

2003 Form B BC6

A. $f(2) = 1; f'(2) = \frac{2!}{3}; f''(2) = \frac{3!}{3^2}; f'''(2) = \frac{4!}{3^3}$

$$f(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{3}(x-2) + \frac{3!}{2!3^2}(x-2)^2 + \frac{4!}{3!3^3}(x-2)^3 + \dots + \frac{(n+1)!}{n!3^n}(x-2)^n + \dots$$

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

B. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{n+2}{3^{n+1}}(x-2)^{n+1}}{\frac{n+1}{3^n}(x-2)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \right) |x-2|$

Therefore the radius of convergence

$$= \frac{1}{3} |x-2| < 1 \text{ when } |x-2| < 3$$

is 3.

C. The Taylor Series does not converge at $x = -2$ because the geometric series only converges for $|x-2| < 3$ or $-3 < x-2 < 3$ or $-1 < x < 5$.