

**Problem 13)** a) The derivative of  $\sinh x$  is  $\cosh x$ , while the derivative of  $\cosh x$  is  $\sinh x$ . At  $x = 0$ , we have  $\sinh(0) = 0$  and  $\cosh(0) = 1$ . Therefore,

Taylor series:  $f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{1}{2!}f''(0)x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}f'''(0)x^3 + \dots$

$$\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

b) The defining property of an even function is  $f(x) = f(-x)$ ; consequently,  $f'(x) = -f'(-x)$ . The only way to satisfy this equation at  $x = 0$  is to have  $f'(0) = 0$ . Taking the next derivative, we find  $f''(x) = f''(-x)$ , which does not impose any constraints on the value of  $f''(0)$ . However, the next derivative gives  $f'''(x) = -f'''(-x)$ , which requires that  $f'''(0) = 0$ . It is thus seen that the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, ... derivatives of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 0$  are all equal to zero. Consequently, the Taylor series expansion of  $f(x)$  is comprised only of even powers of  $x$ .

The defining property of an odd function is  $g(x) = -g(-x)$ ; consequently,  $g'(x) = g'(-x)$ , and  $g''(x) = -g''(-x)$ . The only way to satisfy the last equation at  $x = 0$  is to have  $g''(0) = 0$ . The next derivative gives  $g'''(x) = g'''(-x)$ , which does not impose any constraints on the value of  $g'''(0)$ . Taking the next derivative, however, gives  $g''''(x) = -g''''(-x)$ , which requires  $g''''(0) = 0$ . It is thus seen that the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, ... derivatives of  $g(x)$  at  $x = 0$  are all equal to zero. Consequently, the Taylor series expansion of  $g(x)$  is comprised only of odd powers of  $x$ .

c) The function  $\tanh(x)$  is an odd function of  $x$ , because  $\sinh(x)$  is odd while  $\cosh(x)$  is even. The Taylor series expansion of  $\tanh(x)$  may thus be written as  $\tanh(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{2n+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d)} \quad \tanh(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{2n+1} = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \right] / \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \right] \\ \rightarrow (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{2n+1}) \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2m}}{(2m)!} \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \leftarrow \text{Changing a dummy index from } n \text{ to } m. \\ \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(2m)!} x^{2(n+m)+1} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\ \rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^k \frac{a_{k-m}}{(2m)!} \right] x^{2k+1} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \leftarrow \text{Summing along diagonals in the } mn\text{-plane; setting } k=m+n. \\ \rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{a_{n-m}}{(2m)!} &= \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots) \quad \leftarrow \text{Changing dummy index } k \text{ back to } n. \end{aligned}$$

The first few coefficients of the Taylor series expansion of  $\tanh(x)$  around  $x = 0$  are found to be

$$\begin{aligned} n = 0 &\rightarrow a_0 = 1; \\ n = 1 &\rightarrow \frac{a_1}{0!} + \frac{a_0}{2!} = \frac{1}{3!} \rightarrow a_1 = -\frac{1}{3}; \\ n = 2 &\rightarrow \frac{a_2}{0!} + \frac{a_1}{2!} + \frac{a_0}{4!} = \frac{1}{5!} \rightarrow a_2 = \frac{2}{15}; \\ n = 3 &\rightarrow \frac{a_3}{0!} + \frac{a_2}{2!} + \frac{a_1}{4!} + \frac{a_0}{6!} = \frac{1}{7!} \rightarrow a_3 = -\frac{17}{315}. \end{aligned}$$