(a) 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2+x)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{1+x/2} \right)$$
  
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (x/2)^n \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n(x/2)^{n-1} (1/2)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) x^n / 2^{n+2} \text{ with } R = 2$$

In the last step, note that we *decreased* the initial value of the summation variable n by 1, and then *increased* each occurrence of n in the term by 1 [also note that  $(-1)^{n+2} = (-1)^n$ ].

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(b) 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2+x)^3} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{(2+x)^2} \right]$$
  
 $= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) (x/2)^n \right]$  [from part (a)]  
 $= -\frac{1}{8} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1) n (x/2)^{n-1} (1/2)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+2) (n+1) x^n / 2^{n+3}$  with  $R = 2$ .

(c) 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{(2+x)^3} = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{(2+x)^3}$$
  
=  $x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+2)(n+1)x^n/2^{n+3}$  [from part (b)]  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+2)(n+1)x^{n+2}/2^{n+3}$ 

To write the power series with  $x^n$  rather than  $x^{n+2}$ , we will decrease each occurrence of n in the term by 2 and *increase* the initial value of the summation variable by 2. This gives us  $\frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=2}^{\infty}(-1)^n(n)(n-1)x^n/2^{n+1}$  with R=2.