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Homework for Lecture 12 - OK to post

① We use the formula $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$ to find the first three terms ($n=0, 1, 2$)

Since $f(x) = \sin(x+x^2)$, we compute

$$f'(x) = (1+2x) \cos(x+x^2)$$

$$f''(x) = (1+2x) [(1+2x)(-\sin(x+x^2))] + [\cos(x+x^2)] 2 \\ = -(1+2x)^2 \sin(x+x^2) + 2 \cos(x+x^2)$$

Substituting in $x=0$, we get

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(0) = 2$$

Thus the first three terms are $0 + x + x^2$, which is equivalent to $x+x^2$

② We use the expansion for $\sin(z)$, which is

$$\sin z = z - \frac{1}{3!} z^3 + \frac{1}{5!} z^5 - \frac{1}{7!} z^7 + \dots$$

Next, we plug in $(x+x^2)$ for z , to obtain

$$(x+x^2) - \frac{1}{3!} (x+x^2)^3 + \frac{1}{5!} (x+x^2)^5 - \frac{1}{7!} (x+x^2)^7$$

We expand and simplify, while discarding any terms with degree 5 or higher

$$x + x^2 - \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^4$$

where the first term is 0, as shown in problem 1, so these are the first five terms ($n=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$), which is up to and including the fourth power.

③ We use the fact that

$$\arctan x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2}$$

and that

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$$

We make the replacement $z = -t^2$ to get that

$$\frac{1}{1+t^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-t^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^{2n}$$

This

$$\arctan x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} = \int_0^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_0^x t^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[\frac{t^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \right]_0^x$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

Taylor series around $x=0$ of $\arctan x$

④ Let $a = \arctan x$ and $b = \arctan y$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Therefore, } \tan(a) &= x \\ \tan(b) &= y\end{aligned}$$

We set up the equation

$$\tan(\arctan(x) + \arctan(y)) = \tan(a+b)$$

We can rewrite the right hand side by using the trig identity

$$\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - (\tan \alpha)(\tan \beta)} \quad \text{where } \alpha = a \text{ and } \beta = b$$

Thus

$$\tan(\arctan(x) + \arctan(y)) = \frac{\tan a + \tan b}{1 - (\tan a)(\tan b)}$$

Since $\tan(a) = x$ and $\tan(b) = y$, we can rewrite this as

$$\tan(\arctan(x) + \arctan(y)) = \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$

Taking the arctan of both sides, we obtain

$$\arctan(x) + \arctan(y) = \arctan \frac{x+y}{1-xy}$$

⑤ Using the formula derived in the previous problem, we plug in $x = \frac{1}{2}$ and $y = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\arctan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) &= \arctan \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} \\ &= \arctan \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{\frac{5}{6}} \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$