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Example Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 + 3x - 8}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 12}$

and justify the result using the definition of the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 + 3x - 8}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 12} = \frac{2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2 - 8}{2^3 - 2 \cdot 2^2 + 2 - 12} = \frac{6}{-10} = -\frac{3}{5}.$$

Proof

To show: If $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists a $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that if $|x-2| < \delta$ ~~such that~~ then

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Let $\delta = \min\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{3}\right)$.

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$$\left| \frac{2x^2 + 3x - 8}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 12} + \frac{3}{5} \right| = \left| \frac{2((x-2)+2)^2 + 3((x-2)+2) - 8}{((x-2)+2)^3 - 2((x-2)+2)^2 + (x-2)+2 - 12} + \frac{3}{5} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{2((x-2)^2 + 4(x-2) + 4) + 3(x-2) + 6 - 8}{(x-2)^3 + 6(x-2)^2 + 12(x-2) + 8 - 2(x-2)^2 - 8(x-2) - 8 + (x-2) - 10} + \frac{3}{5} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{2(x-2)^2 + 8(x-2) + 8 + 3(x-2) - 2}{(x-2)^3 + 4(x-2)^2 + 4(x-2) + (x-2) - 10} + \frac{3}{5} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{2(x-2)^2 + 11(x-2) + 6}{(x-2)^3 + 4(x-2)^2 + 5(x-2) - 10} + \frac{3}{5} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{10(x-2)^2 + 55(x-2) + 30 + 3(x-2)^3 + 12(x-2)^2 + 15(x-2) - 30}{5((x-2)^3 + 4(x-2)^2 + 5(x-2) - 10)} \right|$$

$$= \frac{|x-2|}{5} \left| \frac{3(x-2)^2 + 22(x-2) + 70}{(x-2)^3 + 4(x-2)^2 + 5(x-2) - 10} \right|$$

$$< \frac{\delta}{5} \cdot \frac{3 + 22 + 70}{\left| \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 5\frac{1}{2} - 10 \right|}$$

$$< \frac{\delta}{5} \left| \frac{82}{\frac{7}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - 10} \right| < \frac{\delta}{5} \frac{82}{6} < \delta \frac{90}{30} = 3\delta < \epsilon. \quad \parallel$$

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Example For what values of x does the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x-5)^n}{n^2} \text{ converge?}$$

Try a ratio test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(2x-5)^n}{n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|2x-5|}{(n^{\frac{1}{n}})^2} = |2x-5|,$$

since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$.

So the series converges if $|2x-5| < 1$.

So the series converges if $|x - \frac{5}{2}| < \frac{1}{2}$.

So the series converges if $-2 < x < 3$

The radius of convergence is $5/2$

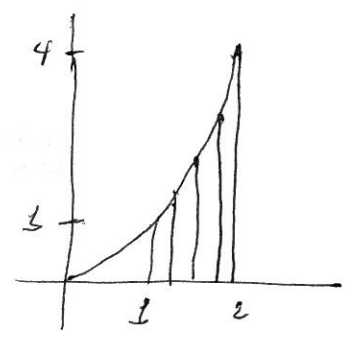
~~The~~ If $x=3$ then the series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$, which converges.

If $x=-2$ then the series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$ which converges

So the series converges if $-2 \leq x \leq 3$.

So the interval of convergence is $[-2, 3]$.

Example Estimate $\int_1^2 x^2 dx$ with a trapezoidal approximation with 4 slices.



$$\int_1^2 x^2 dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} (f(1) + 2f(\frac{5}{4}) + 2f(\frac{6}{4}) + 2f(\frac{7}{4}) + f(2))$$

with $\frac{\Delta x}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (\frac{2-1}{4}) = \frac{1}{8}$ and $f(x) = x^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 x^2 dx &\approx \frac{1}{8} (1^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{5^2}{16} + 2 \cdot \frac{6^2}{16} + 2 \cdot \frac{7^2}{16} + 2^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} (3 + \frac{25+36+49}{8}) = \frac{1}{8} (\frac{49+85}{8}) = \frac{134}{64} = \frac{67}{32} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$|\text{Error}| \leq \frac{(2-1)^3}{12 \cdot 4^2} M, \text{ where } M \text{ is an}$$

upper bound for $f''(x)$ with $x \in (1, 2)$.

Since $f''(x) = 2$, $M = 2$.

$$\text{So } |\text{Error}| \leq \frac{1}{12 \cdot 4^2} \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{6 \cdot 4^2} = \frac{1}{96}.$$