

5. Suppose that the function  $f(x)$  defined on the interval  $(-R, R)$  by a power series

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \cdots + c_nx^n + \cdots$$

which has radius of convergence  $R > 0$  satisfies  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f'(x) = f(x/2)$  for all  $x$  in  $(-R, R)$ .

a. Express the coefficients of the following series in terms of  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n, \dots$  by filling in the boxes. No explanation is required.

$$f'(x) = \boxed{c_1} + \boxed{2c_2}x + \boxed{3c_3}x^2 + \cdots + \boxed{(n+1)c_{n+1}}x^n + \cdots$$

$$f(x/2) = \boxed{c_0} + \boxed{\frac{1}{2}c_1}x + \boxed{\frac{1}{4}c_2}x^2 + \cdots + \boxed{\frac{1}{2^n}c_n}x^n + \cdots$$

b. Give a recurrence relation for  $\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  by filling in the boxes. No explanation is required.

$$c_0 = \boxed{1} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{n+1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2^n \cdot (n+1)}} \cdot c_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

c. Find  $R$ .

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|c_{n+1}|}{|c_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n \cdot (n+1)} = 0 \Rightarrow R = \infty$$

d. Determine whether  $f(-2)$  is positive or negative.

$$f(-2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cdot (-2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot 2^n c_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n \quad \text{where } b_n = 2^n c_n > 0 \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

By Part c,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$

By Part b,  $b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)} b_n \leq b_n$  for  $n \geq 1$  as  $2^{n+1} \cdot (n+1) \geq 1 \cdot 1 = 1$  for  $n \geq 1$

Therefore, by ADE:

$$f(-2) \leq \sum_{n=0}^4 (-1)^n b_n = 1 - 2 + 1 - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{96} = -\frac{5}{32} < 0$$

$\Rightarrow f(-2)$  is negative.