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Answer each question below completely. You must fully justify your answers to get credit. Even a correct answer with no justification is wrong.

1. Write a (geometric) power series which agrees with the function $\frac{1}{8+x^3}$ on the interval $-2 < x < 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{8+x^3} &= \frac{1/8}{1+\frac{x^3}{8}} = \frac{1/8}{1-\left(-\frac{x^3}{8}\right)} = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x^3}{8}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{3n}}{8^n} \\ &= \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{3n}}{8^{n+1}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} - \frac{x^3}{8^2} + \frac{x^6}{8^3} - \frac{x^9}{8^4} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

2. Write a power series representation of $\frac{3x^2}{(8+x^3)^2}$.

Hint: the answer to the first question is relevant.

OBSERVE THAT $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{8+x^3} \right) = \frac{-3x^2}{(8+x^3)^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{SO } -\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{3n}}{8^{n+1}} &= - \left(-\frac{3x^2}{8^2} + \frac{6x^5}{8^3} - \frac{9x^8}{8^4} + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{3x^2}{8^2} - \frac{6x^5}{8^3} + \frac{9x^8}{8^4} - \frac{12x^{11}}{8^5} + \dots \\ &\quad \boxed{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (3n) x^{3n-1}}{8^{n+1}}} \quad \leftarrow \text{SAME.}\end{aligned}$$