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END OF EXAM

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$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(-3)^n x^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{(-3)^{n-1} x^n} = \frac{-3n}{n+1} \cdot x$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{-3n}{n+1} \cdot x \right| = 3|x|$$

$$3|x| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{3}$$

The radius of convergence is $R = \frac{1}{3}$.

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets up ratio} \\ 1 : \text{computes limit of ratio} \\ 1 : \text{determines radius of convergence} \end{cases}$$

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$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1 - (-3x)} = \frac{1}{1 + 3x}$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 2 : \text{first four nonzero terms} \\ 1 : \text{rational function} \end{cases}$$

(c) The first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for e^x are $1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!}$.

The product of the Maclaurin series for e^x and the Maclaurin series for f is

$$\left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots\right)\left(x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 3x^3 - \cdots\right)$$
$$= x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x^3 + \cdots$$

The third-degree Taylor polynomial for $g(x) = e^x f(x)$ about $x = 0$ is $T_3(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x^3$.

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{first four nonzero terms} \\ \quad\ \text{of the Maclaurin series for } e^x \\ 2 : \text{Taylor polynomial} \end{cases}$$