

Summary of key points

- 1** If the general term, u_r , of a series can be expressed in the form $f(r) - f(r + 1)$

$$\text{then } \sum_{r=1}^n u_r = \sum_{r=1}^n (f(r) - f(r + 1)).$$

$$\text{so } u_1 = f(1) - f(2)$$

$$u_2 = f(2) - f(3)$$

$$u_3 = f(3) - f(4)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$u_n = f(n) - f(n + 1)$$

$$\text{Then adding } \sum_{r=1}^n u_r = f(1) - f(n + 1)$$

- 2** The **Maclaurin series** of a function $f(x)$ is given by

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(r)}(0)}{r!}x^r + \dots$$

The series is valid provided that $f(0), f'(0), f''(0), \dots, f^{(r)}(0), \dots$ all have finite values.

- 3** The following Maclaurin series are given in the formulae booklet:

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^r}{r!} + \dots \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\ln(1 + x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{r+1} \frac{x^r}{r} + \dots \quad -1 < x \leq 1$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots + (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)!} + \dots \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r}}{(2r)!} + \dots \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots + (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1}}{2r+1} + \dots \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$