

Mathematics 1120H – Calculus II: Integrals and Series

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Assignment #4

A Little Series Algebra

Due on Friday, 17 July.

Please submit your solutions using Blackboard's assignment module. If that fails, please email your solutions to the instructor (sbilaniuk@trentu.ca). Scans or photos of handwritten solutions are perfectly acceptable, so long as they are legible and in some common format. (Combined into a single pdf, for preference.)

The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$ is a geometric series with first term

$a = 1$ and common ratio $r = x$, and so adds up to $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-x}$ when $|r| = |x| < 1$. For questions **1** and **2** you may assume that $|x| < 1$, so that the series adds up nicely.

1. Find a series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ such that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right)^2$. [4]

2. Find a series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$ such that $\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \right) = 1$. [1]

Recall from Assignment #3 that $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots$. This series actually converges for all x , as we shall see later.

3. Find a series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ such that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right)^2$. [3]

4. Find a series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n x^n$ such that $\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n x^n \right) = 1$. [2]