

Directions: Show work for credit. Write all responses on separate paper.

1. Find the radius of convergence and interval of convergence for each series:

a. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!}$

b. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(x-3)^{2n}}{n^2+1}$

c. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!x^{2n+1}}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 10 \cdots (4n-2)}$

2. Find a power series representation for the function and determine the interval of convergence. Write out the first 3 non-zero terms in each series.

a. $f(x) = \frac{5}{1+x^3}$

b. $f(x) = \ln(x^2+9)$

c. $f(x) = \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$

3. Consider $f(x) = \frac{\arctan(2x)}{x}$

a. How can $f(0)$ be defined so that the function is continuous where $x = 0$?

b. Using this definition for $f(0)$, develop, step by step, the Maclaurin series for

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

c. Find a Maclaurin series for $\int_0^x f(t) dt$ and use this to approximate $\int_0^{1/10} \frac{\arctan(2x)}{x} dx$ to the nearest thousandth.

4. Let $f_n(x) = \frac{\sin(x/n)}{n}$

a. Show that the series $\sum f_n(x)$ diverges for $x = n\pi/2$, n an integer.

b. Show that $\sum f'_n(x)$ converges for all x .

c. For what values of x does the series $\sum f_n''(x)$ converge?

5. Find the Taylor series for f centered at $x = 4$ if $f^{(n)}(4) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{2^n (2n+1)}$.

What is the radius of convergence of this Taylor series?

6. Find the Maclaurin series for $\cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$. What is the radius of convergence?

7. Find the Taylor series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ centered around $a = -2$.

This means you'll need to find a formula for the Taylor coefficient.

8. Find a binomial series for $f(x) = (1+x)^{1/3}$ and use this to approximate $\sqrt[3]{1729} = \sqrt[3]{1+12^3}$.

You need only work out the first two non-zero terms.

Math 1B – Test 5 Solutions – Spring '10

1. Find the radius of convergence and interval of convergence for each series:

a. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!}$ SOLN: By the ratio test, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+2} (2n+1)!}{(2n+3)! x^{2n}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^2}{(2n+3)(2n+2)} \right| = 0$ for any fixed x ,
so the radius is infinite and the interval is all real numbers.

b. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(x-3)^{2n}}{n^2+1}$ SOLN: By the ratio test,
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)(x-3)^{2n+2} \frac{n^2+1}{n(x-3)^{2n}}}{(n+1)^2+1} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x-3)^2 \left| \frac{n+1}{n} \right| \left| \frac{n^2}{n^2+2n+2} \right| = (x-3)^2 < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x-3| < 1$ so the radius
of convergence is 1 and the endpoints of the interval are 2 and 4. These need to be checked.

So at $x = 2$ or $x = 4$ we have $(x-3)^{2n} = 1$ which means the series are $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$, which is divergent by comparison with the harmonic series. So the interval of convergence is $(2,4)$.

c. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!x^{2n+1}}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 10 \cdots (4n-2)}$ SOLN: By the ratio test,
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2n+2)!x^{2n+3}}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 10 \cdots (4n-2)(4n+2)} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 10 \cdots (4n-2)}{(2n)!x^{2n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \left| \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{4n+2} \right| = \infty$ unless $x = 0$. So the
radius of convergence is 0 and there is no interval of convergence, only the point $x = 0$.

2. Find a power series representation for the function and determine the interval of convergence. Write out the first 3 non-zero terms in each series.

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

The interval of convergence is $(-1,1)$.

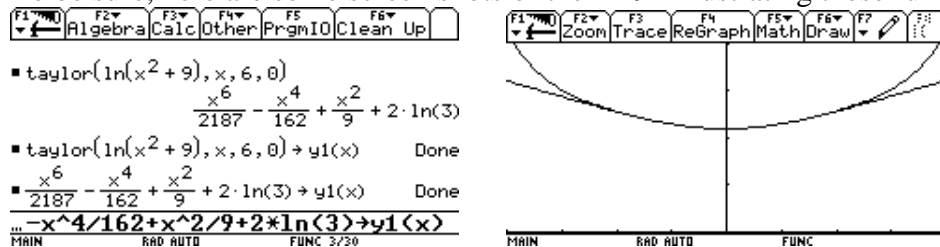
$$f(x) = \ln(x^2+9) = \int \frac{2x}{x^2+9} dx = \int \frac{2x}{9} \frac{1}{1-\left(-\frac{x^2}{9}\right)} dx = \int \frac{2x}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x^2}{9}\right)^n dx$$

b.
$$= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{9^{n+1}} \int x^{2n+1} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+2}}{9^{n+1}(n+1)} = c + \frac{1}{9}x^2 - \frac{1}{162}x^4 + \frac{1}{2187}x^6 + \cdots$$

For the graphs to agree at zero we need to choose $c = \ln(9)$.

The ratio test shows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+4}}{9^{n+2}(n+2)} \cdot \frac{9^{n+1}(n+1)}{x^{2n+2}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^2}{9} \right| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x| < 3$. At ± 3 , the series is the alternating harmonic series, which is convergent. So the interval of convergence is $[-3,3]$.

To be sure, here are some screen shots of the TI-92 illustrating these functions and their graphs.



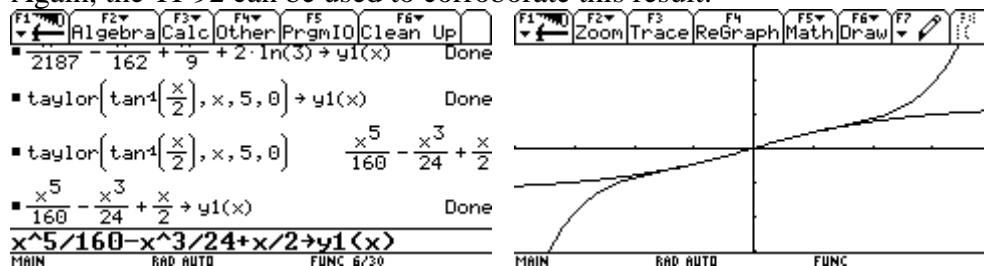
$$f(x) = \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \int \frac{d}{dx} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{1 - \left(-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)^n dx$$

c.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{4^n} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n}} \int x^{2n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2^{2n+1} (2n+1)} = \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{24} x^3 + \frac{1}{160} x^5 + \dots$$

The ratio test shows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+3}}{2^{2n+3} (2n+3)} \cdot \frac{2^{2n+1} (2n+1)}{x^{2n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^2}{4} \right| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x| < 2$. At ± 2 , the series is an alternating series that satisfies the alternating series test, so the interval of convergence is $[-2, 2]$.

Again, the TI-92 can be used to corroborate this result:



3. Consider $f(x) = \frac{\arctan(2x)}{x}$

a. How can $f(0)$ be defined so that the function is continuous where $x = 0$?

SOLN: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\arctan(2x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2}{1+4x^2}}{1} = 2$, so define $f(0) = 2$ to remove the discontinuity.

b. Using this definition for $f(0)$, develop the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2^{2n+1} x^{2n}}{2n+1}$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int \frac{d}{dx} \arctan(2x) dx = \frac{2}{x} \int \frac{1}{1 - (-4x^2)} dx = \frac{2}{x} \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-4x^2)^n dx$$

SOLN:

$$= \frac{2}{x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-4)^n \int x^{2n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2^{2n+1} x^{2n}}{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2(2x)^{2n}}{2n+1} = 2 - \frac{8}{3} x^2 + \frac{32}{5} x^4 + \dots$$

c. Find a Maclaurin series for $\int_0^x f(t) dt$ and use this to approximate $\int_0^{1/10} \frac{\arctan(2x)}{x} dx$ to the nearest thousandth.

$$\int_0^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2(2t)^{2n}}{2n+1} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \int_0^x t^{2n} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(2x)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)^2} = 2x - \frac{8}{9} x^3 + \frac{32}{25} x^5 - \frac{512}{81} x^7 + \dots$$

The radius of convergence here is $\frac{1}{2}$, so $\int_0^{1/10} \frac{\arctan(2x)}{x} dx$ can be evaluated as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(0.2)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)^2} = 2(0.2) - \frac{8}{9}(.008) + \frac{32}{25}0.00032 - \dots \approx 0.4 - 0.007\bar{1} + 0.00041 \approx 0.393$$

4. Let $f_n(x) = \frac{\sin(x/n)}{n}$

a. Show that the series $\sum f_n(x)$ diverges for $x = n\pi/2$, n an integer.

SOLN: $f_n\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin(\pi/2)}{n} = \frac{1}{n}$ so $\sum f_n(x) = \sum 1/n$ is the (divergent) harmonic series.

b. Show that $\sum f'_n(x)$ converges for all x .

SOLN: $|f'_n(x)| = \left| \frac{\cos(x/n)}{n^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$ and so the series converges absolutely (p-series with $p = 2$).

c. For what values of x does the series $\sum f_n''(x)$ converge?

$|f_n''(x)| = \left| \frac{\sin(x/n)}{n^3} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^3}$ converges for all x .

5. Find the Taylor series for f centered at $x = 4$ if $f^{(n)}(4) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{2^n (2n+1)}$.

What is the radius of convergence of this Taylor series?

SOLN: $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(4)}{n!} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n (2n+1)} \Rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-4)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n (2n+1)} (x-4)^n$

By the ratio test, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-4)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1} (2n+3)} \cdot \frac{2^n (2n+1)}{(x-4)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x-4}{2} \right| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x-4| < 2$ so the radius of convergence is 2.

6. Find the Maclaurin series for $\cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$. What is the radius of convergence?

SOLN $\cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$ Note that all the odd order terms cancel out.

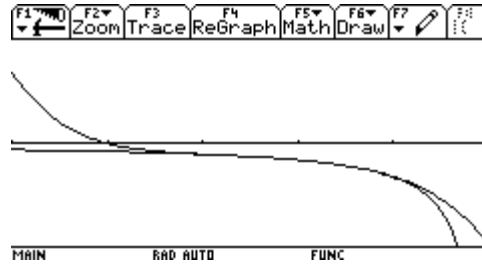
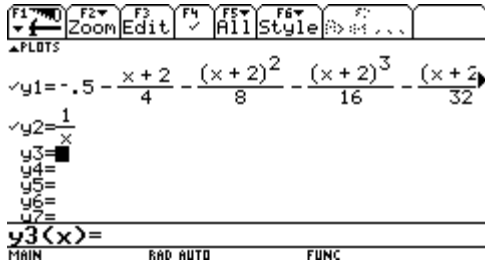
The series converges for all x .

7. Find the Taylor series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ centered around $a = -2$.

This means you'll need to find a formula for the Taylor coefficient.

SOLN: $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}, f''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}, f'''(x) = -\frac{3 \cdot 2}{x^4}, \dots \Rightarrow f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^n \frac{n!}{x^{n+1}}$

so that $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(-2)}{n!} = \frac{(-1)^n}{(-2)^{n+1}} = -\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$ and the Taylor series is $\frac{1}{x} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+2)^n}{2^{n+1}}$



8. Find a binomial series for $f(x) = (1+x)^{1/3}$ and use this to approximate $\sqrt[3]{1729} = \sqrt[3]{1+12^3}$. You need only work out the first two non-zero terms.

SOLN: $f(x) = (1+x)^{1/3} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{1/3}{n} x^n = 1 + \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{9}x^2 + \frac{5}{81}x^3 - \frac{10}{243}x^4 + \dots$

So $\sqrt[3]{1729} = \sqrt[3]{1+12^3} = 12\sqrt[3]{1 + \frac{1}{1728}} \approx 12\left(1 + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 1728}\right) = 12 + \frac{1}{432} = 12.0023148$

Note: This compares closely with $\sqrt[3]{1729} \approx 12.0023143684$