

Quiz 5

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High: 20
Median: 20
Low: 16

(5 points each) For each power series, please find x_0 , the center of the interval of convergence, and R , the radius of convergence. Show all work needed to reach your answers. If you need the value of any limit to reach your answer, please compute that value.

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

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{n^2} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^2}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_0 = 3 \quad R = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n (n+1) \ln(n+1)}{4^{n+1} n \ln n} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln n}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'Hopital}}{=} \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}}\right)$$

$$x_0 = 0 \quad R = \frac{1}{4}$$

3. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1)^n}{3^{n/2}}$

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n/2}}{3^{(n+1)/2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n/2}}{3^{n/2} \cdot 3^{1/2}} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$x_0 = 1 \quad R = \sqrt{3}$$

4. Suppose $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ converges with radius of convergence $R = 7$. What's the radius of convergence for the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3a_k}{k!} x^k$?

$$7 = R = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_k}{a_{k+1}} \right|$$

For the second series,

$$R = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_k}{a_{k+1}} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{3a_k (k+1)!}{3a_{k+1} k!} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_k}{a_{k+1}} \right| \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k+1}{1} = 7 \cdot (+\infty) = +\infty$$

So for the latter series, $R = +\infty$.