

MAT 1505-05/08 OLS Quiz 10 Homework Assignment

① $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 5$ Taylor expand about $x=1$ and then about $x=2$.
Check with MAPLE and print out your verification.

② Stewart 11.R.58: The force due to gravity on an object with mass m at a height h above the surface of the Earth is $F = \frac{mgR^2}{(R+h)^2}$ where R is the radius of Earth

and g is the acceleration due to gravity.

a) Express F as a series in powers of h/R .

b) Observe that if we approximate F by the first term in the series, we get the expression $F \approx mg$ that is usually used when h is much smaller than R . Use the Alternating Series Estimation Theorem to estimate the range of values of h for which the approximation $F \approx mg$ is accurate to within 1%. (Use $R = 6400$ km).

then backsubstitute $x = h/R$.

Hint: Use $\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = R^{-2}(1+x)^{-2}$ with $x = h/R$. First Taylor expand $f(x) = (1+x)^{-2}$ and easily get formula for n th term

$f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 5$	$f(1) = 3 - 4 - 12 + 5 = -8$	$f(2) = 3 \cdot 2^4 - 4 \cdot 2^3 - 12 \cdot 2^2 + 5 = -27$
$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2 - 24x$	$f'(1) = 12 - 12 - 24 = -24$	$f'(2) = 12 \cdot 2^3 - 12 \cdot 2^2 - 24 \cdot 2 = 0$
$f''(x) = 36x^2 - 24x - 24$	$f''(1) = 36 - 24 - 24 = -12$	$f''(2) = 36 \cdot 2^2 - 24 \cdot 2 - 24 = 72$
$f^{(3)}(x) = 72x - 24$	$f^{(3)}(1) = 72 - 24 = 48$	$f^{(3)}(2) = 72 \cdot 2 - 24 = 120$
$f^{(4)}(x) = 72$	$f^{(4)}(1) = 72$	$f^{(4)}(2) = 72$
$f^{(5)}(x) = 0$		

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(1)(x-1)^n}{n!} = -8 - \frac{24(x-1)}{1!} - \frac{12(x-1)^2}{2!} + \frac{48(x-1)^3}{3!} + \frac{72(x-1)^4}{4!}$$

$$= \boxed{-8 - 24(x-1) - 6(x-1)^2 + 8(x-1)^3 + 3(x-1)^4} \rightarrow \text{Taylor}(f(x), x=1, 5);$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(2)(x-2)^n}{n!} = -27 + \frac{72(x-2)^2}{2!} + \frac{120(x-2)^3}{3!} + \frac{72}{4!}(x-2)^4$$

$$= \boxed{-27 + 36(x-2)^2 + 20(x-2)^3 + 3(x-2)^4} \rightarrow \text{Taylor}(f(x), x=2, 5);$$

② $F = \frac{mgR^2}{(R+h)^2} = \frac{mgR^2}{(R(1+\frac{h}{R}))^2} = \frac{mgR^2}{R^2(1+\frac{h}{R})^2} = mg(1+\frac{h}{R})^{-2} = mg(1+x)^{-2}$ where $x = \frac{h}{R}$

$f(x) = (1+x)^{-2}$	$f(0) = 1 = 1!$	$f^{(n)}(0) = (-1)^n (n+1)!$ $\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = (-1)^n \frac{(n+1)!}{n!} = (-1)^n (n+1) \frac{n!}{n!} = (-1)^n (n+1)$
$f'(x) = (-2)(1+x)^{-3}$	$f'(0) = (-2) = -2!$	
$f''(x) = (-2)(-3)(1+x)^{-4}$	$f''(0) = (-2)(-3) = +3!$	
$f^{(3)}(x) = (-2)(-3)(-4)(1+x)^{-5}$	$f^{(3)}(0) = (-2)(-3)(-4) = -4!$	

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

$$= 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots$$

$$F = mg \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) \left(\frac{h}{R}\right)^n = mg \left(1 - 2\left(\frac{h}{R}\right) + 3\left(\frac{h}{R}\right)^2 - \dots\right) = mg - \frac{2mgh}{R} + \dots$$

$$\frac{2mgh}{R} \leq .01 mg \quad (\text{error less than 1\% of } mg)$$

$$\frac{2h}{R} \leq .01 \quad h \leq \frac{.01}{2} R = .005R = .005(6400) \text{ km} = 32 \text{ km}$$

$$h \leq 32 \text{ km}$$

estimate of maximum error in using first term alone