## WORKSHEET XV

## **POWER SERIES**



Bessel functions may be expressed as power series

- 1. For each of the following power series, determine the *interval of convergence*. Consider end-point behavior as well.
  - (a)  $\sum \frac{x^n}{n^3}$

(b) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

- $(c) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-3)^n}{n^2}$
- $(d) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x+5)^n}{(2n+1)}$
- $(e) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n! \, x^n$

(f) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n+5}{2016n+1} (x-1)^n$$

(g) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n (x+4)^n$$

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

(*i*) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n (x-5)^n}{5^n}$$

$$(j) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n+5^n}$$

$$(k) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} x^n$$

(l) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n x^{2n}}{1+3^n}$$

2. [University of Michigan Final Exam question] Consider the following power series

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

- (a) For which values of x does the power series converge?
- (b) For which values of x does the power series converge absolutely?
- (c) For which values of x does the power series converge conditionally?
- 3. [University of Michigan Final Exam question] Consider the following power series

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

Find the interval of convergence of the power series. Justify your answer.

4. [University of Michigan Final Exam question] Consider the following power series

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

- (a) At x = -3, does the series converge absolutely, conditionally or diverge?
- (b) Using just your answer in (a), state the *possible* values for the radius of convergence R. Justify.
- (c) Find the interval of convergence of the series

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



If people do not believe that mathematics is simple, it is only because they do not realize how complicated life is.

- John von Neumann