

10.7 Power Series

• Power Series are sum of infinite polynomials.

Def • A power series about $x=a$ has the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + \dots + c_n(x-a)^n + \dots$$

where $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n, \dots$ constant coefficients and a is the center.

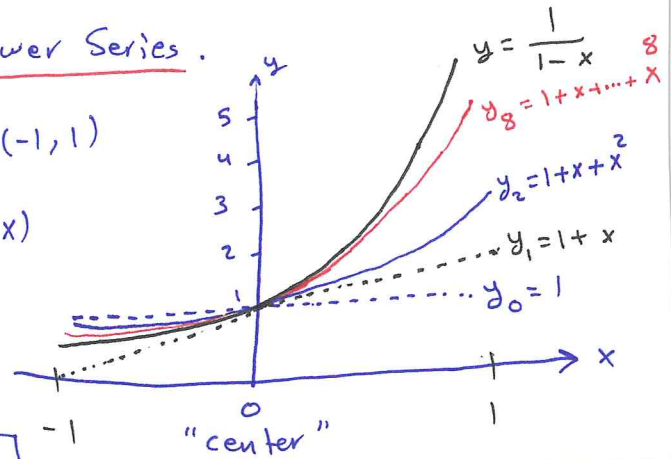
• A power series about $x=0$ is then given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots \quad \dots (1)$$

Exp If $c_0 = c_1 = \dots = c_n = \dots = 1$ in (1), then we get the geometric power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$ if $-1 < x < 1$

which we call the Reciprocal Power Series.

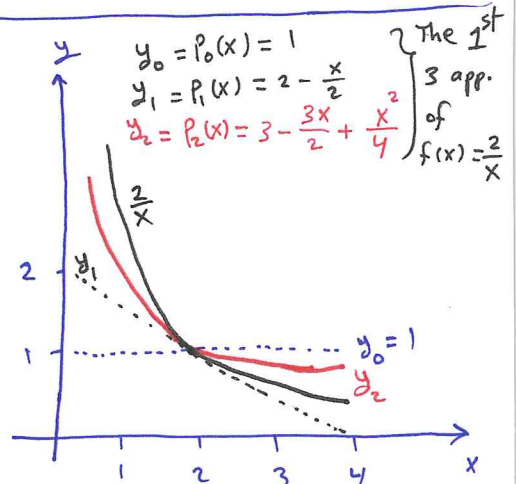
- To approximate $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ on $(-1, 1)$ we use the partial sums $y_n = P_n(x)$
- The approximations works only on $(-1, 1)$ in which $f(x)$ is continuous.



Exp Consider the power series

$$1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-2) + \frac{1}{4}(x-2)^2 + \dots + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n (x-2)^n + \dots$$

- The center: $a = 2$
- The coefficients: $c_0 = 1, c_1 = -\frac{1}{2}, c_2 = \frac{1}{4}, \dots, c_n = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$
- The geometric series converges to $\frac{1}{1-r}$ where $|r| = \left|-\frac{1}{2}(x-2)\right| < 1 \Leftrightarrow 0 < x < 4$.
- The sum is $\frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x-2}{2}} = \frac{2}{x}$
- So, $\frac{2}{x} = 1 - \frac{(x-2)}{2} + \frac{(x-2)^2}{4} + \dots + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n (x-2)^n + \dots, 0 < x < 4$



Exp Find the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence for the following power series: 70

1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$ Apply Ratio Test to $\sum |u_n|$

• $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{x^n} \right| = |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = |x| < 1$

• Thus, the radius of convergence is $R = 1$.

• To find the interval of convergence: $-1 < x < 1$

• The series converges absolutely for $-1 < x < 1$

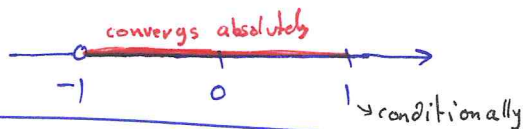
• The series diverges for $|x| > 1$

• To check the endpoints: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n}$ "alternating harmonic series which converges"

→ converges conditionally

• when $x = -1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{2n-1} \frac{1}{n} = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ "negative of harmonic series which diverges"

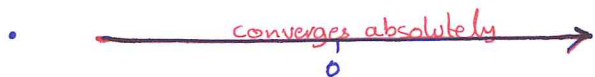
• Thus, the series converges for $-1 < x \leq 1$



2. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ Apply Ratio Test

• $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0 < 1$ for all x

• Thus, $R = \infty \rightarrow$ The series converges absolutely for all x .

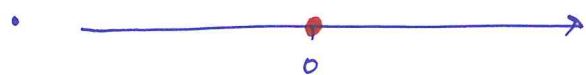


3. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n$ Apply Ratio Test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! x^{n+1}}{n! x^n} \right|$

$= |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) = \infty$ except $x = 0$

• Thus, $R = 0$

• The series diverges for all values of x except $x = 0$



$$\boxed{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-2)^n}{10^n} \quad \text{Apply Ratio Test} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{v_{n+1}}{v_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-2)^{n+1}}{10^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{10^n}{(x-2)^n} \right| \quad (71)$$

$$= \frac{|x-2|}{10} < 1$$

• Thus, $R=10$

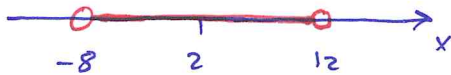
• The series converges absolutely for $|x-2| < 10 \Leftrightarrow -8 < x < 12$

• when $x = -8 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$ which diverges since $a_n \not\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

• when $x = 12 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1$ which diverges

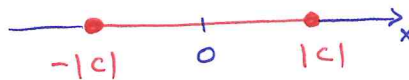
center = 2

• Thus,

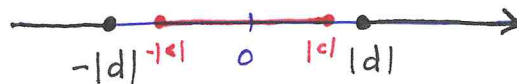


Th Consider the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$

• If the series converges at $x = c \neq 0$, then it converges absolutely for all x with $|x| < |c|$



• If the series diverges at $x = d$, then it diverges for all x with $|x| > |d|$



Exp [2] the series converges at $x = 3 \Rightarrow$ it converges absolutely for $|x| < 3 \Leftrightarrow -3 < x < 3 \checkmark$

Exp [3] The series diverges at $x = 3 \Rightarrow$ it diverges for $|x| > 3$

Exp [4] The series converges at $x = 3 \Rightarrow$ it converges absolutely for $|x-2| < 3 \Leftrightarrow -1 < x < 5$

Th If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = A(x)$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n = B(x)$ converge absolutely for $|x| < R$,

then $\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \right)$ converges absolutely to $A(x) B(x)$ for $|x| < R$:

That is: $A(x) B(x) = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$, where

$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} = a_0 b_n + a_1 b_{n-1} + a_2 b_{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} b_1 + a_n b_0$$

Th 20 If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ converges absolutely on $|x| < R$, then (72)

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n [f(x)]^n$ converges absolutely on $|f(x)| < R$
 for any continuous function f .

Exp $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ converges absolutely for $|x| < 1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-4x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (4x^2)^n$ converges absolutely for $|4x^2| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{2}$

Exp Use Th 20 to find the interval of convergence and the sum of the series as function of x : $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^2+1}{3}\right)^n$ Apply Ratio Test

• $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x^2+1)^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{(x^2+1)^n} \right| = \frac{|x^2+1|}{3} < 1 \Leftrightarrow x^2 < 2$
 $\Leftrightarrow -\sqrt{2} < x < \sqrt{2}$

• At $x = \pm\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1)^n$ which diverges.

• Thus, the interval of convergence is $-\sqrt{2} < x < \sqrt{2}$

• The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^2+1}{3}\right)^n$ is convergent geometric series on $-\sqrt{2} < x < \sqrt{2}$

• The sum is $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{x^2+1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2-x^2}$

Th (Term by Term Differentiation)

Assume that $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ converges absolutely on $|x-a| < R$.

Then f has derivatives of all orders on $|x-a| < R$. That is,

$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n (x-a)^{n-1}$, $f''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n (x-a)^{n-2}$, ...

converge at every point on $|x-a| < R$.

Exp $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$ on $|x| < 1$ converges absolutely if $|\text{ratio}| < 1$

$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots$ on $|x| < 1$

$f''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) x^{n-2} = 2 + 6x + 12x^2 + \dots$ on $|x| < 1$

Th (Term by Term Integration Theorem)

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suppose that $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ converges for $|x-a| < R$.

Then, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1}$ converges for $|x-a| < R$ and $\int f(x) dx = C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1}$.

Exp Identify the function $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$ $|x| \leq 1$.

Note that $f'(x) = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots$ $|x| < 1$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ geometric series

$\frac{\pi}{4} = \tan^{-1} 1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}$
Leibniz's Formula

Hence, $f(x) = \int f'(x) dx = \tan^{-1} x + C$.

To find $C \Rightarrow$ From $*$ $f(0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 = \tan^{-1} 0 + C \Leftrightarrow C = 0$

Hence, $f(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots = \tan^{-1} x$, $|x| \leq 1$

Exp The series $\frac{1}{1+t} = 1 - t + t^2 - t^3 + \dots$ converges on $|t| < 1$.

Therefore $\ln(1+x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{1+t} = t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} + \dots \Big|_0^x$
 $= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$

or $\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^n}{n}$, $|x| < 1$

$\ln(2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$