

3. [10 points] The Taylor series centered at 3 for a function $g(x)$ is given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-3)^{2n}}{n 4^n}.$$

- a. [5 points] Determine the radius of convergence for this Taylor series. Show all work.

Solution: Let $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n 4^n} (x-3)^{2n}$. Then we will find the radius of convergence by applying the ratio test to $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)4^{n+1}} |x-3|^{2n+2}}{\frac{1}{n4^n |x-3|^{2n}}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4(n+1)} |x-3|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} |x-3|^2 \end{aligned}$$

This is less than 1 when $|x-3|^2 < 4$, or, equivalently, when $|x-3| < 2$. This means that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges when $|x-3| < 2$, and the radius is 2.

Radius: 2

- b. [2 points] Which of the following best describes the concavity of $g(x)$ at $x = 3$? Circle the one best answer. No justification is necessary.

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- c. [3 points] Find $g^{(1010)}(3)$.

Solution: Using the formula for Taylor series, we know that the degree 1010 term will be $\frac{g^{(1010)}(3)}{1010!} (x-3)^{1010}$. With the formula we've been given for this problem, we see that the degree 1010 term happens when $n = 1010/2 = 505$, and will be $\frac{-(x-3)^{1010}}{505 \cdot 4^{505}}$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g^{(1010)}(3)}{1010!} (x-3)^{1010} &= \frac{-(x-3)^{1010}}{505 \cdot 4^{505}} \\ \frac{g^{(1010)}(3)}{1010!} &= -\frac{1}{505 \cdot 4^{505}} \\ g^{(1010)}(3) &= -\frac{1010!}{505 \cdot 4^{505}} \end{aligned}$$

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