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Topic: Unit 10*	Convergence and Taylor Polynomials Free Response Question Review	Date: April 13, 2020

* The Topics in this lesson will only be those that will be directly tested on the 2020 AP Calculus BC Exam

Topic Name	Topic #	Quick Synopsis	
Working with Geometric Series	10.2	CONVERGENCE OF A GEOMETRIC SERIES 1. If $ r < 1$, the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$ converges 2. If $ r \geq 1$, the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$ diverges.	SUM OF AN INFINITE GEOMETRIC SERIES If $ r < 1$, the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$ converges, and its sum is $S = \frac{a}{1-r}$ where a is the first term of the geometric series and r is the common ratio.
Harmonic and p-Series	10.5	CONVERGENCE OF A p-SERIES The p -series is defined by the following where p is a positive real number. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = \frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^p} + \dots$ 1. converges if $p > 1$, and 2. diverges if $0 < p \leq 1$.	
Alternating Series Test for Convergence	10.7	ALTERNATING SERIES TEST Let $a_n > 0$. The alternating series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$ converge if the following conditions are both met: 1. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ 2. $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ for all $n > N$ where N is an integer	
Ratio Test for Convergence	10.8	THE RATIO TEST Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ be a series of nonzero terms. 1. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right = L$, a number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If $L < 1$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges absolutely. • If $L = 1$, then the ratio test provides no conclusive information about the convergence or divergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. • If $L > 1$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges. 2. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right \Rightarrow \infty$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.	
Finding Taylor Polynomial Approximations of Functions	10.11	DEFINITIONS OF nTH TAYLOR POLYNOMIAL AND nTH MACLAURIN POLYNOMIAL If f has n derivatives at c , then the polynomial $P_n(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)(x-c)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)(x-c)^n}{n!}$ is called the n th Taylor polynomial for f at c . If $c = 0$: $P_n(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)(x)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)(x)^n}{n!}$ is called the n th Maclaurin polynomial for f .	

2020 FRQ Practice Problem BC1

BC1 Let $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{p-2}}$ and $b_n = \frac{-2}{n^{6-p}}$

(a) Let $p = 2.5$. Show that both $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converge.

(b) Find all integer values of p such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ both converge.

(c) Let $p = 4$. Let $f(x)$ be a function with derivatives of all orders at $x = 2$ with $f(2) = -3$ and where $f^{(n)}(2) = n! \cdot a_n$ for $n \geq 1$. Find $P_3(x)$, the third degree Taylor polynomial for $f(x)$ centered at $x = 2$.

(d) Using $P_3(x)$ that you found in part (c), find $P_3'(x)$. When $x = 3$, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$ is a p -series whose first three terms correspond to the three terms of $P_3'(x)$. Determine whether $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$ converges or diverges when $x = 3$.

2020 FRQ Practice Problem BC2

BC2 Consider the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ where $a_n = \frac{5(x+3)^n}{(-6)^n}$.

(a) Determine if $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges or diverges when $x = 1$.

(b) Let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = L$ where L is a real number. Show that there is a value of x such that $L = 15$.

(c) Let $d_n = \frac{a_n}{n+1}$. Find the interval of convergence for $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n$.

(d) Let $f(x)$ be a function that is twice differentiable at all x values. If the first three terms of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n$ are the second degree Taylor polynomial for $f(x)$ centered at $x = -3$, find $f''(-3)$.

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x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$f''(x)$	$f'''(x)$
1	-2	0	3	4
4	$-\frac{9}{4}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{9}{4}$	$\frac{9}{2}$

BC3 The functions f and g are differentiable for all orders at all x values. Selected values for f and several of its derivatives are given in the table above. The function g is defined by:

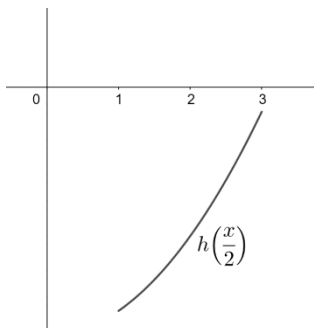
$$g(x) = 3x + \int_4^{4x} f(t) dt$$

(a) Find $P_3(x)$, the third degree Taylor polynomial for $f(x)$ centered at $x = 1$.

(b) Find $T_3(x)$, the third degree Taylor polynomial for $g(x)$ centered at $x = 1$.

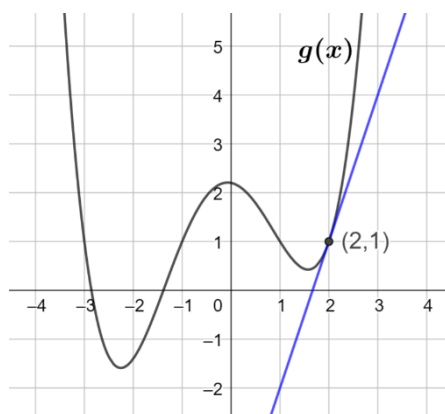
(c) Let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ be a geometric series whose first four terms are the four terms of $T_3(x)$ found in part (b).

Find $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ where $x = \frac{5}{4}$ or show that the series diverges.



(d) A portion of the function $h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ is above. Explain why $h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ could not be the graph of $f(x)$.

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BC4 A function g has derivatives of all orders for all values of x . A portion of the graph of g is shown above with the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 2$.

Let h be the function defined by $h(x) = x - 2 - \int_2^{2x} g(t) dt$.

(a) Find the second degree Taylor polynomial $T_2(x)$, for $h(x)$ centered at $x = 1$.

(b) Explain why $P_2(x) = 1 + 3(x - 2) - \frac{5(x - 2)^2}{2!}$ could not be the second degree Taylor polynomial for $g(x)$ centered at $x = 2$.

(c) Consider the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!}$ where the first three terms of a_n correspond to the three terms for

$T_2(x)$. Find $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n)!}$ when $x = 0$.