

Problem 8)

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}; \quad |x| < 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{Geometric Series}$$

Taking derivatives from both sides of the above equation yields:

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \quad \leftarrow \text{because the first term at } n=0 \text{ is zero.}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $x$  then yields:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^n = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}, \quad |x| < 1$$