

1. Show that  $f(x) = e^x$  is represented by its Maclaurin series for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .

Step 1. Find the Maclaurin series generated by  $f(x) = e^x$  and find its interval of convergence.

Since  $f^{(n)}(x) = e^x$  for all non-negative integer  $n$ , we have that  $f^{(n)}(0) = e^0 = 1$ . Therefore, the Maclaurin series generated by  $e^x$  is

$$(1) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots.$$

The interval of convergence of this power series is  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{x^n}{n!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0 < 1,$$

for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .

Step 2. Use the Taylor's formula to get a formula for  $e^x$ .

By the Taylor's Formula, we have that, for each  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} e^x &= P_n(x) + R_n(x), \\ &= \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!}\right) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1}, \\ &= \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!}\right) + \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

for some real number  $c$ .

Step 3. Notice that by Step 2, we have

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots$$

for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$  if we show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} = 0$ .

Step 4. Conclude  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} = 0$  by showing that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \right| = 0$ .

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = 0$ , we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \right| = e^c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = e^c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = e^c \cdot 0 = 0,$$

for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .

Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^c}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} = 0$  and therefore,

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots,$$

for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , and we are done.