

10.7 Power series.

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Definition:

A power series about $x=0$ is a series of the form

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

A power series about $x=a$ is a series of the form

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

in which the center a and the coefficients c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots are constants

Example:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n + \dots$$

This is geometric series with first term = 1, ratio x

It converges to $\frac{1}{1-x}$ for $|x| < 1$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + \dots \quad -1 < x < 1$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad |x| < 1}$$

Example:

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$$1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-2) + \frac{1}{4}(x-2)^2 - \frac{1}{8}(x-2)^3 + \dots + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^n (x-2)^n + \dots$$

$$a=2$$

$$c_0=1, c_1=-\frac{1}{2}, c_2=\frac{1}{4}, \dots, c_n=\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^n$$

Geometric: $a=1, r=-\frac{1}{2}(x-2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum} &= \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{-1}{2}(x-2)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-2)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x}{2} - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{x}{2}} = \frac{2}{x} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\frac{2}{x} = 1 - \frac{(x-2)}{2} + \frac{(x-2)^2}{4} - \frac{(x-2)^3}{8} + \dots + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^n (x-2)^n + \dots$$

$1 > x > 4$

Example: For what values of x do the following power series converge?

$$\textcircled{a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{U_{n+1}}{U_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}}{\frac{x^n}{n}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| x \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| \left| \frac{n}{n+1} \right| = |x| \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = |x| \cdot 1 = |x|$$

absolutely

* The series converges \uparrow for $|x| < 1$

* The series diverges if $|x| > 1$ because the n th term doesn't converge to zero

at $x=1$

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

alternating harmonic series
conditionally

which converges

at $x=-1$

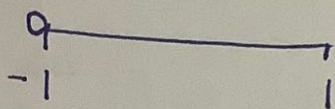
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{(-1)^n}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n-1}}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)}{n} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

Divergent
harmonic
series

The series converges absolutely for $-1 < x < 1$ 4

The series converges for $-1 < x \leq 1$

The series diverges for $x \leq -1$ or $x > 1$



$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{2n-1}}{2n-1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{x^{2n+2-1}}{2n+2-1}}{\frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \cdot \frac{2n-1}{x^{2n-1}} \right|$$

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

This series converges absolutely for $-1 < x < 1$

at $x = 1$

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

converges conditionally

at $x = -1$

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

which converges conditionally.

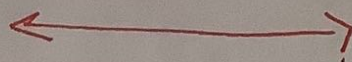
converges absolutely for $-1 < x < 1$
converges conditionally at $x = 1, x = -1$
converges on $-1 \leq x \leq 1$
Diverges everywhere.



Example: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x (n!)}{(n+1)!} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| \frac{n!}{(n+1)n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$$

so this series converges for all x

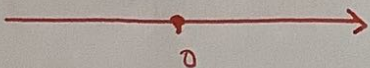


$$d) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! x^{n+1}}{n! x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1) n! x^{n+1}}{n! x^n} \right|$$

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

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



How To test a power series for convergence

① Use Ratio or Root test to find the interval where the series converges absolutely, ordinarily this is an open interval

$$|x-a| < R \text{ or } a-R < x < a+R$$

② If the interval of absolute convergence is finite, test for convergence or divergence at each endpoint use a comparison test, the integral test or AST

③ If the interval of absolute convergence is $a-R < x < a+R$ the series diverges for $|x-a| > R$ (It doesn't even converge conditionally) because the n th term doesn't approach zero for those values of x .

Operations on Power Series

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The series Multiplication Theorem for Power Series.

If $A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ and $B(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$ converges absolutely for

$|x| < R$ and

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

then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ converges abs. ~~fast~~ to $A(x) \cdot B(x)$

for $|x| < R$.

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

Example:

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} x^{n+1} \right)$$

$$(1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \right)$$

$$= a_0 b_0 x^0 + (a_1 b_0 + a_0 b_1) x^1 + (a_2 b_0 + a_1 b_1 + a_0 b_2) x^2 + (a_3 b_0 + a_2 b_1 + a_1 b_2 + a_0 b_3) x^3$$

$$= 0 x^0 + 1 \cdot x^1 + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{5x^3}{6} + \dots$$

$$= x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{5x^3}{6} - \frac{x^4}{6} + \dots$$

Theorem 18: The Convergence Theorem for power series

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

converges at $x = c \neq 0$, then it ~~is~~ converges absolutely for all x with $|x| < |c|$.

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

Corollary to Th. 18.

The convergence of the series $\sum c_n (x-a)^n$ is described by one of the following three cases

① There is a positive number R such that the series diverges for x with $|x-a| > R$ but converges absolutely for x with $|x-a| < R$. The series may or may not converge at either of the endpoints $x = a-R$ and at $x = a+R$.

② The series converges absolutely for every x ($R = \infty$)

③ The series converges at $x = a$ and diverges elsewhere

$R = 0$

Operations on Power series

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Theorem 19: The series Multiplication Theorem for power series

If $A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ and $B(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$ converges absolutely

for $|x| < R$ and

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

then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ converges absolutely to $A(x) B(x)$ for $|x| < R$

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

Theorem:

If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ converges absolutely for $|x| < R$, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (f(x))^n$

converges absolutely for any continuous function f

on $|f(x)| < R$

Example:

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right)$$

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

$$= \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \right) + \left(x^2 - \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{3} - \frac{x^5}{4} + \dots \right) + \left(x^3 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^5}{3} - \frac{x^6}{4} + \dots \right) + \dots$$

$$= x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$$

Theorem 21: Term by Term Differentiation. Theorem

If $\sum c_n(x-a)^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$, it defines a function

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n \text{ on the interval } a-R < x < a+R$$

This function f has derivatives of all orders inside the interval, and we obtain the derivatives by differentiating the original series term by term

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n c_n(x-a)^{n-1}$$

$$f''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n(x-a)^{n-2}$$

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and so on, each of these derived series converges at every point of the interval $a-R < x < a+R$.

Example: Find the series for $\bar{f}(x)$ and $\bar{\bar{f}}(x)$ if d

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

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \quad -1 < x < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \bar{f}(x) &= \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots + nx^{n-1} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n x^{n-1}, \quad -1 < x < 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \bar{\bar{f}}(x) &= \frac{2}{(1-x)^3} = 2 + 6x + 12x^2 + \dots + n(n-1)x^{n-2} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)x^{n-2}, \quad -1 < x < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Term by Term Integration Theorem:

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

for $a-R < x < a+R$ ($R > 0$). Then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

converges for $a-R < x < a+R$ and

$$\int f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n (x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad \text{for} \quad a-R < x < a+R$$

Example

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$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots, \quad -1 < x < 1$$

$$\bar{f}(x) = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-x^2} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$f(x) = \int \bar{f}(x) dx = \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \tan^{-1} x + c$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$\text{So } f(0) = 0 = \tan^{-1} 0 + c \rightarrow c = 0$$

$$f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\text{So } x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots = \tan^{-1} x, \quad -1 < x < 1$$

Example:

$$\frac{1}{1+t} = 1 - t + t^2 - t^3 + \dots, \quad -1 < t < 1$$

Integrate both sides

$$\ln|1+t| = \left[t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} + \dots \right]_0^x$$

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

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