

Taylor Series 6A

$$1 \text{ a } f(x) = \sqrt{x} = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(a)}{4!}(x-a)^4 + \dots,$$

where $a = 1$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$f''(1) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{3}{8}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$f'''(1) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{15}{16}x^{-\frac{7}{2}}$$

$$f^{(4)}(1) = -\frac{15}{16}$$

$$\text{So } \sqrt{x} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1) - \frac{1}{4 \times 2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{3}{8 \times 3!}(x-1)^3 - \frac{15}{16 \times 4!}(x-1)^4 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1) - \frac{1}{8}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{16}(x-1)^3 - \frac{5}{128}(x-1)^4 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } \sqrt{1.2} &\approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}(0.2) - \frac{1}{8}(0.2)^2 + \frac{1}{16}(0.2)^3 - \frac{5}{128}(0.2)^4 \\ &\approx 1 + 0.1 - 0.005 + 0.0005 - 0.0000625 \\ &= 1.095 \text{ (3 d.p.)} \end{aligned}$$

2 All solutions use the Taylor expansion in the form:

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(a)(x-a)^3}{3!} + \frac{f^{(4)}(a)(x-a)^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\text{a Let } f(x) = \ln x \quad \text{then} \quad f(a) = f(e) = \ln e = 1$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f'(a) = f'(e) = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$f''(a) = f''(e) = -\frac{1}{e^2}$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = \ln x = 1 + \frac{1}{e}(x-e) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{e^2}\right)}{2!}(x-e)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{(x-e)}{e} - \frac{(x-e)^2}{2e^2} + \dots$$

2 b Let $f(x) = \tan x$

$$\text{then } f(a) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$f'(a) = f'\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 4$$

$$f''(x) = 2 \sec^2 x \tan x$$

$$f''(a) = f''\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 2(4)(\sqrt{3}) = 8\sqrt{3}$$

$$f'''(x) = 2 \sec^4 x + 2 \tan x (2 \sec^2 x \tan x)$$

$$f'''(a) = f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 2(16) + 4(4)(3) = 80$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } f(x) = \tan x &= \sqrt{3} + 4\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{2!}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{80}{3!}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= \sqrt{3} + 4\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + 4\sqrt{3}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{40}{3}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

c Let $f(x) = \cos x$

then

$$f(a) = f(1) = \cos 1$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f'(a) = f'(1) = -\sin 1$$

$$f''(x) = -\cos x$$

$$f''(a) = f''(1) = -\cos 1$$

$$f'''(x) = \sin x$$

$$f'''(a) = f'''(1) = \sin 1$$

$$f''''(x) = \cos x$$

$$f''''(a) = f''''(1) = \cos 1$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = \cos x = \cos 1 - \sin 1(x-1) - \frac{(\cos 1)}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{(\sin 1)}{6}(x-1)^3 + \frac{(\cos 1)}{24}(x-1)^4 + \dots$$

3 a i Let $f(x) = \cos(x)$. Then $\cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = f\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$$f'(x) = \cos(x) \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin(x) \Rightarrow f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$f''(x) = -\cos(x) \Rightarrow f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$f'''(x) = \sin(x) \Rightarrow f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$f''''(x) = \cos(x) \Rightarrow f''''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\text{Using } f(x+a) = f(a) + f'(a)x + \frac{f''(a)x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(a)x^3}{3!} + \frac{f''''(a)x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(1 - x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots\right)$$

3 a ii Let $f(x) = \ln(x)$. Then $\ln(x+5) = f(x+5)$

$$f(x) = \ln(x) \Rightarrow f(5) = \ln 5$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow f'(5) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \Rightarrow f''(5) = -\frac{1}{25}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3} \Rightarrow f'''(5) = \frac{2}{125}$$

$$f''''(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4} \Rightarrow f''''(5) = -\frac{6}{625}$$

$$\text{Using } f(x+a) = f(a) + f'(a)x + \frac{f''(a)x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(a)x^3}{3!} + \frac{f''''(a)x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\ln(x+5) = \ln 5 + \frac{1}{5}x - \frac{1}{50}x^2 + \frac{1}{375}x^3 - \frac{1}{2500}x^4 + \dots$$

iii Let $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Then $\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = f\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$$f(x) = \sin(x) \Rightarrow f\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f'(x) = \cos(x) \Rightarrow f'\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin(x) \Rightarrow f''\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos(x) \Rightarrow f'''\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f''''(x) = \sin(x) \Rightarrow f''''\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{Using } f(x+a) = f(a) + f'(a)x + \frac{f''(a)x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(a)x^3}{3!} + \frac{f''''(a)x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\sqrt{3} + x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2!}x^2 - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4!}x^4 + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\sqrt{3} + x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24}x^4 + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

b Taking $x = 0.2$,

$$\ln 5.2 \approx \ln 5 + \frac{0.2}{5} - \frac{0.2^2}{50} + \frac{0.2^3}{375} - \frac{0.2^4}{2500}$$

≈ 1.649 to 4 s.f.

$$4 \text{ a } y = xe^x, \frac{dy}{dx} = xe^x + e^x = e^x(x+1)$$

Product rule.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = xe^x + e^x + e^x = e^x(x+2)$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = xe^x + 2e^x + e^x = e^x(x+3)$$

Each differentiation adds another e^x , so $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = (n+x)e^x$

So for $f(x) = xe^x$, $f^{(n)}(x) = (n+x)e^x$

$$b \text{ Using the Taylor series with } a = -1, f(-1) = -e^{-1}, f'(-1) = 0, f''(-1) = e^{-1}$$

$$f'''(-1) = 2e^{-1}, f^{(4)}(-1) = 3e^{-1}$$

$$\text{So } xe^x = e^{-1} \left\{ -1 + 0(x+1) + \frac{1}{2!}(x+1)^2 + \frac{2}{3!}(x+1)^3 + \frac{3}{4!}(x+1)^4 + \dots \right\}$$

$$= e^{-1} \left\{ -1 + \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x+1)^3 + \frac{1}{8}(x+1)^4 + \dots \right\}$$

$$5 \text{ a } \text{ Let } f(x) = x^3 \ln x \quad \text{then as } a = 1 \quad f(a) = f(1) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 \ln x + x^3 \times \frac{1}{x} = x^2(1 + 3 \ln x) \quad f'(a) = f'(1) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = x^2 \times \frac{3}{x} + 2x(1 + 3 \ln x) = x(5 + 6 \ln x) \quad f''(a) = f''(1) = 5$$

$$f'''(x) = x \times \frac{6}{x} + (5 + 6 \ln x) = (11 + 6 \ln x) \quad f'''(a) = f'''(1) = 11$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{6}{x} \quad f^{(4)}(a) = f^{(4)}(1) = 6$$

Using Taylor, form **ii**

$$f(x) = x^3 \ln x = 0 + 1(x-1) + \frac{5}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{11}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \frac{6}{4!}(x-1)^4 + \dots$$

$$= (x-1) + \frac{5}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{11}{6}(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4 + \dots$$

b Substituting $x = 1.5$ in series in **a**, gives

$$\frac{27}{8} \ln 1.5 \approx 0.5 + \frac{5}{2}(0.5)^2 + \frac{11}{6}(0.5)^3 + \frac{1}{4}(0.5)^4 + \dots$$

$$\approx 0.5 + 0.625 + 0.22916\dots + 0.015625 (= 1.369791\dots)$$

So this gives an approximation for $\ln 1.5$ of $\frac{8}{27}(1.369791\dots) = 0.4059$ (4 d.p.)

- 6 We look to find the Taylor series for the -function $\tan(x - \alpha)$ about $x = 0$ where, $\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$

Let $f(x) = \tan(x - \alpha)$ then;

$$f(0) = \tan(-\alpha) = -\tan(\alpha) = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2(x - \alpha) \Rightarrow f'(0) = \sec^2(-\alpha) = \sec^2 \alpha = \frac{25}{16}$$

Now we use the fact that;

$$f''(x) = 2 \tan(x - \alpha) \sec^2(x - \alpha) \Rightarrow f''(0) = -2 \tan \alpha \sec^2 \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(0) = -2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{25}{16} = -\frac{75}{32}$$

Finally, using $f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{1}{2!}f''(0)x^2 + \dots(x^3)$, we find that

$$f(x) = \tan(x - \alpha) = -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{25}{16} \cdot x + \frac{1}{2!} \cdot \frac{-75}{32} \cdot x^2 + \dots(x^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(x - \alpha) = -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{25}{16}x - \frac{75}{64}x^2 + \dots(x^3)$$

- 7 Let $f(x) = \sin 2x$, then we calculate the required derivatives;

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f'(x) = 2 \cos 2x \Rightarrow f'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 1$$

$$f''(x) = -4 \sin 2x \Rightarrow f''\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -4 \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{2} = -2\sqrt{3}$$

$$f'''(x) = -8 \cos 2x \Rightarrow f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -8 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = -4$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 16 \sin 2x \Rightarrow f^{(4)}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 8\sqrt{3}$$

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + f'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{2!}f''\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2$$

Then, using the Taylor expansion:

$$+ \frac{1}{3!}f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{4!}f^{(4)}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4 + \dots\left(\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5\right)$$

We find that

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2x &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 1 \cdot \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{-2\sqrt{3}}{2!} \cdot \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{-4}{3!} \cdot \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{4!} \cdot \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4 + \dots\left(\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sin 2x &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \sqrt{3}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{3}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^4 + \dots\left(\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^5\right) \end{aligned}$$

8 a Given $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} = (1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $y_3 (= \text{value of } y \text{ when } x = 3) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \qquad \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_3 = -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{8} = -\frac{1}{16}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{4}(1+x)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \qquad \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_3 = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{32} = \frac{3}{128}$$

b So using

$$f(x) = f(3) + f'(3)(x-3) + \frac{f''(3)}{2!}(x-3)^2 + \dots \qquad \text{with } f^{(n)}(3) \equiv \left(\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}\right)_3$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{16}(x-3) + \frac{3}{256}(x-3)^2 + \dots$$

9 Let $f(x) = \cosh x$, then note the following

$$\cosh(\ln 5) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{\ln 5} + e^{-\ln 5}) = \frac{1}{2}\left(5 + \frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{13}{5}$$

$$\sinh(\ln 5) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{\ln 5} - e^{-\ln 5}) = \frac{1}{2}\left(5 - \frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{12}{5}$$

Now we calculate the required derivatives:

$$f(x) = \cosh x \Rightarrow f(\ln 5) = \frac{13}{5}$$

$$f'(x) = \sinh x \Rightarrow f'(\ln 5) = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$f''(x) = \cosh x \Rightarrow f''(\ln 5) = \frac{13}{5}$$

$$f'''(x) = \sinh x \Rightarrow f'''(\ln 5) = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \cosh x \Rightarrow f^{(4)}(\ln 5) = \frac{13}{5}$$

Then we can use:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(\ln 5) + f'(\ln 5)(x - \ln 5) + \frac{1}{2!}f''(\ln 5)(x - \ln 5)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3!}f'''(\ln 5)(x - \ln 5)^3 + \frac{1}{4!}f^{(4)}(\ln 5)(x - \ln 5)^4 \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

To find:

$$\cosh x = \frac{13}{5} + \frac{12}{5}(x - \ln 5) + \frac{1}{2!} \cdot \frac{13}{5}(x - \ln 5)^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3!} \cdot \frac{12}{5}(x - \ln 5)^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \cdot \frac{13}{5}(x - \ln 5)^4 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \cosh x = \frac{13}{5} + \frac{12}{5}(x - \ln 5) + \frac{13}{10}(x - \ln 5)^2$$

$$+ \frac{2}{5}(x - \ln 5)^3 + \frac{13}{120}(x - \ln 5)^4 + \dots$$

10 a Consider the first two terms in the Taylor series of a function $f(x)$ about $x = \ln 2$:

$$f(x) = f(\ln 2) + f'(\ln 2)(x - \ln 2) + \dots$$

So we see that with $f(x) = \sinh ax$, it must be the case that $f'(\ln 2) = \frac{17}{4}$, so:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\ln 2) &= a \cosh(a \ln 2) = \frac{1}{2}a(e^{a \ln 2} + e^{-a \ln 2}) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{17}{4} &= \frac{1}{2}a(e^{a \ln 2} + e^{-a \ln 2}) = \frac{1}{2}a(e^{\ln 2^a} + e^{\ln 2^{-a}}) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{17}{4} &= \frac{1}{2}a\left(2^a + \frac{1}{2^a}\right) \Rightarrow 17 = 2a\left(2^a + \frac{1}{2^a}\right) \\ 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (2^2 + 2^{-2}) &= 17 \Rightarrow a = 2 \end{aligned}$$

b With $a = 2$ we note that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sinh(2 \ln 2) &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{2 \ln 2} - e^{-2 \ln 2}) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{\ln 4} - e^{-\ln 4}) \\ \Rightarrow \sinh(2 \ln 2) &= \frac{1}{2}\left(4 - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{15}{8} \\ \cosh(2 \ln 2) &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{2 \ln 2} + e^{-2 \ln 2}) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{\ln 4} + e^{-\ln 4}) \\ \Rightarrow \cosh(2 \ln 2) &= \frac{1}{2}\left(4 + \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{17}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Then we can calculate the required derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\ln 2) &= \sinh(2 \ln 2) = \frac{15}{8} \\ f'(x) &= 2 \cosh 2x \Rightarrow f'(\ln 2) = \frac{17}{4} \\ f''(x) &= 4 \sinh 2x \Rightarrow f''(\ln 2) = \frac{15}{2} \\ f'''(x) &= 8 \cosh 2x \Rightarrow f'''(\ln 2) = 17 \end{aligned}$$

Then we can use:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(\ln 2) + f'(\ln 2)(x - \ln 2) + \frac{1}{2!}f''(\ln 2)(x - \ln 2)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3!}f'''(\ln 2)(x - \ln 2)^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

To find that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sinh 2x &= \frac{15}{8} + \frac{17}{4}(x - \ln 2) + \frac{1}{2!} \cdot \frac{15}{2}(x - \ln 2)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3!} \cdot 17(x - \ln 2)^3 + \dots((x - \ln 2)^4) \\ \Rightarrow \sinh 2x &= \frac{15}{8} + \frac{17}{4}(x - \ln 2) + \frac{15}{4}(x - \ln 2)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{17}{6}(x - \ln 2)^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

11 Consider the Taylor expansion for a function $f(x)$ about the point $x = 2$:

$$f(x) = f(2) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(2) \cdot (x-2)^k$$

Here, $f(x) = \ln x$, so $f(2) = \ln 2$

Then, the subsequent derivatives are:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}, f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}, f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3},$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = -\frac{3 \cdot 2}{x^4}, \dots, f^{(k)}(x) = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{k!}{k \cdot x^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{(k)}(2) = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{k!}{k \cdot 2^k}$$

Plugging this into the Taylor series, we see that:

$$\ln x = \ln 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \cdot (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n!}{n \cdot 2^n} (x-2)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln x = \ln 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n \cdot 2^n} (x-2)^n$$

Challenge

a Let $f(x) = \ln(\cos 2x)$, then we will use:

$$f(x) = f(\pi) + f'(\pi)(x-\pi) + \frac{1}{2!} f''(\pi)(x-\pi)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} f'''(\pi)(x-\pi)^3 + \dots \left((x-\pi)^4 \right)$$

Differentiating:

$$f(\pi) = \ln(\cos 2\pi) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{2 \sin 2x}{\cos 2x} = -2 \tan 2x \Rightarrow f'(\pi) = 0$$

$$f''(x) = -4 \sec^2 2x \Rightarrow f''(\pi) = -\frac{4}{1^2} = -4$$

$$f'''(x) = -16 \tan 2x \sec^2 2x \Rightarrow f'''(\pi) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \ln(\cos 2x) = -2(x-\pi)^2 - \frac{4}{3}(x-\pi)^4 - \dots$$

b Note that $\cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{13\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, so we take the leading order term in the expansion above setting

$$x = \frac{13\pi}{12}$$

$$\ln\left(\cos \frac{13\pi}{6}\right) = \ln \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \approx -2\left(\frac{13\pi}{12} - \pi\right)^2 = -0.1433 \text{ (4 d.p.)}$$