

This print-out should have 5 questions. Multiple-choice questions may continue on the next column or page – find all choices before answering.

001 10.0 points

Find a power series representation for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-4}.$$

1. $f(z) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4^n z^n$
2. $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} 4^{n+1} z^n$
3. $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{n+1}} z^n$
4. $f(z) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{n+1}} z^n$ **correct**
5. $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 4^n z^n$

Explanation:

We know that

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n.$$

On the other hand,

$$\frac{1}{z-4} = -\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{1-(z/4)} \right).$$

Thus

$$f(z) = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{4} \right)^n = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^n} z^n.$$

Consequently,

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

with $|z| < 4$.

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Find a power series representation for the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{6+x}.$$

1. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 6 x^n$
2. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^{n+1}} x^n$
3. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{6^{n+1}} x^n$ **correct**
4. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 6^{n+1} x^n$
5. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 6^{n+1} x^n$

Explanation:

We know that

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n.$$

On the other hand,

$$\frac{1}{6+x} = \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{1-(-x/6)} \right).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x}{6} \right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{6^n} x^n. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{6^{n+1}} x^n$$

with $|x| < 6$.

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Find a power series representation for the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{6 - x^3}.$$

1. $f(x) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{6^{n+1}}$

2. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n}}{6^{n+1}}$ **correct**

3. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n}}{6^{3n}}$

4. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 6^n x^{3n}$

5. $f(x) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 6^n x^{3n}$

6. $f(x) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n}}{6^{3n}}$

Explanation:

After simplification,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{6 - x^3} = \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{1 - (x^3/6)} \right).$$

On the other hand, we know that

$$\frac{1}{1 - t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n.$$

Replacing t with $x^3/6$, we thus obtain

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n}}{6^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n}}{6^{n+1}}.$$

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Find a power series representation for

$$\frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x}.$$

Hint: separate then use the series for $\frac{1}{1 + x}$.

1. $\frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x} = 4 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k$

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

3. $\frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x} = 7 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k$

4. $\frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x} = 4 + 7 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k$

5. $\frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x} = 4 + 7 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k$

6. $\frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x} = 4 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k$ **correct**

Explanation:

Using the hint we get

$$\frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x} = \frac{4}{1 + x} + \frac{3x}{1 + x},$$

and

$$\frac{1}{1 + x} = 1 - x + x^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x} &= 4 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k \\ &\quad + 3x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$4 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k 4 x^k,$$

while

$$3x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k 3 x^{k+1}.$$

To combine the infinite sums we need to express the last one as a sum of powers of x^k :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k 3 x^{k+1} &= 3x - 3x^2 + 3x^3 - \dots \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k 3 x^k. \end{aligned}$$

Since the last sum now goes from $k = 1$ to $k = \infty$, we next write:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k 4x^k = 4 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k 4x^k,$$

for then we can add the two series:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k 4 x^k + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k 3 x^{k+1} \\ = 4 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k 4x^k + \left(- \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k 3 x^k \right). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\boxed{\frac{4 + 3x}{1 + x} = 4 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k}.$$

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Evaluate the integral

$$f(t) = \int_0^t \frac{s}{1 - s^4} ds.$$

as a power series.

1. $f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^{4n+2}}{4n + 2}$
2. $f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{4n+2}}{4n + 2}$ **correct**
3. $f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^{4n}}{4n}$
4. $f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{4n}}{4n}$

5. $f(t) = \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{t^{4n}}{4n + 2}$

Explanation:

By the geometric series representation,

$$\frac{1}{1 - s} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s^n,$$

and so

$$\frac{s}{1 - s^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s^{4n+1}.$$

But then

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \int_0^t \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s^{4n+1} \right) ds \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^t s^{4n+1} ds \right). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\boxed{f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{4n+2}}{4n + 2}}.$$