

Maclaurin & Taylor polynomials & series

1. Find the fourth degree Maclaurin polynomial for the function $f(x) = \ln(x + 1)$.

$$f(x) = \ln(x + 1) \quad f(0) =$$

$$f'(x) = \quad f'(0) =$$

$$f''(x) = \quad f''(0) =$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = \quad f^{(3)}(0) =$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \quad f^{(4)}(0) =$$

Use the above calculations to write the fourth degree Maclaurin polynomial for $\ln(x + 1)$.

$$p_4(x) =$$

Now write the Maclaurin *series* for $\ln(x + 1)$.

2. Find the fourth degree Taylor polynomial at $x = 1$ for the function $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x} \quad g(1) =$$

$$g'(x) = \quad g'(1) =$$

$$g''(x) = \quad g''(1) =$$

$$g^{(3)}(x) = \quad g^{(3)}(1) =$$

$$g^{(4)}(x) = \quad g^{(4)}(1) =$$

Use the above calculations to write the fourth degree Taylor polynomial at $x = 1$ for \sqrt{x} .

$$p_4(x) =$$

Note: There isn't an obvious "nice" pattern, so don't worry about writing the Taylor series for this one.

3. Find the second degree Taylor polynomial at $x = 2$ for the function $h(x) = x^2 + 3x - 1$.

4. Use your work from the front page to write the first, second, third, and fourth degree Taylor polynomials at $x = 1$ for the function $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

$$p_1(x) =$$

$$p_2(x) =$$

$$p_3(x) =$$

$$p_4(x) =$$

Now evaluate each of these polynomials at $x = 1.21$, $x = 1.96$, and $x = 16$.

$$p_1(1.21) =$$

$$p_1(1.96) =$$

$$p_1(16) =$$

$$p_2(1.21) =$$

$$p_2(1.96) =$$

$$p_2(16) =$$

$$p_3(1.21) =$$

$$p_3(1.96) =$$

$$p_3(16) =$$

$$p_4(1.21) =$$

$$p_4(1.96) =$$

$$p_4(16) =$$

$$\sqrt{1.21} =$$

$$\sqrt{1.96} =$$

$$\sqrt{16} =$$