. There are two things can be observed. First, derivatives don't vanish except $n = 1$. Second, derivatives of even times are positive and derivatives of odd times are negative.

Then we conclude $f^{(n+2)}(0) = (-1)^n 2^{n+1} n!$ and the Maclaurin series is

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