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A. Determine the interval of convergence of the following power series:

(f) $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{n!}$.

We first compare x^n to $x^{n!}$. If $|x| < 1$ then $|x^{n!}| < |x^n|$ and if $|x| > 1$ then $|x^{n!}| > |x^n|$. Of course if $|x| = 1$ then $|x^n| = 1 = |x^{n!}|$.

Now examining $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ we see that $\lim\limits_{n\to\infty} |1|^{1/n} = 1$ and so our radius of convergence is 1.

Now $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ is a geometric series, and so it converges only if $|x| < 1$. And so by comparison $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{n!}$ has an interval of convergence of $(-1, 1)$

B. Find a power series $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ that has a different *interval* of convergence than $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$.

We choose $a_n = \frac{1}{n+1}$ and $\lim\limits_{n\to\infty} \frac{n+1}{n+2} = 1$. Our radius of convergence then is 1. $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n+1}$ converges at -1 by the alternating series test. Now $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n} < \sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$. But $\frac{1}{2}\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges and so $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$ diverges. And so our interval of convergence is $[-1, 1)$. Now $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1} x^{n-1}$ has the same radius of convergence. Now $\sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = \sum\limits_{n=0}^{\infty} 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$. But $\lim\limits_{n\to\infty} 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} = 1$ and so this series diverges at 1. And similarly $(-1)^{n-1} - \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n+1}$ alternately approaches 1 and -1 as n goes to infinity. And so because $(-1)^{n-1}\frac{n}{n+1}$ has no limit, the series can not converge. Thus our interval of convergence is $(-1, 1)$

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C. Let f satisfy the hypotheses of Taylor's Theorem at $x = a$.

(a) Show that $\lim\limits_{x\to a} \frac{f(x)-P_n(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x\to a}\left|\frac{f(x)-P_n(x)}{(x-a)^n}\right| &= \lim_{x\to a}\left|\frac{R_n(x)}{(x-a)^n}\right| \\ &\le \lim_{x\to a}\left|\frac{M(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!(x-a)^n}\right|\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{M}{(n+1)!}\lim_{x\to a}|(x-a)|$$
$$= \frac{M}{(n+1)!}0 = 0$$

(b) If $Q(x) \in \mathbb{P}_n$ and $\lim\limits_{x\to a} \frac{f(x)-Q(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0$, prove that $Q = P_n$.

Because $\lim\limits_{x\to a} \frac{f(x)-Q(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0$ and $\lim\limits_{x\to a} \frac{f(x)-P_n(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0$ it follows that

$$\lim_{x\to a}\frac{f(x)-Q(x)}{(x-a)^n} - \lim_{x\to a}\frac{f(x)-P_n(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0$$
$$\lim_{x\to a}\frac{f(x)-Q(x)-(f(x)-P_n(x))}{(x-a)^n} = 0$$
$$\lim_{x\to a}\frac{P_n(x)-Q(x)}{(x-a)^n} = 0$$

Recalling that $P_n(X), Q(x) \in \mathbb{P}_n$

$$\lim_{x\to a}\frac{P_n(x)-Q(x)}{(x-a)^n} = \lim_{x\to a}\sum_{i=0}^{n}\frac{a_i x^i}{(x-a)^n}$$
$$\lim_{x\to a}\sum_{i=0}^{n}\frac{a_i x^i}{(x-a)^n} = \sum_{i=0}^{n}\lim_{x\to a}\frac{a_i x^i}{(x-a)^n}$$

Now if we assume $P_n(x) \neq Q(x)$ then there exists some $a_i \neq 0$. If $i < n$ then $\frac{a_i x^i}{(x-a)^n}$ does not converge as $x \to a$, and so neither does $\frac{P_n(x)-Q(x)}{(x-a)^n}$, which is contrary to our assumption. Clearly then if $P_n(x) \neq Q(x)$ then $a_n \neq 0$. And $\lim\limits_{x\to a}\frac{a_n x^n}{(x-a)^n} = a_n$. Now we know that $a_i = 0$ for $i \neq n$ and so $\lim\limits_{x\to a}\frac{P_n(x)-Q(x)}{(x-a)^n} = a_n \neq 0$ which is also a contradiction. Thus $P_n(x) = Q(x)$

F. Let $f(x) = \log x$.

(a) Find the Taylor series of f about $x = 1$.

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} \qquad f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$
$$f^{(3)}(x) = \frac{2}{x^3} \qquad f^{(k)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{k+1}(k-1)!}{x^k}$$
$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\frac{(-1)^{k+1}(k-1)!}{1^k k!}(x-1)^k \qquad P_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n}\frac{(-1)^{k+1}(x-1)^k}{k}$$

(b) What is the radius of convergence of this series?

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\left|\frac{(-1)^{k+2}k}{(-1)^{k+1}(k+1)}\right| = \lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{k}{(k+1)} = 1 = R$$

(c) What happens at the two endpoints of the interval of convergence? Hence find a series converging to $\log 2$.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^{k+1}(-1)^k}{k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{-1}{k} = \infty$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^{k+1}(2-1)^k}{k} = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^k}{k}$$

So the series does not converge at 0, but it does at 2, and the series is above.

(d) By observing that $\log 2 = \log 4/3 - \log 2/3$, find another series converging to $\log 2$. Why is this series more useful?

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^{k+1}(\frac{4}{3}-1)^k}{k} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^{k+1}(\frac{2}{3}-1)^k}{k}$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{3^k k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{1}{3^k k}$$

This expression should converge on $\log 2$ more rapidly than our earlier expression.

(e) Show that $\log 3 = 3\log 0.96 + 5\log\frac{81}{80} - 11\log 0.9$. Find a finite expression that does not involve logs which estimates $\log 3$ to 50 decimal places.

I. Let $f(x) = (1+x)^{-1/2}$

(a) Find a formula for $f^{(k)}(x)$. Hence show that

$$f^{(k)}(0) = \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{k} := \frac{-\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2}-1)\cdots(-\frac{1}{2}+1-k)}{k!} = \frac{(-1)^k(2k)!}{2^{2k}(k!)^2} = \left(\frac{-1}{4}\right)^k\binom{2k}{k}.$$

(b) Show that the Taylor series for f about $x=0$ is $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\binom{2k}{k}\left(\frac{-x}{4}\right)^k$, and compute the radius of convergence.

(c) Show that $\sqrt{2} = 1.4f(-0.02)$. Hence compute $\sqrt{2}$ to 8 decimal places.

(d) Express $\sqrt{2} = 1.415f(\varepsilon)$, where ε is expressed as a fraction in lowest terms. Use this to obtain an alternating series for $\sqrt{2}$. How many terms are needed to estimate $\sqrt{2}$ to 100 decimal places?

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