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Clicker Question 1

New power series from old

Find a power series representation for the function $\ln(1 - x)$ on the interval $(-1, 1)$.

- A. $x - 2x^2 + 3x^3 - 4x^4 + 5x^5 - \dots$
- B. $x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$
- C. $-x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$
- D. $x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + 5x^5 + \dots$
- E. none of the above

Integrating a power series

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{1-x} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \\ -\ln|1-x| &= \int \frac{1}{1-x} dx \\ &= C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

Plug in $x = 0$ on both sides to get $C = 0$.

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Related series

Suppose that the series $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} c_n(-6)^n$ converges. What can we say about the radius of convergence, R , of the power series

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} c_n n(n-1)x^{n-2}?$$

- A. $R \geq 6$
- B. $R = 6$
- C. $|R| = 6$
- D. $R \leq 6$
- E. none of the above

Double derivative

Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} c_n x^n$; since the series converges at $x = -6$, its radius of convergence is at least 6. But

$f''(x) = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} c_n (x^n)'' = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} c_n n(n-1)x^{n-2}$ has the same radius of convergence as the series for $f(x)$ itself; so $R \geq 6$.