

## Math 342 Workshop - Taylor Polynomials

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1. Write a Python program to find and sum the terms of the 20th degree Taylor polynomial to approximate  $e^6$ . Instead of writing a for-loop, I recommend using a **list-comprehension**:

*[expression for item in iterable].*

Here is an example:

```
from math import *
sum([1/factorial(n) for n in range(10)])
```

2. Use the `exp` function in the Python math library to find the “exact” value of  $e^6$ . Compare this with your Taylor polynomial approximation.
  - (a) What is the absolute error in your approximation?
  - (b) What is the relative error in your approximation?
3. Adjust your program to find the 20th degree Taylor polynomial approximation to find  $e^{-6}$ .
4. Compare your answer to the actual value of  $e^{-6}$ .
  - (a) What is the absolute error in your approximation?
  - (b) What is the relative error in your approximation?

5. Compare the following:

(a) The Maclaurin polynomial approximation for  $\sin(4\pi)$  (you can pick the degree, as long as it is at least 20).

(b)  $\sin(4\pi)$  according to Python (using the `sin()` function and `pi` from the `math` library).

(c) The actual value of  $\sin(4\pi)$ .

6. Use the Maclaurin series for  $\cos x$  to find the Maclaurin series for  $\cos \sqrt{x}$ . Then integrate to find the Maclaurin series for  $\int \cos \sqrt{x} dx$ .

7. Use Python to approximate  $\int_0^1 \cos \sqrt{x} dx$ .