

7. Where does $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$ converge? Where does $f(x)$ diverge? Justify your answer.

Use the ratio Test. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)!} \frac{(2n+1)!}{|x|^{2n+1}}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^2}{(2n+2)(2n+3)} = 0 < 1$$

$\therefore f(x)$ converges for all x .

8. Where does $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(x-1)^n}{2^n n(n+2)}$ converge? Where does $f(x)$ diverge? Justify your answer.

Ratio test $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x-1|^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}(n+1)(n+3)} \frac{2^n n(n+2)}{|x-1|^n}$

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

If $\frac{|x-1|}{2} < 1$, then $f(x)$ converges

If $-2 < x-1 < 2$, then $f(x)$ converges

If $-1 < x < 3$, then $f(x)$ converges

If $x < -1$ or $3 < x$, then $1 < \frac{|x-1|}{2}$ and $f(x)$ diverges

at $x=1$ $f(-1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(-2)^n}{2^n n(n+2)} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+2)}$

compare $\sum \frac{1}{n(n+2)}$ to $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ (which converges)

because it is the p -series with $p=2 > 1$

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

so a straight comparison shows

$$\sum \frac{1}{n(n+2)} \text{ converges}$$

so $f(-1) = - \sum \frac{1}{n(n+2)}$ converges

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

we just

see that $\sum \frac{1}{n(n+2)}$ converges.

so $f(3)$ converges by the Absolute Convergence Test

so $f(x)$ converges for $-1 \leq x \leq 3$ and $f(x)$ diverges everywhere else.