

# Calculus BC

## Section 9.8 - Power Series

Obj: - To find the radius and interval of convergence of a power series.  
- To differentiate and integrate a power series.

Def: A **power series** is a series of the form

$$\sum_0^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_0^{\infty} a_n (x - c)^n$$

where the center “ $c$ ” and coefficients  $a_n$  are constants.

### • Testing a power series for convergence:

1. Find all values of  $x$  where the series  $\sum_1^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$  converges ( either conditionally or absolutely).

step 1: use the ratio test to find the interval of  $x$  where the series converges absolutely,

that is,  $\rho < 1$  in the ratio test for  $\sum_1^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_1^{\infty} \left| (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} \right|$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^n}{n} \right|$$

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$$\rho = \quad < 1$$

series converge absolutely for \_\_\_\_\_

step 2: the series would diverge when  $\rho > 1$  or when  
> 1

step 3: Now test the series for the endpoints  $x = 1$  &  $x = -1$ .

i) for  $x = 1$ , we have the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1^n}{n} \quad \text{or simply} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1^n}{n}$$

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- list a few terms

- Do you recognize this series?
- Does it converge?

ii) for  $x = -1$ , we have the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \quad \text{or simply} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n-1}}{n}$$

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- list a few terms

- Do you recognize this series?
- Does it converge?

This series - converges absolutely for  $-1 < x < 1$   
- converges conditionally for  $x = 1$  &  $x = -1$

The interval of convergence is  $-1 < x < 1$

The radius of convergence is  $1$

2. Find the sum of the series  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$

-Look at the derivative of the series:

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

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ series with \_\_\_\_\_

We can find the sum if we keep \_\_\_\_\_  $< 1$

The series  $f'(x) =$

-To get back to  $f(x)$ , we \_\_\_\_\_

$$f(x) =$$

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To find c, we need to first define the initial conditions.

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

Equation (1) now becomes

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

$$\text{for } \left| -x^2 \right| < 1 \quad \text{or} \quad |x| < 1$$

