

Problem 4) a) The derivative of $\sinh x$ is $\cosh x$, while the derivative of $\cosh x$ is $\sinh x$. At $x = 0$, we have $\sinh(0) = 0$ and $\cosh(0) = 1$. Therefore,

Taylor series: $f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{1}{2!}f''(0)x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}f'''(0)x^3 + \dots$

$$\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

b) The defining property of an even function is $f(x) = f(-x)$; consequently, $f'(x) = -f'(-x)$. The only way to satisfy this equation at $x = 0$ is to have $f'(0) = 0$. Taking the next derivative, we find $f''(x) = f''(-x)$, which does not impose any constraints on the value of $f''(0)$. However, the next derivative gives $f'''(x) = -f'''(-x)$, which requires that $f'''(0) = 0$. It is thus seen that the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, ... derivatives of $f(x)$ at $x = 0$ are all equal to zero. Consequently, the Taylor series expansion of $f(x)$ is comprised only of even powers of x .

The defining property of an odd function is $g(x) = -g(-x)$; consequently, $g'(x) = g'(-x)$, and $g''(x) = -g''(-x)$. The only way to satisfy the last equation at $x = 0$ is to have $g''(0) = 0$. The next derivative gives $g'''(x) = g'''(-x)$, which does not impose any constraints on the value of $g'''(0)$. Taking the next derivative, however, gives $g''''(x) = -g''''(-x)$, which requires $g''''(0) = 0$. It is thus seen that the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, ... derivatives of $g(x)$ at $x = 0$ are all equal to zero. Consequently, the Taylor series expansion of $g(x)$ is comprised only of odd powers of x .

c) The function $\tanh(x)$ is an odd function of x , because $\sinh(x)$ is odd while $\cosh(x)$ is even. The Taylor series expansion of $\tanh(x)$ may thus be written as $\tanh(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{2n+1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d)} \quad \tanh(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{2n+1} = \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \right] / \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \right] \\ \rightarrow (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{2n+1}) \left[\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2m}}{(2m)!} \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \leftarrow \text{Changing a dummy index from } n \text{ to } m. \\ \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2m)!} x^{2(n+m)+1} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ \rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{m=0}^k \frac{a_{k-m}}{(2m)!} \right] x^{2k+1} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \leftarrow \text{Summing along diagonals in the } mn\text{-plane; setting } k=m+n. \\ \rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{a_{n-m}}{(2m)!} &= \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots) \quad \leftarrow \text{Changing dummy index } k \text{ back to } n. \end{aligned}$$

The first few coefficients of the Taylor series expansion of $\tanh(x)$ around $x = 0$ are found to be

$$\begin{aligned} n = 0 &\rightarrow a_0 = 1; \\ n = 1 &\rightarrow \frac{a_1}{0!} + \frac{a_0}{2!} = \frac{1}{3!} \rightarrow a_1 = -\frac{1}{3}; \\ n = 2 &\rightarrow \frac{a_2}{0!} + \frac{a_1}{2!} + \frac{a_0}{4!} = \frac{1}{5!} \rightarrow a_2 = \frac{2}{15}; \\ n = 3 &\rightarrow \frac{a_3}{0!} + \frac{a_2}{2!} + \frac{a_1}{4!} + \frac{a_0}{6!} = \frac{1}{7!} \rightarrow a_3 = -\frac{17}{315}. \end{aligned}$$