

9.4 Radius of Convergence

Two More Convergence Tests

Recall comparison test from section 8.4, if $0 \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$

1) and $\int g(x)dx$ converges, then $\int f(x)dx$ also converges.

2) and $\int f(x)dx$ diverges, then $\int g(x)dx$ also diverges.



Direct Comparison Test

If $\sum a_n$ has no negative terms,

① $a_n \leq c_n$ and $\sum c_n$ converges, then $\sum a_n$ _____

② $d_n \leq a_n$ and $\sum d_n$ diverges, then $\sum a_n$ _____

Ratio Test

If $\sum a_n$ has no negative terms and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$$

then,

① if $L < 1$, then the series _____

② if $L > 1$, then the series _____

③ if $L = 1$, then the test fails.

Determine if the series converges or diverges.

Example 1

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}$$

Example 2

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 e^{-n}$$

Example 3

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! e^{-n}$$

Recall that a geometric series converges when $|r| < 1$

Radius of Convergence Theorem

Convergence for a Power Series, $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - a)^n$,

occurs in one of 3 ways:

- ① the series converges $\forall x$ _____
- ② $\exists a \in \mathbb{R} > 0$ s.t. the series converges absolutely if _____
and the series diverges absolutely if _____
- ③ the series converges only at $x = a$ _____



Find the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence.

Example 1

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^{n+2}$$

Example 2

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x + 5)^n$$

Example 3

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n+1}$$

Example 4

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} (x-3)^n$$

Example 5

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