

## FINDING the Maclaurin Series for $f(x) = e^x$

Recall, here  $a=0$  and  $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$

$n$	$\frac{f^{(n)}(x)}{n!}$	$\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$	$c_n$	$\frac{c_n x^n}{n!}$
0	$e^x$	$e^0 = 1$	$\frac{e^0}{0!} = 1$	$1 = \frac{x^0}{0!}$
1	$e^x$	$e^0 = 1$	$\frac{e^0}{1!} = 1$	$x = \frac{x^1}{1!}$
2	$e^x$	$e^0 = 1$	$\frac{e^0}{2!} = \frac{1}{2!}$	$\frac{1}{2}x^2 = \frac{x^2}{2!}$
3	$e^x$	$e^0 = 1$	$\frac{e^0}{3!} = \frac{1}{3!}$	$\frac{1}{6}x^3 = \frac{x^3}{3!}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

The Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = e^x$  is:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \text{ where } a_n = \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

To find <sup>the RADIUS OF</sup> CONVERGENCE  $R$ , we use the ratio test:

$$\frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{|x|^n} = \frac{|x|}{n+1}$$

For any  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0 < 1, \text{ so the}$$

Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = e^x$  converges absolutely for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The RADIUS OF CONVERGENCE is  $R = \infty$ .