

Answer all questions and show your work. Unsupported answers may receive *no credit*. You may not use a calculator on this quiz. Allow 15 minutes for the quiz.

Name: _____ Section: _____

1. (a) (5 points) What is the radius of convergence for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)2^n} (x-1)^n$? What is the interval of convergence?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2(n+1)-1)2^{n+1}} (x-1)^{n+1}}{\frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)2^n} (x-1)^n} \right| &= \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^{n+1}}{(2(n+1)-1)2^{n+1}} \frac{(2n-1)2^n}{(-1)^n (x-1)^n} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{(2n-1)}{2(2n+1)} (x-1) \right| \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} |x-1| \end{aligned}$$

So the radius of convergence is 2.

Evaluating at -1 ,

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

This diverges by the integral test. Evaluating at 3,

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

and this converges by the alternating series test. So the interval of convergence is $(-1, 3]$.

- (b) (5 points) Find a power series representation for $f(x) = \frac{x}{2x^2+1}$.

Solution: We can write $\frac{x}{2x^2+1}$ as $x \left(\frac{1}{1-(-2x^2)} \right)$. Since $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$, $\frac{1}{1-(-2x^2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n x^{2n}$ and $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n x^{2n+1}$.