

Consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

1). Find a power series representation of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (x-2)^n$$

by using the geometric series. (+ Interval of conv.)

Hint: Write f as: $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2 + (x-2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2 + (x-2)} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x-2}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(-\frac{x-2}{2}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x-2}{2}\right)^n, \quad \forall \left|\frac{x-2}{2}\right| < 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} (x-2)^n \quad \begin{array}{l} |x-2| < 2 \quad (R=2) \\ -2 < x-2 < 2 \\ \boxed{0 < x < 4} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} (x-2)^n, \quad \forall x \in (0, 4)$$

2). Now use Taylor series formula

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$$

to obtain the Taylor series of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ about $x=2$.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}; \quad f(2) = \frac{1}{2} = + \frac{0!}{2}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} = -x^{-2}; \quad f'(2) = -\frac{1}{2^2} = - \frac{1!}{2^2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3} = 2x^{-3}; \quad f''(2) = \frac{+2}{2^3} = + \frac{2!}{2^3}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\frac{2 \cdot 3}{x^4}; \quad f'''(2) = -\frac{2 \cdot 3}{2^4} = - \frac{3!}{2^4}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{+2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{x^5}; \quad f^{(4)}(2) = + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{2^5} = + \frac{4!}{2^5}$$

$$f^{(n)}(2) = (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n!}{2^{n+1}}$$

\Rightarrow Taylor series about $x=2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(2)}{n!} (x-2)^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-1)^n \frac{n!}{2^{n+1}} (x-2)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} (x-2)^n \end{aligned}$$

\leftarrow same answer!