

Solution

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3(x+7)^{n-1}: \text{ Radius of convergence is 1, Interval of convergence is } -8 < x < -6$$

Steps

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3(x+7)^{n-1}$$

Use the Ratio Test to compute the convergence interval Hide Steps

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Series Ratio Test:

If there exists an N so that for all $n \geq N$, $a_n \neq 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$:

If $L < 1$, then $\sum a_n$ converges

If $L > 1$, then $\sum a_n$ diverges

If $L = 1$, then the test is inconclusive

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{3(x+7)^{(n+1)-1}}{3(x+7)^{n-1}} \right|$$

Compute $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left| \frac{3(x+7)^{(n+1)-1}}{3(x+7)^{n-1}} \right| \right)$ Hide Steps

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Simplify $\frac{3(x+7)^{(n+1)-1}}{3(x+7)^{n-1}}$: $x+7$ Hide Steps

$$\frac{3(x+7)^{(n+1)-1}}{3(x+7)^{n-1}}$$

Remove parentheses: $(a) = a$

$$= \frac{3(x+7)^{n+1-1}}{3(x+7)^{n-1}}$$

$$1-1=0$$

$$= \frac{3(x+7)^n}{3(x+7)^{n-1}}$$

Divide the numbers: $\frac{3}{3} = 1$

$$= \frac{(x+7)^n}{(x+7)^{n-1}}$$

Apply exponent rule: $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$ 

$$\frac{(x+7)^n}{(x+7)^{n-1}} = (x+7)^{n-(n-1)}$$

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Add similar elements: $n - (n-1) = 1$

$$= x+7$$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|x+7|)$$

$$L = |x+7| \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1)$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1) = 1$ Hide Steps

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$$

$$= 1$$

$$L = |x+7| \cdot 1$$

Simplify

$$L = |x+7|$$

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The power series converges for $L < 1$

$$|x+7| < 1$$

Find the radius of convergence Hide Steps

To find radius of convergence of a power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ solve for $|x-a|$

$$|x+7| < 1$$

Therefore

Radius of convergence is 1

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Find the interval of convergence

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To find the interval of convergence of a power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ solve for x

$$|x+7| < 1 \quad : \quad -8 < x < -6$$

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$$|x+7| < 1$$

Apply absolute rule: If $|u| < a, a > 0$ then $-a < u < a$

$$-1 < x+7 < 1$$

$$x+7 > -1 \quad \text{and} \quad x+7 < 1$$

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$$x+7 > -1 \quad \text{and} \quad x+7 < 1$$

$$x+7 > -1 \quad : \quad x > -8$$

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$$x+7 > -1$$

Subtract 7 from both sides

$$x+7-7 > -1-7$$

Simplify

$$x > -8$$

$$x+7 < 1 \quad : \quad x < -6$$

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$$x+7 < 1$$

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$$x+7-7 < 1-7$$

Simplify

$$x < -6$$

Combine the intervals

$$x > -8 \quad \text{and} \quad x < -6$$

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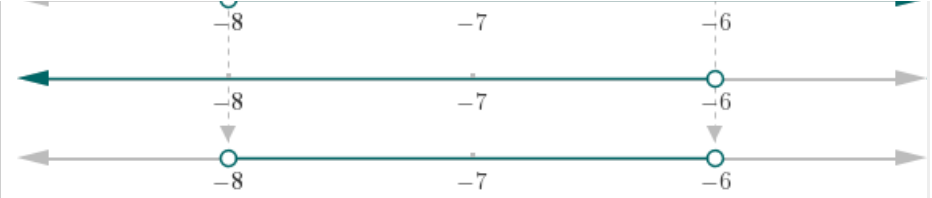
Merge Overlapping Intervals

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The intersection of two intervals is the set of numbers which are in both intervals

$$x > -8 \quad \text{and} \quad x < -6$$

$$-8 < x < -6$$



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Check the interval end points: $x = -8$:diverges, $x = -6$:diverges

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For $x = -8$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3((-8)+7)^{n-1}$: diverges

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3((-8)+7)^{n-1}$$

Refine

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3(-1)^{n-1}$$

Apply the constant multiplication rule: $\sum c \cdot a_n = c \cdot \sum a_n$

$$= 3 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1}$$

Apply Series Divergence Test: diverges

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1}$$

Series Divergence Test:

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ then $\sum a_n$ diverges

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((-1)^{n-1}) = \text{diverges}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((-1)^{n-1})$$

Apply Limit Divergence Criterion: diverges

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((-1)^{n-1})$$

Limit Divergence Criterion Test:

If two sequences exist, $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ with

$$x_n \neq c \text{ and } y_n \neq c$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = c$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(y_n)$$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ does not exist

$$c = \infty, x_n = 2k, y_n = 2k + 1$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (2k) = \infty$$

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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (2k)$$

Apply Infinity Property: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (ax^n + \dots + bx + c) = \infty, a > 0, n$ is odd

$$a = 2, n = 1$$

$$= \infty$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (2k + 1) = \infty$$

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$$= \infty$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = c = \infty$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ((-1)^{2k-1}) = -1$$

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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ((-1)^{2k-1})$$

$$(-1)^{2k-1} = (-1), \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (-1)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (-1) = -1$$

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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (-1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$$

$$= -1$$

$$= -1$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ((-1)^{(2k+1)-1}) = 1$$

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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} ((-1)^{(2k+1)-1})$$

$$(-1)^{(2k+1)-1} = 1, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1) = 1$$

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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$$

$$= 1$$

$$= 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(y_n)$$

Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((-1)^{n-1})$ is divergent at $n \rightarrow \infty$

= diverges

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By the divergence test criteria

= diverges

= 3diverges

= diverges

For $x = -6, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3((-6) + 7)^{n-1}$: diverges

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3((-6) + 7)^{n-1}$$

Refine

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3$$

Every infinite sum of a non-zero constant diverges

= diverges

$x = -8$:diverges, $x = -6$:diverges

Therefore

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