

Answer on Question #54903 – Math – Calculus

Find the radius of convergence and interval of convergence

of the series

1. Sum of $((-1)^n)(x^n)/((1/n)^3)$ with $n=1 \rightarrow \infty$

2. Sum of $((-1)^n)(x^n)/(n^2)$ with $n=1 \rightarrow \infty$

3. Sum of $(n^n)(x^n)$ with $n=1 \rightarrow \infty$

4. Sum of $((2x-1)^n)/(5(1/n)^n)$ with $n=1 \rightarrow \infty$

Solution

$$1. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot x^n n^3$$

$$\text{The radius of convergence is } R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n n^3}{(-1)^{n+1} (n+1)^3} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n)^3}{(n+1)^3} \right| = 1.$$

The series converges if $-1 < x < 1$, and diverges if $x < -1$ or $x > 1$.

At the endpoint $x = -1$ we have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3$, at the endpoint $x = 1$ we have

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n^3$. In both cases $(-1)^n n^3$ and n^3 do not converge to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

hence both series diverge.

If $x = \mp 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ is not convergent.

interval of convergence $x \in (-1; 1)$.

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

The radius of convergence is $R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}}{\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2}{(n)^2} \right| = 1,$

If $x = \mp 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ is convergent. Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$ is absolutely convergent, because $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ is convergent as the generalized harmonic series with $p = 2$.

interval of convergence $x \in [-1, 1]$.

$$3. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n n^n$$

The radius of convergence is

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n n^n}{(-1)^{n+1} (n+1)^{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n)^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n)^n}{(n+1)^n (n+1)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n (n+1)} \right| = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n (n+1)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{e(n+1)} \right| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

interval of convergence is $x = 0$ (one point).

$$4. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot (2x-1)^n n^n}{5}$$

The radius of convergence is

$$\begin{aligned}
R &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^n \cdot n^n}{5}}{\frac{(-1)^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)^{n+1}}{5}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n)^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n)^n}{(n+1)^n (n+1)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n (n+1)} \right| = \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n (n+1)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{e(n+1)} \right| = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$2x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0.5$$

interval of convergence is $x = 0.5$ (one point).