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Solutions

Section: 7 8

For each of the following power series determine the values of x where the series converges absolutely, converges conditionally, diverges. State the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence.

1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n^2}$ powers of n
Use Root test

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

Solve $L < 1$ to get interior of I.O.C and R.O.C

$$L < 1 \Leftrightarrow 2|x| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$$

↻ radius

Endpoint $x = \frac{1}{2}$: $\sum \frac{2^n \cdot (\frac{1}{2})^n}{n^2} = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges absolutely
 (p-series $p=2 > 1$)

Endpoint $x = -\frac{1}{2}$: $\sum \frac{2^n (-\frac{1}{2})^n}{n^2} = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges absolutely
 by above

Abs conv: $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$

I.O.C.: $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$

R.O.C = $\frac{1}{2}$

cond. conv: nowhere

Diverges: elsewhere

2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n!}$ factorial, use Ratio test

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{2^n x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2|x|}{n+1} = 0 \text{ for all } x$$

$L < 1$ for all x .

Abs. conv: all x

diverges: nowhere

cond. conv.: nowhere

Radius = ∞ .

I.O.C.: $(-\infty, \infty)$

3. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x+5)^n}{2^n \sqrt{n}}$ try Ratio test (Root also works)

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x+5)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1} \sqrt{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n}}{(x+5)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x+5|^{n+1}}{2^{n+1} \sqrt{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n}}{|x+5|^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x+5|}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} = \frac{|x+5|}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} = \frac{|x+5|}{2}$$

Solve $L < 1$.

radius
↓

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

$$\iff -7 < x < -3$$

Endpoint $x = -3$: $\sum \frac{(-3+5)^n}{2^n \sqrt{n}} = \sum \frac{2^n}{2^n \sqrt{n}} = \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ diverges (p-series $p = 1/2 < 1$)

Endpoint $x = -7$: $\sum \frac{(-7+5)^n}{2^n \sqrt{n}} = \sum \frac{(-2)^n}{2^n \sqrt{n}} = \sum \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$

Alternating series with $b_n = 1/\sqrt{n}$

b_n 's pos, dec, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$.

So $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$ converges, since $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ diverges, then the convergence is conditional.

Abs. conv.: ~~$x \in (-7, -3)$~~ $(-7, -3)$ I.O.C: $[-7, -3)$

cond. conv.: $x = -7$

diverges: elsewhere

R.O.C: $R = 2$