

MAT266 HOMEWORK 08 (SOLUTIONS)

1. We have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x}{n+1} \right| = 0$$

So, by the ratio test, this converges for all  $x$ -values. Thus the radius of convergence is  $R = \infty$  and the interval of convergence is  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

2. We have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-2)^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{n^2 + 1}{(x-2)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (x-2) \cdot \frac{(n+1)^2 + 1}{n^2 + 1} \right| = |x-2|.$$

By the Ratio Test, this converges when  $|x-2| < 1$ , and so the radius of convergence is  $R = 1$ . The open interval of convergence is  $(1, 3)$ . When  $x = 1$ , this series converges by the Alternating Series Test. When  $x = 3$ , this series converges by comparison with  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ . Thus the interval of convergence is  $[1, 3]$ .

3. We have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n3^n}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x}{3} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right| = \left| \frac{x}{3} \right|.$$

By the Ratio Test, this converges when  $\left| \frac{x}{3} \right| < 1$ , or rather, when  $|x| < 3$ . Thus the radius of convergence is  $R = 3$  and the open interval of convergence is  $(-3, 3)$ . When  $x = -3$  the series converges by the Alternating Series Test, and when  $x = 3$  it diverges since it is the harmonic series. Thus the interval of convergence is  $[-3, 3)$ .

4. We see by the divergence test that the series diverges for all  $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$ . However, when  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , we are effectively summing up 0 infinitely many times, and so the series converges only at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . As such, we write that the radius of convergence is  $R = 0$  and the interval of convergence is

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right], \text{ or } \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \right\}.$$

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6. Given the usual power series for  $1/(1-x)$ , we get

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

The open interval of convergence is  $(-1, 1)$ .

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7. Given the usual power series for  $1/(1-x)$ , we get

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

The open interval of convergence is  $\left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ .

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