

Solution

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n$: Radius of convergence is 7, Interval of convergence is $-7 < x < 7$

Steps

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n$$

Use the Ratio Test to compute the convergence interval

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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

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^{(n+1)}}{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n} \right|$$

$$\text{Compute } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left| \frac{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^{(n+1)}}{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n} \right| \right)$$

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$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left| \frac{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^{(n+1)}}{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n} \right| \right)$$

$$\text{Simplify } \frac{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^{(n+1)}}{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n} : \frac{x}{7}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^{n+1}}{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n}$$

$$\text{Multiply } \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n : \frac{8x^n}{7^{n+1}}$$

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$$\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n$$

Multiply fractions: $a \cdot \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a \cdot b}{c}$

$$= \frac{8 \left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n}{7}$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n = \frac{x^n}{7^n}$$

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$$\left(\frac{x}{7}\right)^n$$

Apply exponent rule: $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^c = \frac{a^c}{b^c}$

$$= \frac{x^n}{7^n}$$

$$= \frac{8 \cdot \frac{x^n}{7^n}}{7}$$

$$\text{Multiply } 8 \cdot \frac{x^n}{7^n} : \frac{8x^n}{7^n}$$

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$$8 \cdot \frac{x^n}{7^n}$$

Multiply fractions: $a \cdot \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a \cdot b}{c}$

$$= \frac{x^n \cdot 8}{7^n}$$

$$= \frac{8x^n}{7^n}$$

Apply the fraction rule: $\frac{\frac{b}{c}}{\frac{a}{c}} = \frac{b}{c \cdot a}$

$$= \frac{x^n \cdot 8}{7^n \cdot 7}$$

$$7^n \cdot 7 = 7^{n+1}$$

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$$7^n \cdot 7$$

Apply exponent rule: $a^b \cdot a^c = a^{b+c}$

$$7^n \cdot 7 = 7^{n+1}$$

$$= 7^{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{8x^n}{7^{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7} \right)^{n+1}}{\frac{8x^n}{7^{n+1}}}$$

Multiply $\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7} \right)^{n+1} : \frac{8x^{n+1}}{7^{n+2}}$

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$$\frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{7} \right)^{n+1}$$

Multiply fractions: $a \cdot \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a \cdot b}{c}$

$$= \frac{8 \left(\frac{x}{7} \right)^{n+1}}{7}$$

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

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Apply exponent rule: $\left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^c = \frac{a^c}{b^c}$

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

$$= \frac{8 \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{7^{n+1}}}{7}$$

Multiply $8 \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{7^{n+1}} : \frac{8x^{n+1}}{7^{n+1}}$

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$$8 \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{7^{n+1}}$$

Multiply fractions: $a \cdot \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a \cdot b}{c}$

$$= \frac{x^{n+1} \cdot 8}{7^{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8x^{n+1}}{7^{n+1}}}{7}$$

Apply the fraction rule: $\frac{\frac{b}{c}}{a} = \frac{b}{c \cdot a}$

$$= \frac{x^{n+1} \cdot 8}{7^{n+1} \cdot 7}$$

$$7^{n+1} \cdot 7 = 7^{n+2}$$

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$$7^{n+1} \cdot 7$$

Apply exponent rule: $a^b \cdot a^c = a^{b+c}$

$$7^{n+1} \cdot 7 = 7^{n+1+1}$$

$$= 7^{n+1+1}$$

Add the numbers: $1 + 1 = 2$

$$= 7^{n+2}$$

$$= \frac{8x^{n+1}}{7^{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8x^{n+1}}{7^{n+2}}}{\frac{8x^n}{7^{n+1}}}$$

Divide fractions: $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} = \frac{a \cdot d}{b \cdot c}$

$$= \frac{x^{n+1} \cdot 8 \cdot 7^{n+1}}{7^{n+2} x^n \cdot 8}$$

Cancel the common factor: 8

$$= \frac{x^{n+1} \cdot 7^{n+1}}{7^{n+2} x^n}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{7^{n+1} x^{n-n+1}}{7^{n+2}}$$

Add similar elements: $n + 1 - n = 1$

$$= \frac{7^{n+1}x}{7^{n+2}}$$

Apply exponent rule: $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = \frac{1}{x^{b-a}}$

$$\frac{7^{n+1}}{7^{n+2}} = \frac{1}{7^{n+2-(n+1)}}$$

$$= \frac{x}{7^{n+2-(n+1)}}$$

Add similar elements: $n + 2 - (n + 1) = 1$

$$= \frac{x}{7}$$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left| \frac{x}{7} \right| \right)$$

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

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

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

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

$$= 1$$

$$L = \left| \frac{x}{7} \right| \cdot 1$$

Simplify

$$L = \frac{|x|}{7}$$

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The power series converges for $L < 1$

$$\frac{|x|}{7} < 1$$

Find the radius of convergence

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

$$\frac{|x|}{7} < 1: |x| < 7$$

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$$\frac{|x|}{7} < 1$$

Multiply both sides by 7

$$\frac{7|x|}{7} < 1 \cdot 7$$

Simplify

$$|x| < 7$$

Therefore

Radius of convergence is 7

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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

$$\frac{|x|}{7} < 1 : -7 < x < 7$$

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$$\frac{|x|}{7} < 1$$

Multiply both sides by 7

$$\frac{7|x|}{7} < 1 \cdot 7$$

Simplify

$$|x| < 7$$

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

$$-7 < x < 7$$

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Check the interval end points: $x = -7$:diverges, $x = 7$:diverges

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For $x = -7, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{-7}{7} \right)^n$: diverges

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{-7}{7} \right)^n$$

Refine

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{7} (-1)^n$$

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

$$= \frac{8}{7} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$$

Apply Series Geometric Test: diverges

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$$

Geometric Series:

If the series is of the form $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n$

If $|r| < 1$, then the geometric series converges to $\frac{1}{1-r}$

If $|r| \geq 1$, then the geometric series diverges

$r = -1$, $|r| = 1 \geq 1$, by the geometric test criteria

= diverges

$$= \frac{8}{7} \text{diverges}$$

= diverges

For $x = 7$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{7}{7}\right)^n$: diverges

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{7}{7}\right)^n$$

Refine

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{7}$$

Every infinite sum of a non-zero constant diverges

= diverges

$x = -7$:diverges, $x = 7$:diverges

Therefore

Interval of convergence is $-7 < x < 7$

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