

Practice Exam 2

1. First we take four derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \ln(\cos x) \\
 f'(x) &= \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} = -\tan x \\
 f''(x) &= -\sec^2 x \\
 f'''(x) &= -2 \sec x \cdot \sec x \tan x = -2 \sec^2 x \tan x \\
 f^{(4)}(x) &= -4 \sec x \cdot \sec x \tan x \cdot \tan x + -2 \sec^2 x \cdot \sec^2 x \\
 &= -6 \sec^4 x + 4 \sec^2 x
 \end{aligned}$$

(a) We plug in 0: $f(0) = \ln 1 = 0$, $f'(0) = 0$, $f''(0) = -1$, $f'''(0) = 0$, and $f^{(4)}(0) = -2$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{-1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{-2}{4!}x^4 + \dots \\
 &= -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{12} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) We plug in $\frac{\pi}{4}$. Observe that $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, so $\tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$ and $\sec \frac{\pi}{4} = \sqrt{2}$. Thus $f(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \ln \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln 2$, $f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -1$, $f''(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -2$, $f'''(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -4$, and $f^{(4)}(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -16$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + \frac{-1}{1!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{-2}{2!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{-4}{3!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3 + \frac{-16}{4!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^4 + \dots \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln 2 - \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{2}{3} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3 - \frac{2}{3} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^4 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Observe that this can be written as $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n x^{2n}}{(n+1)^2}$. Now

$$\left| \frac{\frac{3^{n+1} x^{2n+2}}{(n+2)^2}}{\frac{3^n x^{2n}}{(n+1)^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{3^{n+1} x^{2n+2} (n+1)^2}{3^n x^{2n} (n+2)^2} \right| = \left| 3x^2 \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{2}{n}} \right)^2 \right| \rightarrow 3|x|^2$$

so the series converges if $3|x|^2 < 1$, that is, if $|x| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, and diverges if $|x| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.

If $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, the series is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

which converges since $2 > 1$. If $x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, the series is $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)^2}$ which converges absolutely. Thus the convergence set is the closed interval $[-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}]$.

3.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} x &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-(-x^2)} \\ &= 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots \\ \tan^{-1} x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots + C.\end{aligned}$$

Putting $x = 0$, we see that $C = 0$. Thus

$$x^2 \tan^{-1} x = x^3 - \frac{x^5}{3} + \frac{x^7}{5} - \frac{x^9}{7} + \dots$$

4. First we solve the homogeneous equation. The auxiliary equation is $r^2 + 2r - 15 = 0$, so $r = 3$ or $r = -5$, so the basic solutions are $y = e^{3x}$ and $y = e^{-5x}$.

(a) We would guess $y_p = Ae^{3x}$, but this is already a homogeneous solution, so we guess $y_p = Axe^{3x}$. Then $y'_p = Ae^{3x} + 3Axe^{3x} = Ae^{3x}(1 + 3x)$ and $y''_p = 3Ae^{3x}(1 + 3x) + 3Ae^{3x} = Ae^{3x}(6 + 9x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}e^{3x} &= y''_p + 2y'_p - 15y_p \\ &= Ae^{3x}(6 + 9x) + 2Ae^{3x}(1 + 3x) - 15Axe^{3x} \\ &= 8Ae^{3x}\end{aligned}$$

so $A = \frac{1}{8}$, so the general solution is

$$y = C_1e^{3x} + C_2e^{-5x} + \frac{1}{8}xe^{3x}.$$

(b) The basic solutions to the homogeneous equation are $u_1 = e^{3x}$ and $u_2 = e^{-5x}$, so $u'_1 = 3e^{3x}$ and $u'_2 = -5e^{-5x}$. We wish to find v_1 and v_2 such that

$$\begin{aligned}e^{3x}v'_1 + e^{-5x}v'_2 &= 0 \\ 3e^{3x}v'_1 - 5e^{-5x}v'_2 &= e^{3x}.\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the first equation by 5 and adding it to the second, we get $8e^{3x}v'_1 = e^{3x}$, so $v'_1 = \frac{1}{8}$. Substituting this into the first equation, we get $\frac{1}{8}e^{3x} + e^{-5x}v'_2 = 0$, so $e^{-5x}v'_2 = -\frac{1}{8}e^{3x}$, so $v'_2 = -\frac{1}{8}e^{8x}$. Thus $v_1 = \frac{1}{8}x$ and $v_2 = \frac{1}{64}e^{8x}$, so

$$y_p = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 = \frac{1}{8}xe^{3x} + \frac{1}{64}e^{8x}e^{-5x} = \frac{1}{8}xe^{3x} + \frac{1}{64}e^{3x}.$$

The general solution is

$$y = C_1e^{3x} + C_2e^{-5x} + \frac{1}{8}xe^{3x} + \frac{1}{64}e^{3x} = \left(C_1 + \frac{1}{64}\right)e^{3x} + C_2e^{-5x} + \frac{1}{8}xe^{3x}$$

which is just our answer to part (a) with a different choice of C_1 .