

## Solution

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{36^n}: \text{ Interval of convergence is } -5 < x < 7$$

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Use the Root Test to compute the convergence interval

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Series Root Test:

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = L$ , and:

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

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

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

$$|a_n^{\frac{1}{n}}| = \left| \left( \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{36^n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right|$$

$$\text{Compute } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \left( \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{36^n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right| \right)$$

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$$\text{Simplify } \left( \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{36^n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}: \frac{(x-1)^2}{36}$$

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$$\left( \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{36^n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Use the following exponent property:  $(a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$

$$\left( \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{36^n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{(x-1)^{2n}}}{\sqrt[n]{36^n}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[n]{(x-1)^{2n}}}{\sqrt[n]{36^n}}$$

Use the following exponent property:  $(a^n)^m = a^{n \cdot m}$

$$\sqrt[n]{(x-1)^{2n}} = (x-1)^{2n \cdot \frac{1}{n}}, \quad \sqrt[n]{36^n} = 36^{n \cdot \frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{(x-1)^{2n \cdot \frac{1}{n}}}{36^{n \cdot \frac{1}{n}}}$$

$$36^{n \cdot \frac{1}{n}} = 36$$

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Multiply  $n \cdot \frac{1}{n}$ : 1

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$$n \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

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

$$= \frac{1 \cdot n}{n}$$

Cancel the common factor:  $n$

$$= 1$$

$$= 36^1$$

Apply rule  $a^1 = a$

$$= 36$$

$$= \frac{(x-1)^{2n \cdot \frac{1}{n}}}{36}$$

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

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$$(x-1)^{2n \cdot \frac{1}{n}}$$

Multiply  $2n \cdot \frac{1}{n}$ : 2

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$$2n \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

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

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 2n}{n}$$

Cancel the common factor:  $n$

$$= 1 \cdot 2$$

Multiply the numbers:  $1 \cdot 2 = 2$

$$= 2$$

$$= (x-1)^2$$

$$= \frac{(x-1)^2}{36}$$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \frac{(x-1)^2}{36} \right| \right)$$

$$L = \left| \frac{(x-1)^2}{36} \right| \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1)$$

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

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

$$= 1$$

$$L = \left| \frac{(x-1)^2}{36} \right| \cdot 1$$

Simplify

$$L = \frac{|x-1|^2}{36}$$

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The power series converges for  $L < 1$

$$\frac{|x-1|^2}{36} < 1$$

Find the interval of convergence

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

$$\frac{|x-1|^2}{36} < 1 \quad : \quad -5 < x < 7$$

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Find positive and negative intervals

Find intervals for  $|x-1|$

$$x-1 \geq 0 : x \geq 1, \quad |x-1| = x-1$$

$$x-1 \geq 0 \quad : \quad x \geq 1$$

$$x-1 \geq 0$$

Add 1 to both sides

$$x-1+1 \geq 0+1$$

Simplify

$$x \geq 1$$

$$\text{Rewrite } |x-1| \text{ for } x-1 \geq 0: \quad |x-1| = x-1$$

Apply absolute rule: If  $u \geq 0$  then  $|u| = u$

$$|x-1| = x-1$$

$$x-1 < 0 : x < 1, \quad |x-1| = -(x-1)$$

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$$x-1 < 0$$

Add 1 to both sides

$$x-1+1 < 0+1$$

Simplify

$$x < 1$$

$$\text{Rewrite } |x-1| \text{ for } x-1 < 0: \quad |x-1| = -(x-1)$$

Apply absolute rule: If  $u < 0$  then  $|u| = -u$

$$|x-1| = -(x-1)$$

Identify the intervals:

$$x < 1, \quad x \geq 1$$

	$x < 1$	$x \geq 1$
$ x-1 $	$-$	$+$

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Solve the inequality for each interval

$$x < 1, \quad x \geq 1$$

$$\text{For } x < 1: \quad -5 < x < 1$$

$$\text{For } x < 1 \text{ rewrite } \frac{|x-1|^2}{36} < 1 \text{ as } \frac{(-(x-1))^2}{36} < 1$$

$$\frac{(-(x-1))^2}{36} < 1 \quad : \quad -5 < x < 7$$

$$\frac{(-(x-1))^2}{36} < 1$$

Multiply both sides by 36

$$\frac{36(-(x-1))^2}{36} < 1 \cdot 36$$

Simplify

$$(-(x-1))^2 < 36$$

For  $u^n < a$ , if  $n$  is even then  $-\sqrt[n]{a} < u < \sqrt[n]{a}$

$$-\sqrt{36} < -(x-1) < \sqrt{36}$$

If  $a < u < b$  then  $a < u$  and  $u < b$

$$-\sqrt{36} < -(x-1) \text{ and } -(x-1) < \sqrt{36}$$

$$-\sqrt{36} < -(x-1) : x < 7$$

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$$-\sqrt{36} < -(x-1)$$

Switch sides

$$-(x-1) > -\sqrt{36}$$

$$\sqrt{36} = 6$$

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$$\sqrt{36}$$

Factor the number:  $36 = 6^2$

$$= \sqrt{6^2}$$

Apply radical rule:  $\sqrt[n]{a^n} = a$

$$\sqrt{6^2} = 6$$

$$= 6$$

$$-(x-1) > -6$$

Multiply both sides by  $-1$  (reverse the inequality)

$$(-(x-1))(-1) < (-6)(-1)$$

Simplify

$$x-1 < 6$$

Add 1 to both sides

$$x-1+1 < 6+1$$

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$$x > -5$$

Combine the intervals

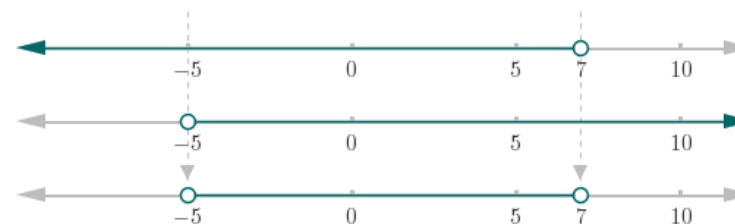
$$x < 7 \text{ and } x > -5$$

Merge Overlapping Intervals

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The intersection of two intervals is the set of numbers which are in both intervals  
 $x < 7$  and  $x > -5$

$$-5 < x < 7$$



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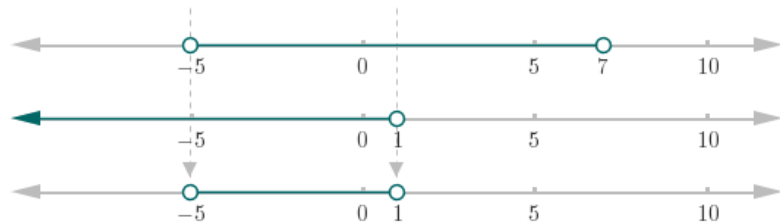
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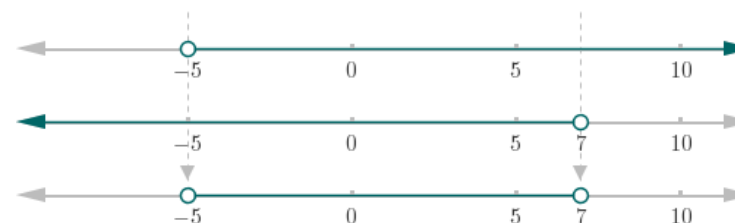
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The intersection of two intervals is the set of numbers which are in both intervals

$$x > -5 \text{ and } x < 7$$

$$-5 < x < 7$$



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Combine the intervals

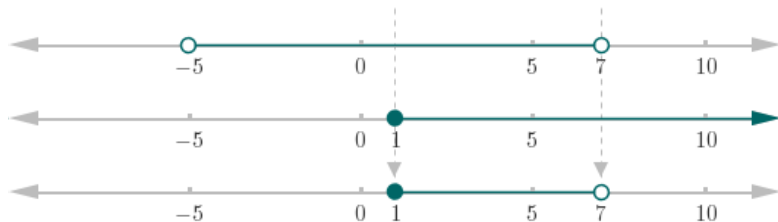
$$-5 < x < 7 \text{ and } x \geq 1$$

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The intersection of two intervals is the set of numbers which are in both intervals  
 $-5 < x < 7$  and  $x \geq 1$

$$1 \leq x < 7$$



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Combine the intervals

$$-5 < x < 1 \text{ or } 1 \leq x < 7$$

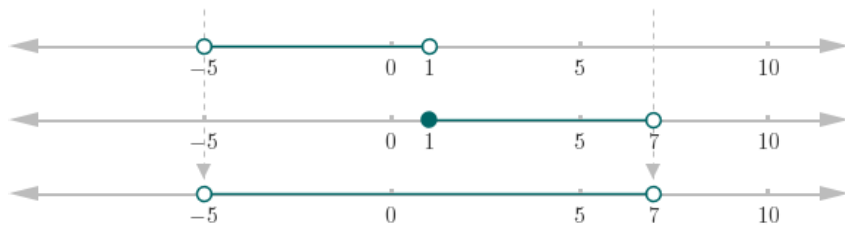
$$-5 < x < 1 \text{ or } 1 \leq x < 7$$

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The union of two intervals is the set of numbers which are in either interval  
 $-5 < x < 1$  or  $1 \leq x < 7$

$$-5 < x < 7$$



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Check the interval end points:  $x = -5$ :diverges,  $x = 7$ :diverges

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For  $x = -5$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{((-5)-1)^{2n}}{36^n}$ : diverges

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{((-5)-1)^{2n}}{36^n}$$

Refine

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1$$

Every infinite sum of a non - zero constant diverges

= diverges

For  $x = 7$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(7-1)^{2n}}{36^n}$ : diverges

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Therefore

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