



# BC Calculus

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Taylor & Maclaurin  
Series

## WARMUP—Calculus AB Review Problems

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# HW Questions

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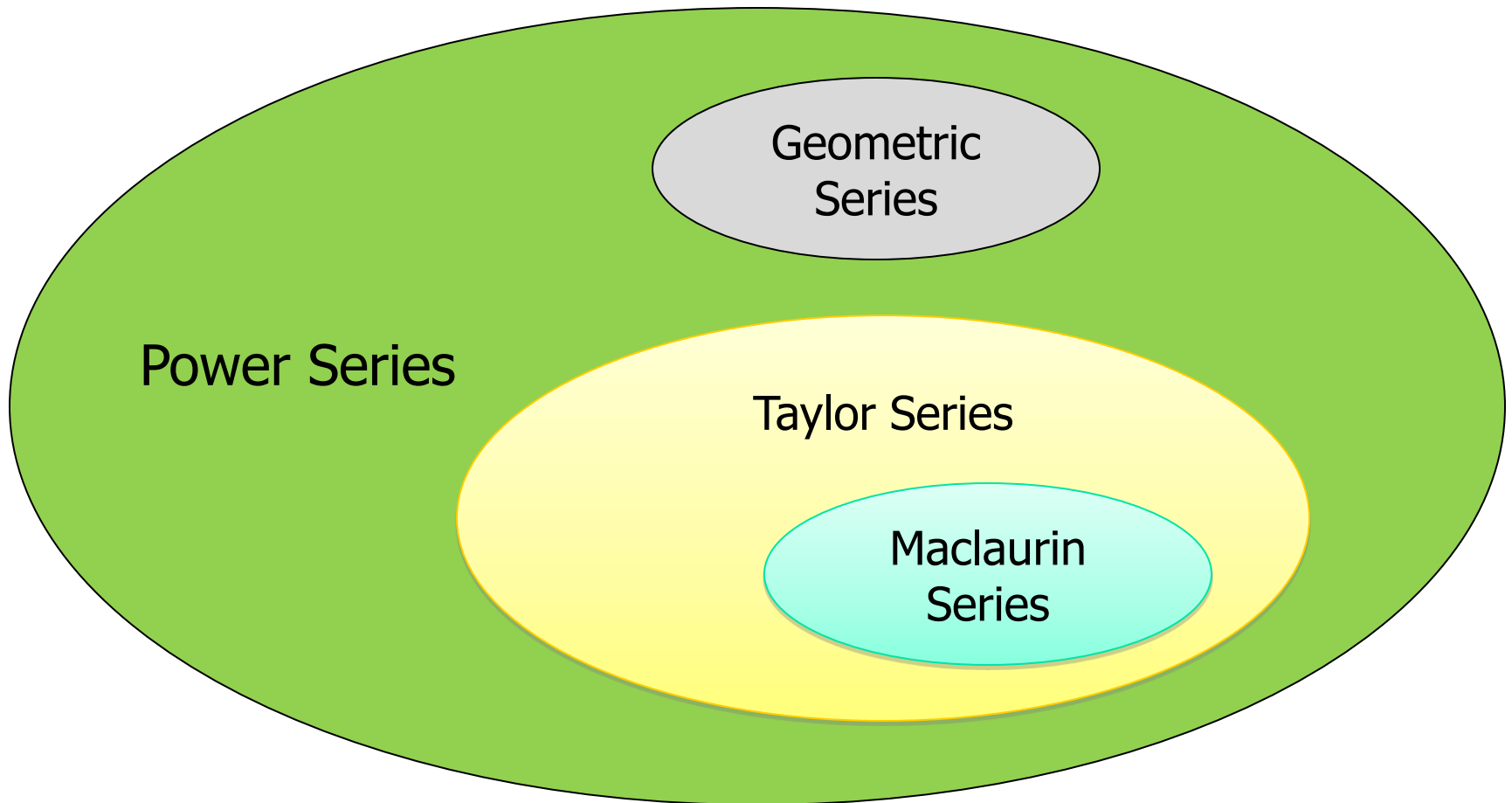
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# Our story so far

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# How we have used power series

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We found power series representations when functions or their integrals or derivatives were of form  $\frac{a}{1-r}$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-2x} \quad f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$$

Today, our goal is the same but our method is different.



# Why are we bothering?

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$$\cos 0 = 1$$

$$\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

$$\ln 1 = 0$$

$$e^1 = e$$

$$\cos 2 = ?$$

$$\sqrt[3]{2} = ?$$

$$\ln 2 = ?$$

$$e^2 = ?$$

Easily memorized and recalled

Series give us the means to approximate the value of functions





# Consider

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$$f(x) = \cos x$$

This is not in  $\frac{a}{1-r}$  form, nor is its derivative or integral.

But finding a powers series representation is still worthwhile.

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ?$$



Let's start with our power series template

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$$f(x) = \cos x = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + c_4x^4 + \cdots + c_nx^n + \cdots$$

Where is the series centered?

Our goal is to solve for all the  $c_s$

Let  $x=0$

$$c_0 = \cos 0 \quad c_0 = 1$$

The result

$$\cos x = 1 + \cdots$$

We have our first term!



# Now, let's get creative

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$$f(x) = \cos x = 1 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + c_4x^4 + \dots + c_nx^n + \dots$$

Getting the  $x^2$  terms and later to disappear:

Take the derivative of each side

$$f'(x) = -\sin x = c_1 + 2c_2x + 3c_3x^2 + 4c_4x^3 + \dots + nc_nx^{n-1} + \dots$$

Let  $x = 0$

$$-\sin 0 = c_1 \qquad c_1 = 0$$

$$\cos x = 1 + 0x + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \cos x = 1 + 0x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + c_4x^4 + \dots + c_nx^n + \dots$$

## Let's keep going

$$f'(x) = -\sin x = 0 + 2c_2x + 3c_3x^2 + 4c_4x^3 + \dots + nc_nx^{n-1} + \dots$$

Take the derivative again of each side

$$f''(x) = -\cos x = 2c_2 + 2 \cdot 3c_3x + 3 \cdot 4c_4x^2 + \dots + (n-1)nc_nx^{n-2}$$

Let  $x = 0$ .

$$-\cos 0 = 2c_2 \quad c_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos x = 1 + 0x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \cos x = 1 + 0x - \frac{x^2}{2} + c_3 x^3 + c_4 x^4 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots$$



## Again

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$$f''(x) = -\cos x = 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2 \cdot 3c_3 x + 3 \cdot 4c_4 x^2 + \dots + (n-1)nc_n x^{n-2}$$

Take the derivative again of each side

$$f'''(x) = \sin x = 2 \cdot 3c_3 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4c_4 x + \dots + (n-2)(n-1)nc_n x^{n-3}$$

Let  $x = 0$ .

$$\sin 0 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot c_3 \qquad c_3 = 0$$

$$\cos x = 1 + 0x - \frac{x^2}{2} + 0x^3 + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \cos x = 1 + 0x - \frac{x^2}{2} + 0x^3 + c_4 x^4 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots$$

Yep, again

$$f'''(x) = \sin x = 0 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4c_4 x + \dots + (n-2)(n-1)nc_n x^{n-3}$$

$$f^4(x) = \cos x = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4c_4 + \dots + (n-3)(n-2)(n-1)nc_n x^{n-4}$$

Let  $x = 0$ .

$$\cos 0 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4c_4 \qquad c_4 = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{4!}$$

$$\cos x = 1 + 0x - \frac{x^2}{2} + 0x^3 + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$



Continuing we would get . . . .

$$\cos x = 1 + 0x - \frac{x^2}{2} + 0x^3 + \frac{x^4}{4!} + 0x^5 - \frac{x^6}{6!} + 0x^7 + \frac{x^8}{8!} \dots$$

What is the general pattern in terms of  $n$ ?

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} \dots$$

$$n=0 \quad n=1 \quad n=2 \quad n=3 \quad n=4$$

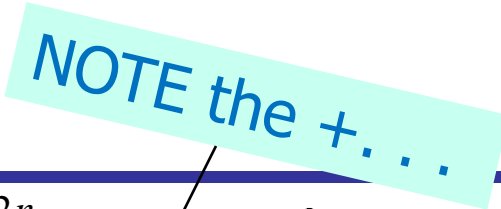


## *nth* term . . . .

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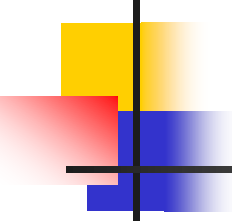
$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \dots + (-1)^? \frac{x^?}{?} + \dots$$

$$n=0 \quad n=1 \quad n=2 \quad n=3 \quad n=4$$


$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{2n!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{2n!}$$

PUT THIS in YOUR NOTES





Now we can approximate the value of  $f(2)=\cos(2)$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$f(2) = \cos 2 = 1 - \frac{2^2}{2} + \frac{2^4}{4!} - \frac{2^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{2^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

NOTE: The more terms of the series that are used, the better the approximation.

# What is the interval of convergence?

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{2n!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{2n!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1!} \cdot \frac{2n!}{x^{2n}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+2}}{2n+2!} \cdot \frac{2n!}{x^{2n}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| x^2 \frac{1}{2n+1} \frac{1}{2n+2} \right| = 0$$

$0 < 1$     Regardless of what  $x$  equals

$\therefore$         Series converges for all real #s



# Awesome?

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$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{2n!} + \dots$$

For all real #s

And all we needed to know was  
how  $\cos x$  behaves at  $x = 0$ .



# Generalizing for a power series centered at any $x=a$ not just 0

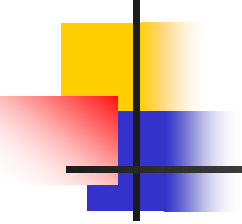
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Power series centered at  $x = a$ .

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + \cdots + c_n(x-a)^n + \cdots$$

$$f'(x) = c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}c_n(x-a)^{n-1} + \cdots$$

$$f''(x) = 2c_2 + \cdots + \binom{n-1}{n}c_n(x-a)^{n-2} + \cdots$$



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$$f'''(x) = \cdots + (n-2)(n-1)(n)c_n(x-a)^{n-3} + \cdots$$

$$f^n(x) = (1)(2)\cdots(n-3)(n-2)(n-1)(n)c_n + \cdots$$

$$f^n(x) = n!c_n + \cdots$$

$$c_n = \frac{f^n(a)}{n!}$$

We have a formula to determine each coefficient.

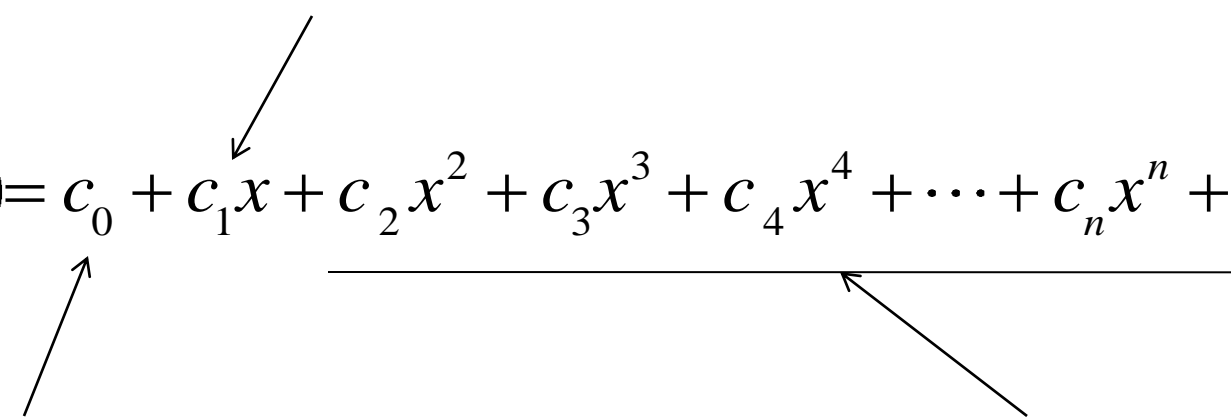


# Think about what is happening

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Every time we take a derivative,

The first degree term becomes just a constant.

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + c_4x^4 + \dots + c_nx^n + \dots$$


The leading constant goes away

The rest of the terms go away  
when we let  $x = 0$ .



# Definition: Taylor Series

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if  $f$  is a function with derivatives of all orders throughout some open interval containing  $a$ , then:

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

$$= f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 + \dots$$

$0! = 1$ , so the first term will always end up being  $f(a)$ .

A Taylor Series centered at  $\mathbf{a = 0}$  is known as a **Maclaurin Series**.



Ex) Find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = e^x$

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

$n$	$f^n(x)$	$f^n(a) = f^n(\underline{\quad})$
0	$f(x) = e^x$	$f(0) = 1$
1	$f'(x) = e^x$	$f'(0) = 1$
2	$f''(x) = e^x$	$f''(0) = 1$
3	$f'''(x) = e^x$	$f'''(0) = 1$
4	$f^4(x) = e^x$	$f^4(0) = 1$



$$f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

## Let's build our series

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

NOTE the +...

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

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$



Now approximate the value of  $f(5)$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$
$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

NOTE the +...

$$f(5) = e^5: \quad e^5 = 1 + 5 + \frac{5^2}{2} + \frac{5^3}{3!} + \dots$$

NOTE: The more terms of the series that are used the better the approximation.



To find the interval of convergence,

do Ratio Test on  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| x \frac{1}{n+1} \right| = 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

*Note: A yellow arrow points from the '1' in the denominator of the second fraction to the '0' result.*

The series converges for all real #s and the radius of convergence is  $R = \infty$

And we only needed to know behavior at  $x = 0$

Another Ex) Find a power series expansion for  $f(x)=\ln(x)$  centered at 1.

$n$	$f^n(x)$	$f^n(a) = f^n(\underline{\quad})$
0	$f(x) = \ln x$	$f(1) = 0$
1	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$	$f'(1) = 1$
2	$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$	$f''(1) = -1$
3	$f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$	$f'''(1) = 2!$
4	$f^4(x) = -\frac{2 \cdot 3}{x^4} = \frac{3!}{x^4}$	$f^4(1) = -2 \cdot 3 = -3!$
5	$f^5(x) = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{x^5} = \frac{4!}{x^5}$	$f^5(1) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 4!$

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$f'(1) = 1$$

$$f''(1) = -1$$

$$f'''(1) = 2!$$

$$f^4(1) = -3!$$

$$f^5(1) = 4!$$



Now let's write our series

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

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

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



# Find the Interval of Convergence

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$$\ln |x-1| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(x-1)^n}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{(x-1)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (x-1) \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right| = |x-1|$$

$$-1 < x-1 < 1$$

$$0 < x < 2$$



# Memorize These

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$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots \quad \text{all real \#s}$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \cdots \quad \text{all real \#s}$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \cdots \quad \text{all real \#s}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n + \cdots \quad -1 < x \leq 1$$



Use a Maclaurin series derived in this section to find a Maclaurin series for the following . . . .

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Find the Maclaurin series for  $\frac{(1 + \cos 2x)}{2}$

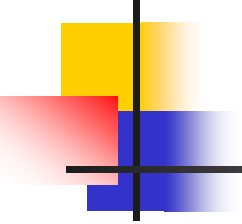
$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots \quad (\text{from previous slide})$$

$$\cos 2x = 1 - \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^4}{4!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{(2x)^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

$$1 + \cos 2x = 2 - \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^4}{4!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{(2x)^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

$$\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} = \frac{2}{2} - \frac{(2x)^2}{2!2} + \frac{(2x)^4}{4!2} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{(2x)^{2n}}{(2n)!2} + \dots$$




$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{e^x - 1}{x^2}$$

Find the 1<sup>st</sup> three terms of a series for  $g(x)$  and the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term.

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

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

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

PRACTICE . . . .

