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6. The Maclaurin series for a function g is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2\left(\frac{-x}{5}\right)^n = 2 - \frac{2}{5}x + \frac{2}{25}x^2 - \frac{2}{125}x^3 + \frac{2}{625}x^4 - \cdots + 2\left(\frac{-x}{5}\right)^n + \cdots \text{ and converges to } g(x)$$

for $|x| < 5$.

Part A

For $x > 0$, the Maclaurin series for g is an alternating geometric series. Find $g(3)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

Part B

The function f is defined by $f(x) = g'(x)$. Write the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for f.

Part C

The second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$ is used to approximate $f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$ as $-\frac{3}{10}$, where f is the function defined in part B. Justify that $\left|f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - \left(-\frac{3}{10}\right)\right| \le \frac{1}{5}$.

Part D

The function h is defined by $h(x) = 25g(x) - 2e^x$.

i. Write the first three nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for e^x.

ii. Write the first three nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for h.

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5. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = (3 - x)y^2$ with initial condition $f(1) = -1$.

A. Find $f''(1)$, the value of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point $(1, -1)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

B. Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 1$.

C. The second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 1$ is used to approximate $f(1.1)$. Given that $|f'''(x)| \le 60$ for all x in the interval $1 \le x \le 1.1$, use the Lagrange error bound to show that this approximation differs from $f(1.1)$ by at most 0.01.

D. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(1.4)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

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6. The function f has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. It is known that $f(0) = 2$, $f'(0) = 3$, $f''(x) = -f\left(x^2\right)$, and $f'''(x) = -2x \cdot f'\left(x^2\right)$.

(a) Find $f^{(4)}(x)$, the fourth derivative of f with respect to x. Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) The fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$ is used to approximate $f(0.1)$. Given that $\left|f^{(5)}(x)\right| \le 15$ for $0 \le x \le 0.5$, use the Lagrange error bound to show that this approximation is within $\frac{1}{10^5}$ of the exact value of $f(0.1)$.

(c) Let g be the function such that $g(0) = 4$ and $g'(x) = e^x f(x)$. Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$.

Write your responses to this question only on the designated pages in the separate Free Response booklet. Write your solution to each part in the space provided for that part.

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