

Worksheet #39: Radius of Convergence of a Power Series

Basic Guidelines:

Steps to determine the Radius of Convergence, R , and the Interval of Convergence, I :

- (1) Apply the Ratio Test for Absolute Convergence and set $\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{|u_{k+1}|}{|u_k|} < 1$.
- (2) Solve the inequality to find $I^o = (-R, R)$ (the open interval of convergence).
- (3) Determine the convergence at each endpoint to see if they are included in I .

(1) Determine the radius and interval of convergence for the following power series. Is it a known series?

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

(b)
$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$$

(2) Write the Maclaurin series for the function using the sigma notation.

(a) $e^x =$

(b) $\frac{1}{1+x} =$

(c) $\cosh(x) =$