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Find the radius of convergence and interval of convergence of the series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)2^n} (x-1)^n = f(x).$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{(2(n+1)-1)2^{n+1}} (x-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{(2n-1) \cdot 2^n}{(x-1)^n} \right| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x-1}{2} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the series converges if

$$\left| \frac{x-1}{2} \right| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-1| < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 < x-1 < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 < x < 3.$$

Therefore, the radius of convergence is 2. Now,

$$f(-1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-2)^n}{(2n-1)2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1},$$

which diverges. Furthermore,

$$f(3) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n-1}$$

which converges by alternating series test. Therefore, the interval of convergence is:

$$-1 < x \leq 3.$$

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Suppose  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n$  converges when  $x = -4$  and diverges when  $x = 6$ .

What can be said about the convergence or divergence of the following series?

Solution:

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n$ : converges

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n 8^n$ : diverges

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (-3)^n$ : converges.

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n C_n 9^n$ : diverges.

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Find a power series representation for the function and determine the interval of convergence.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{2x+3} = \frac{4}{3+2x} = \frac{4}{3\left(1+\frac{2x}{3}\right)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{3} (-1)^n \left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^2 \cdot 2^n}{3 \cdot 3^n} \cdot (-1)^n \cdot x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+2} (-1)^n}{3^{n+1}} x^n,$$

which converges for

$$\left|\frac{2}{3}x\right| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{3}{2} < x < \frac{3}{2}.$$

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Find a power series representation for

a.)  $\ln(1-x)$

b.)  $x \ln(1-x)$

c.)  $\ln(2)$ .

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow -\ln(1-x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(1-x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{-x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

Therefore,

$$x \ln(1-x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{-x^{n+2}}{n+1}$$

Furthermore,

$$\ln\left(1-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{-1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(1) - \ln(2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{-1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}(n+1)}$$

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Find a power series for:

$$f(x) = x^2 + \tan^{-1}(x^3).$$

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x^2 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x^3)^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{6n+5}}{2n+1}$$

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Show that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots$$

is a solution to the differential equation:

$$f''(x) + f(x) = 0.$$

Solution:

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2n x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$$

$$f''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot 2n \cdot (2n-1) x^{2n-2}}{(2n)!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-2}}{(2n-2)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

Therefore,

$$f(x) + f''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \right] = 0.$$