

1. Determine whether each series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent. Justify your answer completely.

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

The series diverges by the **divergence test** since

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n! n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \pm \infty$$

because $\frac{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^n}{n^2} \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and so

$$\frac{(2n)!}{2^n n! n} = \frac{(2n)(2n-1)(2n-2) \cdots (2n-n+1)(2n-n)!}{2^n n! n}$$

$$= \frac{(2n)(2n-1)(2n-2) \cdots (n+1) \cancel{n!}}{2^n \cancel{n!} n}$$

So $(n-1)$ terms remaining at the numerator

$$= \frac{n^{n-1} (2)(2-\frac{1}{n})(2-\frac{2}{n}) \cdots (1+\frac{1}{n})}{2^n n}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{n} (2)(2-\frac{1}{n})(2-\frac{2}{n}) \cdots (1+\frac{1}{n})}{2^n n^2}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^n}{n^2} (2)(2-\frac{1}{n})(2-\frac{2}{n}) \cdots (1+\frac{1}{n})$$

$$\longrightarrow \infty \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdots 2 \cdot 1 = \infty.$$

(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n\pi}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ which converges conditionally as an alternating series with $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$ and does not converge absolutely by p-series.

(c) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{-n}$

Using the root test,

$$|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = |n e^{-n}|^{\frac{1}{n}} = n^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{-1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

So $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{-n}$ converges absolutely by the root test.

NB: Integral test will also work.

(d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{3n}}{n^n}$

Using the root test,

$$|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \frac{e^{3n}}{n^n} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{e^3}{n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 < 1$$

So $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{3n}}{n^n}$ converges absolutely.

$$(e) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{28n^2 + 5}{\sqrt{16n^7 + 3n^3 + 2}}$$

$$a_n = \frac{28n^2 + 5}{\sqrt{16n^7 + 3n^3 + 2}} \text{ is similar to } b_n = \frac{n^2}{n^{7/2}} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

So using the limit comparison test,

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{28n^2 + 5}{\sqrt{16n^7 + 3n^3 + 2}} \div \frac{n^2}{n^{7/2}}$$

$$= \frac{28n^2 + 5}{\sqrt{16n^7 + 3n^3 + 2}} \times \frac{n^{7/2}}{n^2}$$

$$= \frac{28 + \frac{5}{n^2}}{\sqrt{16 + \frac{3}{n^4} + \frac{2}{n^7}}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{28}{\sqrt{16}} = 7 > 0$$

But $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^{7/2}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ converges by p-series.

Thus,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{28n^2 + 5}{\sqrt{16n^7 + 3n^3 + 2}} \text{ converges by the Limit Comparison test.}$$

$$(f) -\frac{2}{2} + \frac{2 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 5} - \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8} + \dots$$

This is an alternating series with n th term

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n}{n!}$$

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8 \cdots (3n-1)}$$

Using **ratio test**,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n (2n+2)}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8 \cdots (3n-1) (3n+2)} \div \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8 \cdots (3n-1)} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdots \cancel{2n} (2n+2)}{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{8} \cdots \cancel{(3n-1)} (3n+2)} \times \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{8} \cdots \cancel{(3n-1)}}{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdots \cancel{2n}} \\ &= \frac{2n+2}{3n+2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$-\frac{2}{2} + \frac{2 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 5} - \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8} + \cdots \text{ converges absolutely.}$$

$$(g) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3 + 10\sqrt{n}}$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $a_n = \frac{1}{3 + 10\sqrt{n}}$ is similar to $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ with

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \text{ divergent by p-series}$$

So by the **limit comparison test**,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_n}{b_n} &= \frac{1}{3 + 10\sqrt{n}} \div \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{n}}{3 + 10\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{\sqrt{n}} + 10} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{10} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3+10\sqrt{n}}$ diverges by the limit comparison test.

$$(h) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{3 \cdot 9 \cdot 15 \cdots (6n-3)}{7^n n!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \frac{3 \cdot 9 \cdot 15 \cdots (6n-3)(6n+3)}{7^{n+1} (n+1)!} \div \frac{3 \cdot 9 \cdot 15 \cdots (6n-3)}{7^n n!} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{9} \cdot \cancel{15} \cdots \cancel{(6n-3)} (6n+3)}{\cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{7} \cdot (n+1) \cdot \cancel{n!}} \times \frac{\cancel{7^n} n!}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{9} \cdot \cancel{15} \cdots \cancel{(6n-3)}} \\ &= \frac{6n+3}{7n+7} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6}{7} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{3 \cdot 9 \cdot 15 \cdots (6n-3)}{7^n n!}$$

Converges absolutely by the ratio test

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

The series of absolute values $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n \ln n}{n^3} \right| = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3}$ is convergent since by the integral test,

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since by the **integral test**,

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx = -\frac{2}{x^3} \ln x \Big|_2^{\infty} + 2 \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4} dx$$

$$= \frac{2 \ln 2}{2^3} + 2 \left(\frac{1}{-3x^3} \right) \Big|_2^{\infty}$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2 \ln x}{x^3} = 0$ by L'Hopital's rule

$$= \frac{\ln 2}{4} + \frac{1}{4}.$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \ln n}{n^3}$ is absolutely convergent.

(j) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(3n)!}{(n!)^3}$

$$a_n = \frac{(3n)!}{(n!)^3} = \frac{(3n)!}{n! \cdot n! \cdot n!}$$

(2n-1) terms

$$= \frac{3n (3n-1) (3n-2) (3n-3) \dots (3n-(2n-1)) (3n-2n)!}{n! \cdot n! \cdot n!}$$

(2n-1) terms

$$= \frac{3n (3n-1) (3n-2) (3n-3) \dots (n+1) \cancel{n!}}{n! \cdot n! \cdot \cancel{n!}}$$

(2n-1) terms

$$= \frac{3n (3n-1) (3n-2) (3n-3) \dots (n+1)}{1}$$

$$= \frac{3n(3n-1)(3n-2)(3n-3)\dots(n+1)}{n!n!}$$

$$= \frac{n^{2n-1} \left(3 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(3 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \left(3 - \frac{3}{n}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{n!n!}$$

$$= \frac{n^n \cdot n^n}{n} \cdot \frac{\left(3 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(3 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \left(3 - \frac{3}{n}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{n!n!}$$

$$= \frac{n^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} \cdot \left(3 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(3 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \left(3 - \frac{3}{n}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty \cdot \infty \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = \infty$$

Since

$$\frac{n^n}{nn!}, \quad \frac{n^n}{n!} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

because

$$\frac{n^n}{nn!} = \frac{n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot n \cdot \dots \cdot n}{n \cdot n(2n-1)(2n-2)\dots 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2n-1} \cdot \frac{n}{2n-2} \cdot \frac{n}{2n-3} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{n}{3} \cdot \frac{n}{2} \geq \frac{n}{2} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 2$$

i.e.

$$\frac{n^n}{n!} \geq \frac{n^n}{nn!} \geq \frac{n}{2}$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(3n)!}{(n!)^3}$ diverges by the divergence test.

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$$(k) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^{5/2} - 1}$$

$a_n = \frac{n}{n^{5/2} - 1}$ is similar to $b_n = \frac{n}{n^{5/2}}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

So using the limit comparison test,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_n}{b_n} &= \frac{n}{n^{5/2} - 1} \div \frac{n}{n^{5/2}} \\ &= \frac{n}{n^{5/2} - 1} \times \frac{n^{5/2}}{n} \\ &= \frac{n^{5/2}}{n^{5/2} - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{n^{5/2}}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - 0} = 1 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

But $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^{5/2}} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.5}}$ converges by p-series.

Hence, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^{5/2} - 1}$ converges ^{absolutely} by the limit comparison test.

$$(l) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/n}}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n^{1/n}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1} = 1 \neq 0$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1} = 1 \neq 0$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$ diverges by the divergence test.

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

Using the root test,

$$(a_n)^{1/n} = \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n 3^n} \right| = \frac{1}{n^{1/n} \cdot 3} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n 3^n}$ converges absolutely by the root test.

$$(n) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n\pi \sqrt[n]{n}}{n^{0.2}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[\cos n\pi] n^{0.1}}{n^{0.2}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{0.1}}$$

which converges conditionally by alternating series test.

$$(o) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2\pi)^{3n}}{n^{2n}}$$

Using the root test,

$$|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \frac{(2\pi)^{3n}}{n^{2n}} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{n^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 < 1$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2\pi)^{3n}}{n^{2n}} \text{ converges by the root test.}$$

$$(p) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6n-5}{n^3+n}$$

$$a_n = \frac{6n-5}{n^3+n} \text{ is similar to } b_n = \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

So using the limit comparison test,

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{6n-5}{n^3+n} \div \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$= \frac{6n-5}{n^3+n} \times \frac{n^2}{1}$$

$$= \frac{6n^3-5n^2}{n^3+n}$$

$$= \frac{6 - \frac{5}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6}{1} = 6 > 0$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6n-5}{n^3+n}$ converges by the limit comparison test
since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges by p-series.

$$(q) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\arctan n)^n}$$

Using the root test,

$$|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \frac{1}{(\arctan n)^n} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{\arctan n} \right| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi} < 1$$

$$(r) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^{2n}}{n^2 9^n}$$

Using the root test,

$$|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \frac{5^{2n}}{n^2 9^n} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{5^2}{n^{\frac{2}{n}} \cdot 9} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{25}{9} > 1$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^{2n}}{n^2 9^n}$ diverges by the root test.

$$(s) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{n} - e^{-n} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} - \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{e} \right)^n}_{\text{geometric series}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (s) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} - e^{-n} \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} - \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{-1})^n}_{\text{geometric series}} \\
 &= \infty - \frac{1}{1 - e^{-1}} \\
 &= \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} - e^{-n} \right)$ diverges

2. Consider $g(x) = \frac{2}{3x+1}$

(a) Find a power series representation for $g(x)$ centered at 0

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= \frac{2}{3x+1} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{1 - (-3x)} \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-3x)^n, \quad | -3x | < 1 \\
 &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 3^n x^n, \quad |x| < \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Use this result to find a power series representation for $-\frac{6x^3}{(3x+1)^2}$. What is its radius of convergence?

$$-\frac{6x^3}{(3x+1)^2} = x^3 \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{2}{3x+1} \right)$$

$$= x^3 \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 3^n x^n \right) \quad |x| < \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{from (a)}$$

$$= x^3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n 3^n \frac{d}{dx} (x^n), \quad |x| < \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= x^3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n 3^n \frac{x^{n-1}}{n-1}, \quad |x| < \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3^n}{n-1} x^{n-1}, \quad |x| < \frac{1}{3}$$

Radius of convergence is $\frac{1}{3}$.

3. (a) Use a Maclaurin series to find a series representation of $\sin(1/10)$

The Maclaurin series of

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

So, the Maclaurin series of

$$\sin(1/10) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(1/10)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{10^{2n+1} (2n+1)!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{10^{2n+1} (2n+1)!}$$

- (b) How many terms of this series are needed to approximate $\sin(1/10)$ with an error less than 10^{-6} ? (There are two estimation theorems relevant here: Taylor's Inequality and the Alternating Series Estimation Theorem. You will probably find it easier to use the latter.)

Since the series of $\sin(1/10)$ is an alternating series that satisfies the hypotheses of alternating series theorem, we use the Alternating Series Estimation Theorem.

$$|R_n| = |s - s_n| \leq b_{n+1}.$$

So, we are looking for n such that

$$b_{n+1} < 10^{-6}, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{10^{2n+1} (2n+1)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10^{2(n+1)+1} (2(n+1)+1)!} < 10^{-6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10^{2n+3} (2n+3)!} < 10^{-6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10^{2n+3} (2n+3)!} - 10^{-6} < 0, \quad n = ?$$

Using graphing calculator, we find that $n \geq 1$

Thus, at least two terms are need and

$$\sin(1/10) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(1/10)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \approx \sum_{n=0}^1 (-1)^n \frac{(1/10)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$= 0.998\bar{3}$$

is within 10^{-6} of the true sum.

$$(c) \text{ Find } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{10\pi}{(2n+1)!} = 10\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} \rightarrow \sin 1$$

$$= 10\pi \sin(1)$$

4. Find the Taylor series, centered at 1, for $h(x) = 5/x^2$

The Taylor series centered at 1 is

$$h(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{h^{(n)}(1)}{n!} (x-1)^n.$$

But

$$h^{(0)}(1) = \left. \frac{5}{x^2} \right|_{x=1} = 5$$

$$h'(1) = \left. \frac{-5 \cdot 2}{x^3} \right|_{x=1} = -5 \cdot 2$$

$$h''(1) = \left. \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{x^4} \right|_{x=1} = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

$$h'''(1) = \left. \frac{-2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{x^5} \right|_{x=1} = -2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5$$

$$h^{(4)}(1) = \left. \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5^2}{x^6} \right|_{x=1} = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5^2$$

$$h^{(5)}(1) = \left. \frac{-2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 6}{x^7} \right|_{x=1} = -2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 6$$

$$h^{(6)}(1) = \left. \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 6 \cdot 7}{x^8} \right|_{x=1} = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 6 \cdot 7$$

⋮

$$h^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n \left. \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdots (n-1)}{x^{n+2}} \right|_{x=1} = (-1)^n 5(n-1)!$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) = \frac{5}{x^2} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{h^{(n)}(1)}{n!} (x-1)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 5(n-1)!}{n!} (x-1)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 5}{n} (x-1)^n \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 5 (x-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \div \frac{(-1)^n 5 (x-1)^n}{n} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| &= \left| \frac{\frac{5(x-1)^n}{n!}}{\frac{5(x-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{5(x-1)^n}{n!} \times \frac{n!}{5(x-1)^{n+1}} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{5(x-1)^n}{n!} \right| \longrightarrow 5|x-1| < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-1| < \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \text{Radius of convergence is } \frac{1}{5}.$$

Hence,

$$h(x) = \frac{5}{x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 5}{n!} (x-1)^n \text{ on } \frac{4}{5} \leq x \leq \frac{6}{5}$$

Since the series converges at $\frac{4}{5}$ and $\frac{6}{5}$.

5. Let $f(x) = x^{3/2}$

(a) Find the second degree Taylor polynomial $T_2(x)$ for $f(x)$, centered at 1

The second degree Taylor polynomial centered at 1 is

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_2(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^2 \frac{f^{(n)}(1)}{n!} (x-1)^n \\
 &= f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2} (x-1)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2}(x-1)^2$$

But

$$f^{(0)}(1) = x^{3/2} \Big|_{x=1} = 1$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2} \Big|_{x=1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$f''(1) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^{-1/2} \Big|_{x=1} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Thus,

$$T_2(x) = 1 + \frac{3}{2}(x-1) + \frac{3}{4}(x-1)^2$$

(b) Use this result to approximate $\sqrt{(\frac{2}{3})^3}$. What is the maximum possible error in this approximation?

Taking $x = \frac{2}{3}$ in (a), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} T_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) &= 1 + \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}-1\right) + \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{2}{3}-1\right)^2 \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{3}{4}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{12} \\ &= \frac{12-6+1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\frac{7}{12}}}$$

To find the maximum possible error in the approximation, we consider the interval $[-\frac{2}{3}, 1+\frac{2}{3}] = [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}]$ and use Taylor's Inequality as follows:

$$f^{(0)}(x) = x^{3/2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^{-1/2}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^{-3/2} = -\frac{3}{8} x^{3/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \max_{x \in [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}]} |f'''(x)| = \left| -\frac{3}{8} x^{3/2} \right| \Big|_{x=\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{8 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{27}}{8}$$

Since $|f'''(x)|$ is decreasing on $[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}]$.

Thus, by Taylor's Inequality,

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M |x-1|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow |R_2(x)| \leq \frac{3\sqrt{27} \left|\frac{5}{3}-1\right|^3}{8(3!)} = \frac{\sqrt{27}}{2(27)} \approx 0.0962$$

Hence, the maximum possible error in this approximation is ≈ 0.0962 on the interval $[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}]$.

Then, the maximum power is ...
on the interval $[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}]$.

6. Suppose the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x+1)^n$ is known to converge at $x = -6$ and diverge at $x = 4$.
What is its radius of convergence? Its interval of convergence?

The power series is centered at $a = -1$ whose distance from 4 is 5. If the radius of convergence $R < 5$, then the power series would not be convergent at $x = -6$ (whose distance from -1 is also 5). If $R > 5$ then the power series would be convergent at $x = 4$.

Hence,

Radius of convergence $R = 5$

Interval of convergence $= [-1-5, -1+5) = [-6, 4)$.

7. Use series to evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^6 - x^8}{\arctan(x^2) - x^2}$

Using geometric series,

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

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \int_0^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^{2n} dt$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_0^x t^{2n} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_0^x t^{2n} dt$$

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

So

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

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

$$= x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3} + \frac{x^{10}}{5} - \frac{x^{14}}{7} + \dots$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^6 - x^8}{\tan^{-1}(x^2) - x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^6 - x^8}{\left(x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3} + \frac{x^{10}}{5} - \frac{x^{14}}{7} + \dots\right) - x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^6 - x^8}{-\frac{x^6}{3} + \frac{x^{10}}{5} - \frac{x^{14}}{7} + \dots}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^6 (3 - x^2)}{x^6 \left(-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{x^4}{5} - \frac{x^8}{7} + \dots\right)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 - x^2}{-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{x^4}{5} - \frac{x^8}{7} + \dots}$$

$$= \frac{3 - 0^2}{-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{0^4}{5} - \frac{0^8}{7} + \dots}$$

$$= \frac{3}{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-9}}$$

8. What is the sum of $\frac{1}{2^3 3!} - \frac{1}{2^5 5!} + \frac{1}{2^7 7!} - \frac{1}{2^9 9!} + \dots$?

$$\frac{1}{2^3 3!} - \frac{1}{2^5 5!} + \frac{1}{2^7 7!} - \frac{1}{2^9 9!} + \dots = \left(\frac{1}{2^1 1!} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2^3 3!} \right) + \frac{1}{2^5 5!} - \frac{1}{2^7 7!} + \frac{1}{2^9 9!} - \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2^3 3!} - \frac{1}{2^5 5!} + \frac{1}{2^7 7!} - \frac{1}{2^9 9!} + \dots \right)$$

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

$$= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2} - \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}}$$

→ This looks simpler than the series but in practice, the series is simpler and easier to work with.

9. Find the radius and interval of convergence of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n (x+3)^n}{2^{n+1}}$ = $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+3)^n \ln n}{2^{n+1}}$

↓ My interpretation, otherwise it won't be a power series.

Using ratio test,

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(x+3)^{n+1} \ln(n+1)}{2^{n+2}} \div \frac{(x+3)^n \ln n}{2^{n+1}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\cancel{(x+3)}^n (x+3) \ln(n+1)}{\cancel{2}^1 \cdot 2^{2^2}} \times \frac{\cancel{2}^n \cdot 2}{\cancel{(x+3)}^n \ln n} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{(x+3) \ln(n+1)}{2 \ln n} \right| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x+3|}{2} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |x+3| < 2 \Leftrightarrow -5 < x < -1$$

$\Rightarrow$ Radius of convergence is 2.

At $x = -5$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x+3)^n \ln n}{2^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-5+3)^n \ln n}{2^{n+1}}$$

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

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

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \ln n}{2} \quad \text{which diverges since } a_n \longrightarrow \pm \infty$$

Similarly, at $x = -1$

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

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n \ln n}{2^n \cdot 2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{2} \quad \text{which diverges since } a_n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Hence, interval of convergence is $(-5, -1)$.

10. Find the Maclaurin series for $g(x) = e^{-x^2}$. Use it to find the value of $g^{(20)}(0)$ (this should not require taking 20 derivatives).

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \text{since } f(x) = e^x \Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = e^{-x^2}$$

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

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

$$= 1 - \frac{x^2}{1!} + \frac{x^4}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} + \dots - \frac{x^{18}}{9!} + \frac{x^{20}}{10!} - \dots$$

Comparing with the general form $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$, we get that

$$c_n = \frac{g^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{(n)}(0) = c_n n!$$

$$\text{So } g^{(20)}(0) = \frac{1}{10!} \cdot 20!$$

$$= \frac{20!}{10!}$$

11. (a) Find a power series representation of $\frac{-1}{(1+x)^2}$

$$\frac{-1}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{1+x} \right)$$

$$\infty \dots \infty$$

$$1 \sim 1 \sim 1$$

$$(1+x)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n, \quad |x| < 1$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{d}{dx} (x^n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n x^{n-1}, \quad |x| < 1$$

(b) Find a power series representation of $\frac{2}{(1+x)^3}$

$$\frac{2}{(1+x)^3} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{-1}{(1+x)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n x^{n-1}, \quad |x| < 1$$

from (a)

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

$$= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n n(n-1) x^{n-2}, \quad |x| < 1$$

(c) Use these results to find the sum of $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{2^{n-2}}$

Taking $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ in (6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\text{RHS: } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n n(n-1) \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-2} &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n n(n-1) (-1)^n \left(\frac{1}{2^{n-2}}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^{2n} \frac{n(n-1)}{2^{n-2}} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{2^{n-2}}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHS: } \frac{2}{(1+x)^3} \Big|_{x=-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{(1-\frac{1}{2})^3} = \frac{2}{(\frac{1}{2})^3} = 2 \cdot 8 = 16.$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{2^{n-2}} = 16$$

12. Consider the sequence $\{a_n\}$, with $a_0 = 2$, and $a_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{3 \cdot a_n}$. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$

This problem is an application of the monotonic sequence theorem

We need to show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ makes sense by showing that $\{a_n\}$ is

(i) bounded

(ii) monotonic

(1) monotonic

If so, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ makes sense and in fact

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} \quad (\text{call this } x)$$

Thus,

$$a_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{3a_n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{3a_n} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{3 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{3x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, x = \pm\sqrt{3}.$$

Playing around with few terms of the sequence, we will notice that the right choice is $x = \sqrt{3}$.

Hence, we will need to show that $\{a_n\}$ is

(i) decreasing

(ii) bounded below by $\sqrt{3}$

so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \sqrt{3}.$$

Both (i) and (ii) can be shown using the principle of mathematical induction.