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Assignment: HW-7 [Sections 10.7 & 10.8]

(a) Find the series' radius and interval of convergence. Find the values of x for which the series converges (b) absolutely and (c) conditionally.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-6)^n}{8^n}$$

(a) Find the radius and interval of convergence.

Use the ratio test to find the interval on which the series converges. Begin by finding $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right|$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-6)^{n+1} / 8^{n+1}}{(x-6)^n / 8^n} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{x-6}{8} \right| \end{aligned}$$

The series will converge whenever $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \frac{|x-6|}{8} < 1$. To find the interval of convergence, solve this inequality for x .

Since 8 is positive, $\left| \frac{x-6}{8} \right|$ can be rewritten as $\frac{|x-6|}{8}$.

To find the interval of convergence, solve the inequality $\frac{|x-6|}{8} < 1$ for x . Each possible solution corresponds to one of the interval's bounds.

$$\frac{|x-6|}{8} < 1$$

$$|x-6| < 8$$

$$-8 < x-6 < 8$$

$$-2 < x < 14$$

Multiply both sides by 8.

Next, determine whether or not the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-6)^n}{8^n}$ converges at the two endpoints, $x = -2$ and $x = 14$. Take the limit of the series at each point, starting with $x = -2$. If the n th term does not approach zero, the series diverges.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-2-6)^n}{8^n} \text{ does not exist.}$$

Therefore, the series diverges at $x = -2$.

Do the same for $x = 14$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(14-6)^n}{8^n} = 1$$

Therefore, the series diverges at $x = 14$.

Thus, the interval of convergence for the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-6)^n}{8^n}$ is $-2 < x < 14$. Notice that the endpoints are not included in the interval since the series diverges at each of these endpoints.

To find the radius of convergence, R , calculate the distance between the point on which the series is centered and one of the interval's endpoints. Determine the point, a , on which the series is centered. Use $\left| \frac{x-a}{R} \right| = \left| \frac{x-6}{8} \right|$, where R is the radius of convergence and a is the center point.

$$R = 8$$

(b) Find the values of x for which the series converges absolutely.

A power series converges absolutely for x along an interval $|x - a| < R$, where R is the radius of convergence. Given that the

series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-6)^n}{8^n}$ has the ratio $\left| \frac{x-6}{8} \right|$, find the interval along which the series converges absolutely.

$$|x-6| < 8$$

Note that 8 is positive.

$$-8 < x-6 < 8$$

$$-2 < x < 14$$

The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-6)^n}{8^n}$ converges absolutely along the interval $-2 < x < 14$.

(c) Find the values of x for which the series converges conditionally.

By definition, a series converges conditionally along any interval in which it converges, but does not do so absolutely. The series converges along the interval $-2 < x < 14$ and converges absolutely along the same interval. As such, the series never converges conditionally.