

Answers to the MAT127 Homework No.6

Chapter 8 Section 6 Problem 3-6, 9, 10, 17, 18-20, 30

3.

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

The series converges when $|x| < 1$, so the the interval of convergence is $(-1, 1)$.

4.

$$f(x) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3 \cdot (x^4)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3x^{4n}$$

The series converges when $x^4 < 1$, so the interval of convergence is $(-1, 1)$.

5.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^3)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{3n}$$

The series converges when $|x^3| < 1$, so the interval of convergence is $(-1, 1)$.

6.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-(-9x^2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-9x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 9^n x^{2n}$$

The series converges when $|9x^2| < 1$, i.e. $|x| < 1/3$, so the interval of convergence is $(-1/3, 1/3)$.

9.

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{1-(x/3)^2} = \frac{x}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{3} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^{2n+1}$$

The series converges when $(x/3)^2 < 1$, i.e. $|x| < 3$, so the interval of convergence is $(-3, 3)$.

10.

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

The series converges when $|x^3/a^3| < 1$, i.e $|x| < |a|$, so the interval of convergence is $(-|a|, |a|)$.

17.

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln(3+x) &= \int \frac{1}{3+x} dx + C \\
&= \int \left(\frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{3^n} x^n \right) dx + C \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int \frac{(-1)^n}{3^n} x^n dx + C \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{3^n} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C
\end{aligned}$$

Let $x = 0$, then $\ln 3 = C$. So

$$\ln(3+x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{3^{n+1}} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + \ln 3$$

18.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{25} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - (-x^2/5^2)} = \frac{1}{25} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{5^{2n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n}}{5^{2n+2}} x^{2n}$$

19.

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) &= \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x) \\
&= \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx + \int \frac{1}{1-x} dx + C \\
&= 2 \int \frac{1}{1-x^2} dx + C \\
&= 2 \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n} dx + C \\
&= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int x^{2n} dx + C \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + C
\end{aligned}$$

Let $x = 0$, then $C = 0$. So

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

20. Since $(\tan^{-1}(2x))' = \frac{2}{1+4x^2}$,

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}(2x) &= \int \frac{2}{1+4x^2} dx + C \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int (-1)^n 4^n x^{2n} dx + C \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2^{2n+1}}{2n+1} x^{2n+1} + C\end{aligned}$$

Let $x = 0$, then $C = 0$. So

$$\tan^{-1}(2x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{4^n}{2n+1} x^{2n+1}$$

30.

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

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