

Section 11.7: Series Strategy

Section 11.8: Power Series

- Goal: Apply what we've learned to series like these:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-a)^n$$

- For what values of x does a power series converge?
 - Radius of Convergence
 - Interval of Convergence
- For $\sum a_n(x-a)^n$, three possibilities.
 - The series converges for only $x = a$.
 - The series converges for all x .
 - There is a positive number R and series converges for $|x-a| < R$ but diverges for $|x-a| > R$.

1. **Clicker** Select the easiest x value to plug in to the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$

(a) $x = 0$ (b) $x = 1$ (c) $x = -1$ (d) No value is easy to plug in.

2. **Clicker** Select the easiest x value to plug in to the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+1)^n}{n^2+1}$

(a) $x = 0$ (b) $x = 1$ (c) $x = -1$ (d) No value is easy to plug in.

3. Determine the Radius of Convergence and Interval of Convergence for the power series below.

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

- What is the difference between a **sequence** and a **series**?
- What does it mean for a sequence to **diverge**? **Converge**?
- What does it mean for a series to **diverge**? **Converge**?
- What is a **partial sum** and what are they good for?
- Give an example of a convergent **geometric series**.
- Give an example of a divergent **geometric series**.
- What is the **Test for Divergence** and what is it good for?
- What is the **Integral Test** and what is it good for?
- What is a **p Series**?
- What is the **Comparison Test**?
- What is the **Limit Comparison Test**?
- What is an **Alternating Series**?
- What is the **Alternating Series Test**?
- What is **Conditionally Convergent**?
- What is the **Absolutely Convergent**?
- What is the **Ratio Test**?
- What is the **Root Test**?

21. **Clicker** Which converge:

I. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{3n+1}$ II. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-n^2}$

(a) Neither of them. (b) I only (c) II only (d) I and II

22. **Clicker** Which converge?

I. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(2^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1\right)^n$ II. $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n^2-3}$

(a) Neither of them. (b) I only (c) II only (d) I and II

23. **Clicker** Which converge?

I. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln n}$ II. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ne^{-n}$

(a) Neither of them. (b) I only (c) II only (d) I and II

24. **Clicker** Which converge conditionally, but not absolutely?

I. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n!}{n^n}$ II. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n(\ln n)^3}$

(a) Neither of them. (b) I only (c) II only (d) I and II

25. **Clicker** Which converge?

I. $a_n = \frac{n^3 + \sqrt{3n^6 + 2n - 1}}{4n^3 + 2n + 5}$ II. $b_n = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{n + 1}$

(a) Neither of them. (b) I only (c) II only (d) I and II

26. **Clicker** For which of the following series is the Ratio Test inconclusive?

I. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}$ II. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{1 + n^2}$

(a) Neither of them. (b) I only (c) II only (d) I and II

27. **Clicker** Which converge?

I. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n^2}$ II. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^{3n}}{n!}$

(a) Neither of them. (b) I only (c) II only (d) I and II

28. **Clicker** Which converge?

I. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n-1}}{n}$ II. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n + n}{e^{3n} - 3}$

(a) Neither of them. (b) I only (c) II only (d) I and II

29. Name the strategy(s) to use to determine convergence or divergence:

(a) $\sum (0.98)^n$

(b) $\sum (-5)^{-n}$

(c) $\sum \frac{1}{n(n+6)}$

(d) $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{37n}$

(e) $\sum ne^{-n^2}$

(f) $\sum \frac{2^n}{n!}$

(g) $\sum \frac{n!}{e^n}$

(h) $\sum \frac{n^n}{3^{3n+1}}$