Question 6

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{\cos x - 1}{x^2} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ -\dfrac{1}{2} & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

The function f, defined above, has derivatives of all orders. Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = 1 + \int_0^x f(t)\, dt.$

(a) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for $\cos x$ about $x = 0$. Use this series to write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.

(b) Use the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$ found in part (a) to determine whether f has a relative maximum, relative minimum, or neither at $x = 0$. Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Write the fifth-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$.

(d) The Taylor series for g about $x = 0$, evaluated at $x = 1$, is an alternating series with individual terms that decrease in absolute value to 0. Use the third-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$ to estimate the value of $g(1)$. Explain why this estimate differs from the actual value of $g(1)$ by less than $\frac{1}{6!}$.

(a) $\cos(x) = 1 - \dfrac{x^2}{2} + \dfrac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots + (-1)^n \dfrac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \cdots$

$f(x) = -\dfrac{1}{2} + \dfrac{x^2}{4!} - \dfrac{x^4}{6!} + \cdots + (-1)^{n+1} \dfrac{x^{2n}}{(2n+2)!} + \cdots$

$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{terms for } \cos x \\ 2 : \text{terms for } f \\ \quad 1 : \text{first three terms} \\ \quad 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$

(b) $f'(0)$ is the coefficient of x in the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$, so $f'(0) = 0$.

$\dfrac{f''(0)}{2!} = \dfrac{1}{4!}$ is the coefficient of x^2 in the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$, so $f''(0) = \dfrac{1}{12}$.

Therefore, by the Second Derivative Test, f has a relative minimum at $x = 0$.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{determines } f'(0) \\ 1 : \text{answer with reason} \end{cases}$

(c) $P_5(x) = 1 - \dfrac{x}{2} + \dfrac{x^3}{3 \cdot 4!} - \dfrac{x^5}{5 \cdot 6!}$

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{two correct terms} \\ 1 : \text{remaining terms} \end{cases}$

(d) $g(1) \approx 1 - \dfrac{1}{2} + \dfrac{1}{3 \cdot 4!} = \dfrac{37}{72}$

Since the Taylor series for g about $x = 0$ evaluated at $x = 1$ is alternating and the terms decrease in absolute value to 0, we know $\left| g(1) - \dfrac{37}{72} \right| < \dfrac{1}{5 \cdot 6!} < \dfrac{1}{6!}$.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{estimate} \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$

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The function f has a Taylor series about $x = 1$ that converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence. It is known that $f(1) = 1$, $f'(1) = -\frac{1}{2}$, and the nth derivative of f at $x = 1$ is given by $f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n \frac{(n-1)!}{2^n}$ for $n \geq 2$.

(a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 1$.

(b) The Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ has a radius of convergence of 2. Find the interval of convergence. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(c) The Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ can be used to represent $f(1.2)$ as an alternating series. Use the first three nonzero terms of the alternating series to approximate $f(1.2)$.

(d) Show that the approximation found in part (c) is within 0.001 of the exact value of $f(1.2)$.

(a) $f(1) = 1,\ f'(1) = -\frac{1}{2},\ f''(1) = \frac{1}{2^2},\ f'''(1) = -\frac{2}{2^3}$

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

4 :
- 1 : first two terms
- 1 : third term
- 1 : fourth term
- 1 : general term

(b) $R = 2$. The series converges on the interval $(-1, 3)$.

When $x = -1$, the series is $1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots$.
Since the harmonic series diverges, this series diverges.

When $x = 3$, the series is $1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots$.
Since the alternating harmonic series converges, this series converges.

Therefore, the interval of convergence is $-1 < x \leq 3$.

2 :
- 1 : identifies both endpoints
- 1 : analysis and interval of convergence

(c) $f(1.2) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.2) + \frac{1}{8}(0.2)^2 = 1 - 0.1 + 0.005 = 0.905$

1 : approximation

(d) The series for $f(1.2)$ alternates with terms that decrease in magnitude to 0.

$$|f(1.2) - T_2(1.2)| \leq \left| \frac{-1}{2^3 \cdot 3}(0.2)^3 \right| = \frac{1}{3000} \leq 0.001$$

2 :
- 1 : error form
- 1 : analysis

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MC.1	C
MC.2	A
MC.3	D
MC.4	A
MC.5	D
MC.6	B
MC.7	A
MC.8	E
MC.9	C
MC.10	D
MC.11	D
MC.12	D