

Problems

In each of Problems 1 through 6, determine the radius of convergence of the given power series.

1. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x-3)^n$
2. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} x^n$
3. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{n!}$
4. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^n$
5. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-x_0)^n}{n}$
6. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2 (x+2)^n}{3^n}$

In each of Problems 7 through 13, determine the Taylor series about the point x_0 for the given function. Also determine the radius of convergence of the series.

7. $\sin x$, $x_0 = 0$
8. e^x , $x_0 = 0$
9. x , $x_0 = 1$
10. x^2 , $x_0 = -1$
11. $\ln x$, $x_0 = 1$
12. $\frac{1}{1-x}$, $x_0 = 0$
13. $\frac{1}{1-x}$, $x_0 = 2$
14. Let $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n x^n$.

- a. Compute y' and write out the first four terms of the series.
- b. Compute y'' and write out the first four terms of the series.

15. Let $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$.

- a. Compute y' and y'' and write out the first four terms of each series, as well as the coefficient of x^n in the general term.
- b. Show that if $y'' = y$, then the coefficients a_0 and a_1 are arbitrary, and determine a_2 and a_3 in terms of a_0 and a_1 .
- c. Show that $a_{n+2} = \frac{a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

In each of Problems 16 and 17, verify the given equation.

16. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-1)^{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} (x-1)^n$

17. $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{k+1} x^k + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k+1} = a_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_{k+1} + a_{k-1}) x^k$

In each of Problems 18 through 22, rewrite the given expression as a single power series whose generic term involves x^n .

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

19. $x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$

20. $\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m(m-1) a_m x^{m-2} + x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1}$

21. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$

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

23. Determine the a_n so that the equation

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

is satisfied. Try to identify the function represented by the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$.