

Advanced Calculus II

Unit 8.7: 8.7.1a, 8.7.1c, 8.7.2a, 8.7.3a, 8.7.7, 8.7.8

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8.7.1a

Find the radius of convergence of the following power series: $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^k}{k^3} x^k$.

We will use the ratio test.

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left| \frac{3^{k+1}}{(k+1)^3} \right|}{\left| \frac{3^k}{k^3} \right|} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^k(3)k^3}{3^k(k+1)^3} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3k^3}{(k+1)^3} = 3$$

Therefore the radius of convergence, $R = \frac{1}{3}$.

8.7.1c

Find the radius of convergence of the following power series: $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^k x^k$.

We will use the root test.

$$\frac{1}{R} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right|} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right| = 1$$

Therefore, the radius of convergence, $R = 1$.

8.7.2a

For the following series, determine all values of x for which the series con-

verges: $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{x^k}$, ($x \neq 0$).

8.7.3a

Use the power series expansion of $\frac{1}{(1-x)}$ and its derivatives, find

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kx^k, |x| < 1.$$

8.7.7

Suppose $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x-c)^k$ has a radius of convergence $R > 0$.

For $|x-c| < R$, set $F(x) = \int_c^x f(t)dt$. Prove that

$$F(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k+1}(x-c)^{k+1}, |x-c| < R.$$

8.7.8a

Use the previous exercise and the fact that $\frac{d}{dx} \text{Arctan } x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ to obtain the Taylor series expansion of $\text{Arctan } x$ about $c = 0$.

8.7.8b

Use part (a) to obtain a series expansion for π .

8.7.8c

How large must n be chosen so that the n th partial sum of the series in part (b) provides an approximation of π correct to four decimal places?