

11. [12 points] Let  $f(x) = x(1-x)^{-1/2}$ .

- a. [4 points] Write down the first 3 non-zero terms of the Taylor series for  $f(x)$  centered at  $x = 0$ . Show your work.

*Solution:* From the list of “Known” Taylor series:

$$(1+x)^p = 1 + px + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$$

Put  $p = -\frac{1}{2}$ :

$$(1+x)^{-1/2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + \dots$$

Replace  $x$  by  $-x$ :

$$(1-x)^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + \dots$$

Multiply by  $x$ :

$$x(1-x)^{-1/2} = x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{8}x^3 + \dots$$

- b. [3 points] Let  $F(x)$  be an antiderivative of  $f(x)$  such that  $F(0) = 2$ . Write down the first 4 non-zero terms of the Taylor series for  $F(x)$  centered at  $x = 0$ . Show your work.

*Solution:* By the second fundamental theorem of calculus,

$$F(x) = 2 + \int_0^x f(t) dt.$$

Therefore,

$$F(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{3}{32}x^4 + \dots$$

- c. [5 points] Compute the exact value of  $\int_0^{3/4} f(x) dx$ . Show each step of your computation.

*Solution:* Integration by parts: Let  $u = x$  and  $v' = (1-x)^{-1/2}$ . Then  $u' = 1$  and  $v = -2(1-x)^{1/2}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{3/4} x(1-x)^{-1/2} dx &= -2x(1-x)^{1/2} \Big|_0^{3/4} + 2 \int_0^{3/4} (1-x)^{1/2} dx \\ &= \left( -2x(1-x)^{1/2} - \frac{4}{3}(1-x)^{3/2} \right) \Big|_0^{3/4} \\ &= \left( -\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{5}{12}. \end{aligned}$$