

## Solution

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(x+2)^n}{3^n}: \text{ Radius of convergence is } 3, \text{ Interval of convergence is } -5 < x < 1$$

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(x+2)^n}{3^n}$$

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

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)(x+2)^{(n+1)}}{3^{(n+1)}}}{\frac{n(x+2)^n}{3^n}} \right|$$

$$\text{Compute } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)(x+2)^{(n+1)}}{3^{(n+1)}}}{\frac{n(x+2)^n}{3^n}} \right| \right)$$

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$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)(x+2)^{(n+1)}}{3^{(n+1)}}}{\frac{n(x+2)^n}{3^n}} \right| \right)$$

$$\text{Simplify } \frac{\frac{(n+1)(x+2)^{(n+1)}}{3^{(n+1)}}}{\frac{n(x+2)^n}{3^n}}: \frac{(n+1)(x+2)}{3n}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{(n+1)(x+2)^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{n(x+2)^n}{3^n}}$$

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

$$= \frac{(n+1)(x+2)^{n+1} \cdot 3^n}{3^{n+1}n(x+2)^n}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{3^n(n+1)(x+2)^{n-n+1}}{3^{n+1}n}$$

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

$$= \frac{3^n(n+1)(x+2)}{3^{n+1}n}$$

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

$$\frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{3^{n+1-n}}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(x+2)}{3^{n-n+1}n}$$

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

$$= \frac{(n+1)(x+2)}{3n}$$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \frac{(n+1)(x+2)}{3n} \right| \right)$$

$$L = \left| \frac{x+2}{3} \right| \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \frac{n+1}{n} \right| \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \frac{n+1}{n} \right| \right) = 1$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \frac{n+1}{n} \right| \right)$$

$\frac{n+1}{n}$  is positive when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore  $\left| \frac{n+1}{n} \right| = \frac{n+1}{n}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)$$

Divide by highest denominator power:  $1 + \frac{1}{n}$

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$$\frac{n+1}{n}$$

Divide by  $n$

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

Refine

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

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

With the exception of indeterminate form

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

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

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

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

$$= 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) = 0$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\text{Apply Infinity Property: } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{c}{x^a} \right) = 0$$

$$= 0$$

$$= 1 + 0$$

Simplify

$$= 1$$

$$L = \left| \frac{x+2}{3} \right| \cdot 1$$

Simplify

$$L = \frac{|x+2|}{3}$$

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The power series converges for  $L < 1$

$$\frac{|x+2|}{3} < 1$$

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  $|x-a|$

$$\frac{|x+2|}{3} < 1: |x+2| < 3$$

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$$\frac{|x+2|}{3} < 1$$

Multiply both sides by 3

$$\frac{3|x+2|}{3} < 1 \cdot 3$$

Simplify

$$|x+2| < 3$$

Therefore

Radius of convergence is 3

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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  $x$

$$\frac{|x+2|}{3} < 1 : -5 < x < 1$$

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$$\frac{|x+2|}{3} < 1$$

Multiply both sides by 3

$$\frac{3|x+2|}{3} < 1 \cdot 3$$

Simplify

$$|x+2| < 3$$

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

$$-3 < x+2 < 3$$

$$x+2 > -3 \text{ and } x+2 < 3$$

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$$x+2 > -3 \text{ and } x+2 < 3$$

$$x+2 > -3 : x > -5$$

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$$x+2 > -3$$

Subtract 2 from both sides

$$x+2-2 > -3-2$$

Simplify

$$x > -5$$

$$x+2 < 3 : x < 1$$

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$$x+2 < 3$$

Subtract 2 from both sides

$$x+2-2 < 3-2$$

Simplify

$$x < 1$$

Combine the intervals

$$x > -5 \text{ and } x < 1$$

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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

$$x > -5 \text{ and } x < 1$$

$$-5 < x < 1$$



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Check the interval end points:  $x = -5$ :diverges,  $x = 1$ :diverges

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For  $x = -5$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n((-5)+2)^n}{3^n}$ : diverges

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n((-5)+2)^n}{3^n}$$

Refine

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n n}{3^n}$$

$$(-3)^n = 3^n (-1)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n (-1)^n n}{3^n}$$

Cancel the common factor:  $3^n$

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

Apply Series Divergence Test: diverges

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

Series Divergence Test:

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

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

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

Apply Limit Divergence Criterion: diverges

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

Limit Divergence Criterion Test:

If two sequences exist,  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  with  
 $x_n \neq c$  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  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  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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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (2k + 1)$$

Apply Infinity Property:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (ax^n + \dots + bx + c) = \infty, a > 0,$   
 $n$  is odd  
 $a = 2, n = 1$   
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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = c = \infty$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [c \cdot f(x)] = c \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

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

Simplify

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

Apply the common limit:  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (k) = \infty$

$$= 2 \cdot \infty$$

Apply Infinity Property:  $c \cdot \infty = \infty$

$$= \infty$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [c \cdot f(x)] = c \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$   
 With the exception of indeterminate form

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

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

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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  
 $a = 2$ ,  $n = 1$   
 $= \infty$

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

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

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

$$= 1$$

$$= -(\infty + 1)$$

$$\text{Simplify } -(\infty + 1): -\infty$$

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$$-(\infty + 1)$$

$$\infty + 1 = \infty$$

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$$\infty + 1$$

Apply Infinity Property:  $\infty + c = \infty$   
 $= \infty$

$$= -(\infty)$$

Remove parentheses:  $(a) = a$   
 $= -\infty$

$$= -\infty$$

$$= -\infty$$

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

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

$= \text{diverges}$

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By the divergence test criteria

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For  $x = 1$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(1+2)^n}{3^n}$ : diverges

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(1+2)^n}{3^n}$$

Refine

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

Apply Series Divergence Test: diverges

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

Series Divergence Test:

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

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

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

Apply the common limit:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n) = \infty$

$$= \infty$$

By the divergence test criteria

$= \text{diverges}$

$= \text{diverges}$

$x = -5$ :diverges,  $x = 1$ :diverges

Therefore

Interval of convergence is  $-5 < x < 1$

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