AP® CALCULUS BC
2012 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 6

The function g has derivatives of all orders, and the Maclaurin series for g is
$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+3} = \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x^3}{5} + \frac{x^5}{7} - \cdots$.

(a) Using the ratio test, determine the interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series for g.

(b) The Maclaurin series for g evaluated at $x = \frac{1}{2}$ is an alternating series whose terms decrease in absolute value to 0. The approximation for $g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ using the first two nonzero terms of this series is $\frac{17}{120}$. Show that this approximation differs from $g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ by less than $\frac{1}{200}$.

(c) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for $g'(x)$.

(a) $\left|\frac{x^{2n+3}}{2n+5} \cdot \frac{2n+3}{x^{2n+1}}\right| = \left(\frac{2n+3}{2n+5}\right) \cdot x^2$

$\lim_{n\to\infty}\left(\frac{2n+3}{2n+5}\right) \cdot x^2 = x^2$

$x^2 < 1 \;\Rightarrow\; -1 < x < 1$
The series converges when $-1 < x < 1$.

When $x = -1$, the series is $-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \cdots$
This series converges by the Alternating Series Test.

When $x = 1$, the series is $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{9} + \cdots$
This series converges by the Alternating Series Test.

Therefore, the interval of convergence is $-1 \le x \le 1$.

$$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets up ratio} \\ 1 : \text{computes limit of ratio} \\ 1 : \text{identifies interior of interval of convergence} \\ 1 : \text{considers both endpoints} \\ 1 : \text{analysis and interval of convergence} \end{cases}$$

(b) $\left|g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{17}{120}\right| < \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5}{7} = \frac{1}{224} < \frac{1}{200}$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{uses the third term as an error bound} \\ 1 : \text{error bound} \end{cases}$$

(c) $g'(x) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{3}{5}x^2 + \frac{5}{7}x^4 + \cdots + (-1)^n\left(\frac{2n+1}{2n+3}\right)x^{2n} + \cdots$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{first three terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$$