

Written HW20 – MATH 2502 Spring 2021

Due by 23 April for timely completion credit

1. Start with the geometric series $\frac{1}{1-r} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r^k$, replace r with $-t^2$, and then integrate to find a power series for the arctan function:

$$\arctan(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt.$$

2. Start with the power series $e^t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!}$, replace t with $-t^2$, and then integrate to find a power series for the error function erf:

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt.$$

3. Start with the power series $\sin(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k t^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$, replace t with t^2 , and then integrate to find a power series for the Fresnel S function

$$S(x) = \int_0^x \sin(t^2) dt.$$

4. As was done in the 19 April class, provide a plot for each of the answers (separate plot for each) containing the “actual function” as well as the series approximation to it up to four terms.