



# JC1 H2 Mathematics (9758)

## Term 4 Revision Topical Quick Check

### Chapter 9 Maclaurin Series

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#### **Section 1: Using Maclaurin's expansion (MF27):**

$$f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}f^{(n)}(0) + \dots$$

#### **Steps for use of Maclaurin's expansion**

- 1) Through multiple implicit differentiation, obtain equations involving  $\frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}, \dots$
- 2) Substitute  $x = 0$  to obtain  $y$ . Subsequently, substitute  $x = 0$  and  $y$  to obtain  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

Continue with the substitutions to obtain  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}, \dots$

- 3) Substitute  $y, \frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \dots$  into  $f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}f^{(n)}(0) + \dots$

[Note:  $f(0)$  refers to  $y$  when  $x = 0$ ,  $f'(0)$  refers to  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $x = 0$ , ...]

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#### **Example 1: 2012 YJC/1/8**

##### **Objectives:**

1. Finding Maclaurin Series using Differentiation (Implicit Differentiation).
2. Use of previous result and standard series.

It is given that  $y = \ln(1 + \tan^{-1} 2x)$ . Show that

$$(i) \quad (1 + 4x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{-y}, \quad [2]$$

$$(ii) \quad (1 + 4x^2) \left[ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right] + 8x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0. \quad [2]$$

Hence find the Maclaurin series for  $y$ , up to and including the term in  $x^2$ . [3]

Deduce the Maclaurin series for  $y = \ln\left(\frac{1 + \tan^{-1} 2x}{1 - x}\right)$ , up to and including the term in  $x^2$ . [3]

1	Solution
(i)	$y = \ln(1 + \tan^{-1} 2x)$ $e^y = 1 + \tan^{-1} 2x$ Diff. wrt. $x$ : $e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+4x^2} (2)$ $(1+4x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{-y}$ (shown) <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Learning Point:</b>  Simplify the equation so that it is easier to differentiate </div>
(ii)	$(1+4x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{-y}$ Diff. wrt. $x$ : $(1+4x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8x \frac{dy}{dx} = -2e^{-y} \frac{dy}{dx}$ $(1+4x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8x \frac{dy}{dx} = -(1+4x^2) \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2$ $(1+4x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8x \frac{dy}{dx} + (1+4x^2) \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 = 0$ $(1+4x^2) \left[ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right] + 8x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ (shown) <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Carry out implicit differentiation on the given result </div>
	When $x = 0$ , $y = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 2, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -4$ $\therefore y = 2x - 2x^2 + \dots$ (*) <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Use Maclaurin's expansion formula in MF27:  <math>f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(0) + \dots</math> </div>
	$\ln\left(\frac{1 + \tan^{-1} 2x}{1-x}\right)$ $= \ln(1 + \tan^{-1} 2x) - \ln(1-x)$ $\approx (2x - 2x^2) - \left(-x - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)$ $= 3x - \frac{3}{2}x^2$ <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>'Deduce':</b> Relate to Maclaurin's series for <math>\ln(1 + \tan^{-1} 2x)</math> found earlier </div> <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> For <math>\ln(1 + \tan^{-1} 2x)</math>: from (*)  For <math>\ln(1-x)</math>: Use standard series for <math>\ln(1+x)</math> in MF27, and replace <math>x</math> by <math>-x</math>  <math>\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{r+1} x^r}{r} + \dots</math> </div>

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It is given that  $y = e^{2x} \cos x$ .

(a) Show that  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 4 \frac{dy}{dx} - 5y$ . [3]

(b) Find the Maclaurin series for  $y$  up to the term in  $x^2$ . [2]

(c) Hence, show that the Maclaurin series for  $e^x \sqrt{\cos x}$  is  $1 + x + \frac{1}{4}x^2$ , up to the term in  $x^2$ . [2]

(a)	<p><math>y = e^{2x} \cos x</math></p> <p>Differentiate wrt <math>x</math>:</p> $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{2x}(-\sin x) + (\cos x)2e^{2x}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -e^{2x} \sin x + 2y \text{ ----- (1)}$ <p>Differentiate wrt <math>x</math>:</p> $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -e^{2x}(\sin x) - \sin x(2e^{2x}) + 2 \frac{dy}{dx}$ $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -y - 2\left(2y - \frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \text{(From (1): } e^{2x}(\sin x) = 2y - \frac{dy}{dx} \text{)}$ $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 4 \frac{dy}{dx} - 5y \text{ (shown)}$
(b)	<p>When <math>x = 0</math>,</p> $y = y = e^{2(0)} \cos 0 = 1,$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -e^0 \sin 0 + 2(1) = 2,$ $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 4(2) - 5(1) = 3$ <p>Thus</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Concept: Use Maclaurin Theorem to find the Maclaurin Series required</p> <math display="block">\Rightarrow f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(0) + \dots \text{ (in MF 27)}</math> </div> $y = 1 + 2x + \frac{3}{2!}x^2 + \dots$ $= 1 + 2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \dots$

(c)	<div data-bbox="284 159 654 324"> <math display="block">e^x \sqrt{\cos x} = (e^{2x} \cos x)^{\frac{1}{2}}</math> <math display="block">= \left(1 + 2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \dots\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}</math> </div> <div data-bbox="686 159 1385 266" style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> <p>Rewrite the expression such that the original expression <math>e^{2x} \cos x</math> from (a) appears</p> </div> <div data-bbox="284 376 1418 566" style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>See <math>\left(1 + 2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \dots\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}</math> as <math>\left(1 + \left(2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \dots\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}</math> and use the Binomial Expansion in MF27</p> <math display="block">(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}x^r + \dots</math> </div> <div data-bbox="395 600 970 871" style="margin-top: 10px;"> <math display="block">= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2!} \left(2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2\right)^2 + \dots</math> <math display="block">= 1 + x + \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{8}(4x^2 + \dots)</math> <math display="block">= 1 + x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \dots</math> </div>
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**Revision Guide Page 2****Section 2: Using Standard Series**

Series expansion	Validity range
$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}x^r + \dots$	$ x  < 1$
$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^r}{r!} + \dots$	all $x$
$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^r x^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)!} + \dots$	all $x$
$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^r x^{2r}}{(2r)!} + \dots$	all $x$
$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{r+1} x^r}{r} + \dots$	$-1 < x \leq 1$

**Revision Guide Page 6****Example 3: 2011 NYJC Prelim/P1/3****Objectives:**

1. Use of standard series (MF27) to find Maclaurin Series.
2. Use of Binomial Theorem when denominator is a polynomial (usually linear or quadratic).

By using standard series expansions, find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = \ln(e^x \cos 2x)$  up to and including the term in  $x^2$ . [3]

Given that the first two non-zero terms in the Maclaurin series for  $f(x)$  are equal to the first two non-zero terms in the series expansion of  $\frac{2x}{a-bx}$ , find  $a$  and  $b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. [4]

3	Solution
	<div data-bbox="587 159 959 226" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Use <math>\ln ab = \ln a + \ln b</math></div> <div data-bbox="284 197 654 555" style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: top;"> <math display="block">f(x) = \ln(e^x \cos 2x)</math> <math display="block">= \ln e^x + \ln(\cos 2x)</math> <math display="block">= x + \ln\left(1 - \frac{(2x)^2}{2} + \dots\right)</math> <math display="block">= x + \ln(1 - 2x^2 + \dots)</math> <math display="block">= x - 2x^2 + \dots</math> </div> <div data-bbox="691 232 1401 434" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>For <math>\cos 2x</math>: Use standard series for <math>\cos x</math> in MF27, and replace <math>x</math> by <math>2x</math></p> <math display="block">\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^r x^{2r}}{(2r)!} + \dots</math> </div> <div data-bbox="655 450 1369 669" style="border: 1px solid magenta; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>For <math>\ln(1 - 2x^2)</math>: Use standard series for <math>\ln(1 + x)</math> in MF27, and replace <math>x</math> by <math>-2x^2</math></p> <math display="block">\ln(1 + x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{r+1} x^r}{r} + \dots</math> </div>
	<div data-bbox="284 705 670 1330" style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: top;"> <math display="block">\frac{2x}{a - bx} = 2x(a - bx)^{-1}</math> <math display="block">= 2xa^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}x\right)^{-1}</math> <math display="block">= \frac{2}{a}x \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}x\right)^{-1}</math> <math display="block">\approx \frac{2}{a}x \left(1 + \frac{b}{a}x\right) \quad [\text{Expand till } x^2 \text{ so as to compare the terms to find } a \text{ and } b]</math> <math display="block">\frac{2x}{a - bx} \approx \frac{2}{a}x + \frac{2b}{a^2}x^2 = x - 2x^2</math> <p>Comparing like terms: <math>\frac{2}{a} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = 2</math></p> <math display="block">\frac{2b}{a^2} = -2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b = -a^2 = -4</math> </div> <div data-bbox="691 752 1520 947" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Make first term of the expansion 1 and use the standard series in MF27</p> <math display="block">(1 + x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}x^r + \dots</math> </div>

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It is given that  $y = \ln(\cos x)$ .

(i) Find the Maclaurin series for  $\ln(\cos x)$  up to and including the term in  $x^4$ . [2]

(ii) Hence, by substituting  $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ , show that  $\ln 2 \approx \frac{\pi^2}{18} + \frac{\pi^4}{972}$ . [2]

Q2	MI PU2 P2 Promo 9758/2022/Q6(modified)
(i)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <math display="block">\ln(\cos x) = \ln\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots\right)</math> <math display="block">= \ln\left(1 + \left(-\frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}\right) + \dots\right)</math> <math display="block">= -\frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{\left(-\frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}\right)^2}{2!} + \dots</math> <math display="block">= -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^4}{8}</math> <math display="block">= -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{12} + \dots</math> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: 30%;">             Use the Standard Series of <math>\cos x</math> in MF27           </div> <div style="border: 2px solid magenta; padding: 5px; width: 30%;">             Use the Standard Series of <math>\ln(1+x)</math> and replace <math>x</math> by <math>-\frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!}</math> </div> </div>
(ii)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Substitute <math>x = \frac{\pi}{3}</math> into the Maclaurin series in (i):</p> <math display="block">\ln\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^2}{2} - \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^4}{12} + \dots</math> <math display="block">\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \approx -\frac{\pi^2}{18} - \frac{\pi^4}{972}</math> <math display="block">\ln(2^{-1}) \approx -\frac{\pi^2}{18} - \frac{\pi^4}{972}</math> <math display="block">-\ln(2) \approx -\frac{\pi^2}{18} - \frac{\pi^4}{972}</math> <math display="block">\ln(2) \approx \frac{\pi^2}{18} + \frac{\pi^4}{972}</math> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: 30%;">             Subst <math>x = \frac{\pi}{3}</math> into both LHS and RHS of the Maclaurin Series.           </div> </div>

Revision Guide Page 3**Section 4: The Binomial Theorem**

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}b^2 + \binom{n}{3}a^{n-3}b^3 + \dots + b^n$$

where  $n$  is a **POSITIVE INTEGER** and  $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

When  $n$  is a **NEGATIVE INTEGER OR A FRACTION**, the binomial expansion of  $(1+x)^n$

is an infinite series which is **valid only for**  $|x| < 1$ .

The following formula is given in the formulae list (MF27):

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}x^r + \dots \text{ where } |x| < 1$$

**Note:** The coefficient of  $x^r$  must be written as  $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}$

Revision Guide Page 7**Example 4****Objectives:**

1. Use of Binomial Theorem when denominator is a polynomial (usually linear or quadratic).
2. Validity range of Binomial Theorem (MF27)

Expand  $\frac{1-x}{2+x}$  in ascending powers of  $x$  up to and including the term in  $x^2$  and state the set of values of  $x$  for which the expansion is valid. [6]



4	Solution
	$\frac{1-x}{2+x} = (1-x) \times 2^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1}$ $= (1-x) \times \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1}$ $= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \dots\right)$ $= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \dots$ $= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + \dots$
	<p>Express as a product of two terms. Factorise <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> such that we can use the standard series for <math>(1+x)^n</math> where</p> $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots,  x  < 1$ <p>Expand till <math>x^2</math> term</p>
	<p>Range of validity of <math>x</math>: <math>\left \frac{x}{2}\right  &lt; 1 \Rightarrow -2 &lt; x &lt; 2</math></p> <p>Set of values of <math>x</math>: <math>\{x \in \mathbb{R} : -2 &lt; x &lt; 2\}</math></p>

**Note:**

Qn asks for Set Notation

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By finding the expansion of  $(1+3x)^{-1}$  or otherwise, find the expansion of  $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1+3x}$  in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^2$ . Find the range of values of  $x$  for which the expansion is valid. [4]

Q3	ASRJC Promo 9758/2022/Q1
	<p>Rewrite the denominator as <math>(1+3x)^{-1}</math> and use the Standard Series in MF27.</p> $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1+3x} = (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1+3x)^{-1}$ $= \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(2x) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}(2x)^2 + \dots\right) \left(1 + (-1)(3x) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!}(3x)^2 + \dots\right)$ $= \left(1 + x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots\right) (1 - 3x + 9x^2 + \dots)$ $= 1 - 3x + x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 9x^2 - 3x^2 + \dots$ $= 1 - 2x + \frac{11}{2}x^2 + \dots$ <p>Valid for <math> 2x  &lt; 1</math> and <math> 3x  &lt; 1</math></p> $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{1}{3}$ $\therefore -\frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{1}{3}$

**Revision Guide Page 3****Section 3: Small Angle Approximation for Trigonometric Functions**For small  $x$ ,

(a)  $\sin x \approx x$

(b)  $\cos x \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$

(c)  $\tan x \approx x$

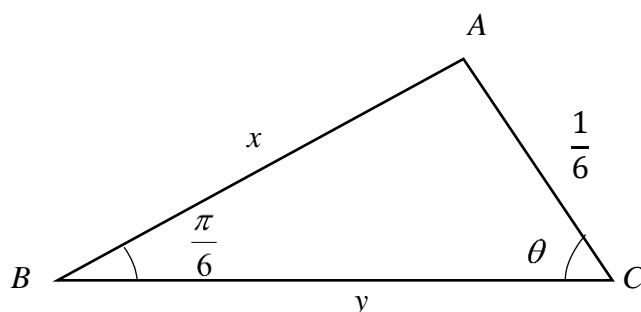
**Note:**  $x$  must be in radian

Useful Pre-requisite knowledge:

- ✓ Sine rule
- ✓ Cosine rule
- ✓ Trigonometric Ratio
- ✓ Trigonometric Identities in MF27

**Revision Guide Page 8****Example 5: 2016 HCI/I/10a****Objectives:**

1. Use of small angle approximation to approximate trigonometric functions.
2. Use of Binomial Theorem when denominator is a polynomial (usually linear or quadratic).



In the triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AB = x$ ,  $BC = y$ ,  $AC = \frac{1}{6}$ , angle  $ABC = \frac{\pi}{6}$  radians and angle  $ACB = \theta$  radians (see diagram).

- (i) Show that  $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{2 \sin \theta}{\cos \theta + \sqrt{3} \sin \theta}$ . [3]
- (ii) Given that  $\theta$  is sufficiently small, express  $\frac{x}{y}$  as a cubic polynomial in  $\theta$ . [3]

5	Solution
(i)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <math display="block">\frac{\sin \theta}{x} = \frac{\sin\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{6} - \theta\right)}{y}</math> <math display="block">\frac{x}{y} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6} - \theta\right)}</math> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-left: 20px;">Use sine rule</div> </div>

	$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \frac{5\pi}{6} \cos \theta - \sin \theta \cos \frac{5\pi}{6}}$ $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\frac{1}{2} \cos \theta + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin \theta} = \frac{2 \sin \theta}{\cos \theta + \sqrt{3} \sin \theta} \quad (\text{shown})$	<div>Refer to MF27 for <math>\sin(A-B)</math></div>
(ii)	$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{2 \sin \theta}{\cos \theta + \sqrt{3} \sin \theta}$ $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{2 \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \dots \right)}{1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} + \sqrt{3} \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \dots \right)}$ $\frac{x}{y} \approx 2 \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} \right) \left( 1 + \left( \sqrt{3} \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} \right) - \frac{\theta^2}{2} \right) \right)^{-1}$ $\frac{x}{y} \approx 2 \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} \right) \left( 1 + (-1) \left( \sqrt{3} \theta - \frac{\theta^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} \left( \sqrt{3} \theta - \frac{\theta^2}{2} \right)^2 \right)$ $\frac{x}{y} \approx 2 \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} \right) \left( 1 - \sqrt{3} \theta + \frac{\theta^2}{2} + 3\theta^2 \right)$ $\frac{x}{y} \approx 2\theta - 2\sqrt{3}\theta^2 + \frac{20}{3}\theta^3$	<div>Note: Question asks for a <b>cubic polynomial</b>, so you cannot just use small angle approximation <math>\sin \theta \approx \theta</math>, you must use the Maclaurin's expansion for <math>\sin \theta</math> to obtain up to <math>\theta^3</math>.</div> <div>Expand till <math>\theta^2</math> term</div> <div>Expand till <math>\theta^2</math> term</div>

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In triangle  $ABC$ , angle  $A$  is  $\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \theta\right)$  radians and angle  $B$  is  $\frac{1}{3}\pi$  radians. Show that

when  $\theta$  is sufficiently small for terms in  $\theta^3$  and higher powers of  $\theta$  to be neglected,

$$\frac{AC}{BC} \approx \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}(1 - \theta + k\theta^2)$$

where  $k$  is a constant to be found.

[6]

Using sine rule,

$$\frac{AC}{\sin B} = \frac{BC}{\sin A} \Rightarrow \frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{\sin B}{\sin A}$$

$$\frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \theta\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)}{\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \theta + \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)^{-1}$$

Therefore,

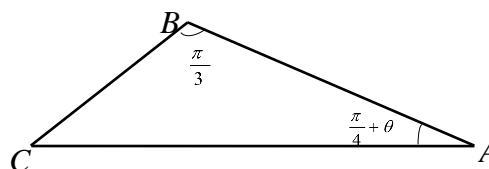
$$\frac{AC}{BC} \approx \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} + \theta\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{\theta^2}{2} - \theta\right)\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\theta^2}{2} - \theta\right) + \left(\frac{\theta^2}{2} - \theta\right)^2 + \dots\right)$$

$$\approx \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \left(1 - \theta + \frac{\theta^2}{2} + \theta^2\right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \left(1 - \theta + \frac{3}{2}\theta^2\right) \Rightarrow k = \frac{3}{2}$$



Use addition formula from MF27 to expand your denominator

For small  $x$ ,

(a)  $\sin x \approx x$

(b)  $\cos x \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$

**Answer Key**

No.	Year	JC	Answers
1	2022	EJC	(b) $y \approx 1 + 2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2$
2	2022	MI	(i) $\ln(\cos x) = -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{12} + \dots$
3	2022	ASRJC	$1 - 2x + \frac{11}{2}x^2 + \dots$ $-\frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{1}{3}$
4	2022	MI	$k = \frac{3}{2}$