

6. [10 points] Consider the function  $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$  and its Taylor series about  $x = 0$ .
- a. [4 points] Determine the first four non-zero terms of the Taylor series for  $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$  about  $x = 0$ . Be sure to show enough work to support your answer.

*Solution:*

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \dots$$

- b. [4 points] Find the first three non-zero terms of the Taylor series for  $g(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$  about  $x = 0$ . Be sure to show enough work to support your answer. (*Hint: You may find it helpful to utilize properties of logarithms.*)

*Solution:* Using our answer from part (a), we have

$$\ln(1-x) = (-x) - \frac{1}{2}(-x)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(-x)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(-x)^4 + \dots = -x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 - \dots$$

Since  $g(x) = \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x)$ , we have

$$g(x) = 2x + \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{5}x^5 + \dots$$

- c. [2 points] Find the exact value of the sum of the series

$$2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{5}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5 + \dots$$

*Solution:* Using our answer for  $g(x)$  in part (b), we see this is the sum for the Taylor series evaluated at  $x = \frac{3}{4}$ , so the sum of this series is  $g\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \ln(7)$ .