

**Part A:** Find the Taylor polynomial of degree 6 for  $f(x) = \ln(x)$  centered at 1: show all your work here. (You must derive it, not just write it down from memory.)

First find all the derivatives through the sixth derivative and evaluate  $\ln(x)$  and its first six derivatives at  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \ln(x) & f(1) &= \ln(1) = 0 \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1} & f'(1) &= 1^{-1} = 1 \\ f''(x) &= -x^{-2} & f''(1) &= -(1^{-2}) = -1 \\ f'''(x) &= 2x^{-3} & f'''(1) &= 2 \\ f^{(4)}(x) &= -6x^{-4} & f^{(4)}(1) &= -6 \\ f^{(5)}(x) &= 24x^{-5} & f^{(5)}(1) &= 24 \\ f^{(6)}(x) &= -120x^{-6} & f^{(6)}(1) &= -120 \end{aligned}$$

Now substitute these into the formula for the 6th degree Taylor polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} T_6 &= f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{f'''(1)}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(1)}{4!}(x-1)^4 + \frac{f^{(5)}(1)}{5!}(x-1)^5 + \frac{f^{(6)}(1)}{6!}(x-1)^6 \\ &= 0 + 1(x-1) + \frac{-1}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{2}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \frac{-6}{4!}(x-1)^4 + \frac{24}{5!}(x-1)^5 + \frac{-120}{6!}(x-1)^6 \\ &= (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4 + \frac{1}{5}(x-1)^5 - \frac{1}{6}(x-1)^6 \end{aligned}$$

**Part B:** Does each of the following converge or diverge? If convergent, give the limit. If it diverges, explain how you know that.

1)  $\{a_n\} = \left\{ \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} \right\}$

This can be rewritten:

$$\frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \rightarrow 1 - 0 = 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

So the sequence converges to 1.

2)  $\{a_n\} = \{(-1)^{n+1}\}$

This sequence alternates between 1 and -1, so it diverges.