

2d) Based on the answer to part 2b), find the Power Series representation for

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} \quad \text{First 2b): } y = \frac{4}{x+2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^n}{2^{n+1}}$$

The connection between these two functions is the derivative:

$$y' = \frac{-4}{(x+2)^2}, \text{ which is almost } f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}. \text{ Let's}$$

work with this y' and adjust the answer at the end so it looks like $f(x)$.

Start again:

$$y = \frac{4}{x+2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^n}{2^{n+1}} \quad \text{take the derivative}$$

$$y' = \frac{-4}{(x+2)^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{d(x^n)}{dx}$$

Notice that the \sum and $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$ are unaffected by the derivative.

$$\frac{-4}{(x+2)^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

At this point, to find $f(x)$, we must multiply each side

$$\text{by } \frac{1}{4}: \quad \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{-4}{(x+2)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1} \quad \text{Let's bring the } \frac{1}{4} \text{ into the } \sum$$

(ii) Expanded form:

$$= +\frac{1 \cdot x^0}{2^2} + \frac{-1 \cdot 2 \cdot x^1}{2^3} + \frac{+1 \cdot 3 \cdot x^2}{2^4} + \frac{-1 \cdot 4 \cdot x^3}{2^5} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{2x}{8} + \frac{3x^2}{16} - \frac{4x^3}{32} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{(-1)^1}{2^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{n x^{n-1}}{2^{n+1}}$$

this is $\frac{1}{4}$; combine with other factors.

notice that n now starts at 1 instead of 0. This is because when $n=0$, the term is 0.

notice that I didn't simplify the 2nd and 4th terms so we can see the pattern.