

Finding Taylor series the “easy” way . . . .

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} x^n + \cdots +$$
$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n + \cdots$$

1. Use the above to find the Taylor series at 0 for  $e^{2x^2}$ .

$$e^{2x^2} = 1 + 2x^2 + \frac{1}{2!} (2x^2)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (2x^2)^3 + \cdots$$
$$e^{2x^2} = 1 + 2x^2 + \frac{1}{2!} 4x^4 + \frac{1}{3!} 8x^6 + \cdots$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} x^{2n}$$

2. Use the above to find the Taylor series at 0 for  $\frac{1}{1-8x^3}$ .

$$\frac{1}{1-8x^3} = 1 + 8x^3 + (8x^3)^2 + (8x^3)^3 + \cdots + (8x^3)^n + \cdots$$
$$\frac{1}{1-8x^3} = 1 + 8x^3 + 64x^6 + 512x^9 + \cdots + 8^n x^{3n} + \cdots$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} 8^n x^{3n}$$

3. Use the series on the previous page to find the Taylor series at 0 for

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x^2} = x \left[ \frac{1}{1-x^2} \right] = x [1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + x^8 + \cdots]$$
$$= x + x^3 + x^5 + x^7 + x^9 + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} x^{2n+1}$$

4. Use #3 to find the Taylor series at 0 for

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= \frac{1+x^2}{(1-x^2)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x}{1-x^2} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} [x + x^3 + x^5 + x^7 + x^9 + \dots] \\ &= 1 + 3x^2 + 5x^4 + 7x^6 + 9x^8 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (2n+1)x^{2n}\end{aligned}$$

5. Find the intervals of convergence for

#1:  $-\infty < x < +\infty$

#2:  $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$

#3:  $-1 < x < 1$

#4:  $-1 < x < 1$