

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc}
 n : & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
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 a_n : & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{4} \\
 b_n : & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & 0 \\
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 p_n : & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \\
 [\ln(1+x)] \sin x = & x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{6}x^4 + \dots
 \end{array}$$

where the general term is omitted since it is unnecessary, and we have all properties of the series, because, those of  $\ln(x+1)$  and  $\sin x$  are known.

Example 4. Obtain power series expansions of the following rational functions at the indicated points:

a )  $\frac{3+x}{1-x}, x=0$  b )  $\frac{3+x}{x}, x=1$

Solution.

a ) Direct division gives (since  $b_0 = 1 \neq 0$ )

$$\frac{3+x}{1-x} = 3 + 4x + 4x^2 + \dots + 4x^n + \dots$$

Observe that it involves a geometric series with common ratio  $x$ . Then it is convergent for  $|x| < 1$ .

Obtain the same series by performing

$$(3+x)(1+x+\dots+x^n+\dots),$$

and also by differentiating  $(3+x)(1-x)$  successively at  $x=0$ .

b ) The series being in powers of  $x-1$ , use substitution  $x-1=t$  or  $x=1+t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3+x}{x} &= \frac{3+(1+t)}{1+t} = \frac{4+t}{1+t} = 4 - 3t + 3t^2 - \dots + (-1)^n 3t^n - \dots \\
 &= 4 - 3(x-1) + 3(x-1)^2 - \dots + (-1)^n 3(x-1)^n - \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

convergent for  $|x-1| < 1$ .