

- 1 If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-3)^n$  is a power series which converges absolutely for  $x=0$ , what can you say about its radius of convergence? (3 points) What if it converges conditionally for  $x=0$ ? (2 points)

This is a power series centered at  $x=3$ . The point  $x=0$  is a distance of 3 from the center.

In the first case, you know that the radius of convergence  $R$  is at least 3, i.e.  $R \geq 3$ , because  $x=0$  is in the interval of convergence.

In the second case, you know that the radius of convergence is exactly 3, because if it were less than 3, the series would diverge at  $x=0$ , and if it were more than 3, the series would converge absolutely at  $x=0$ . Thus, the only possibility left is that the radius is exactly 3.

- 2 Find the Maclaurin series for  $f(x) = 2 \sin x$  using the definition of the Maclaurin series. (5 points)

The derivatives of  $f(x)$  are:

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(4n)}(x) &= 2 \sin x \\ f^{(4n+1)}(x) &= 2 \cos x \\ f^{(4n+2)}(x) &= -2 \sin x \\ f^{(4n+3)}(x) &= -2 \cos x \end{aligned}$$

for any integer  $n$ . Another way of saying this is that the derivatives just cycle through the four functions above in the order listed. We can evaluate each of these functions at  $x=0$  to get:

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(4n)}(x) &= 0 \\ f^{(4n+1)}(x) &= 1 \\ f^{(4n+2)}(x) &= 0 \\ f^{(4n+3)}(x) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the Maclaurin has only terms of odd degree and these have alternating sign:

$$\frac{2x}{1!} - \frac{2x^3}{3!} + \frac{2x^5}{5!} - \frac{2x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

We can rewrite this in sigma notation as:

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

3 Express  $\frac{x}{x-2}$  as a power series. (5 points)

First rearrange the equation to get something looking more like the geometric series and then use the power series expansion of the geometric series:

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

where the last step is reindexing so that the power of  $x$  is  $n$  instead of  $n+1$ .