

POWER SERIES

Consider the "power series"

$$S(x) = 1 + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k$$

This power series can be evaluated:

$$\begin{aligned} S\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION: For what x does $S(x)$ converge?

ANSWER: Notice $S(x)$ is a geometric series which converges for $|x| < 1$.

Propⁿ $|x| < 1 \Rightarrow 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$

"proof" Graphically using DESMOS

Defⁿ A power series "about" or "centered" at $x=0$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n = C_0 x^0 + C_1 x^1 + C_2 x^2 + \dots$$

"about" or "centered" at $x=a$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (x-a)^n = C_0 (x-a)^0 + C_1 (x-a)^1 + \dots \text{ cont. } \dots$$

... where a is called "the center" and $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}$ are "coefficients".

EXAMPLE $\sum x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$
 $= 1 + (x-0) + (x-0)^2 + \dots$

has center $a=0$ and converges for $|x| < 1$.

EXAMPLE $S(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-2) + \frac{1}{4}(x-2)^2 + \dots + (-\frac{1}{2})^n (x-2)^n + \dots$
 $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-\frac{1}{2})^n (x-2)^n$

$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2-x}{2}\right)^n$... a geometric series w/ $r = \left(\frac{2-x}{2}\right)$

provided $\left|\frac{2-x}{2}\right| < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < \frac{2-x}{2} < 1$.

$\Rightarrow -2 < 2-x < 2 \Rightarrow -4 < -x < 0$

$\Rightarrow 0 < x < 4 \Rightarrow x \in (0, 4)$

We have $S(x) = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{2-x}{2}\right)} = \frac{2}{x}$

EXAMPLE For what values of x does

$$S(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k! x^k \text{ converge?}$$

Ratio test: $\frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \frac{(k+1)k! x \cdot x^k}{k! x^k} = (k+1)x$

$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (k+1)x$ is divergent when $x \neq 0$.

Thm Convergence Thm

Let $S(x) = \sum a_n x^n$ be a power series

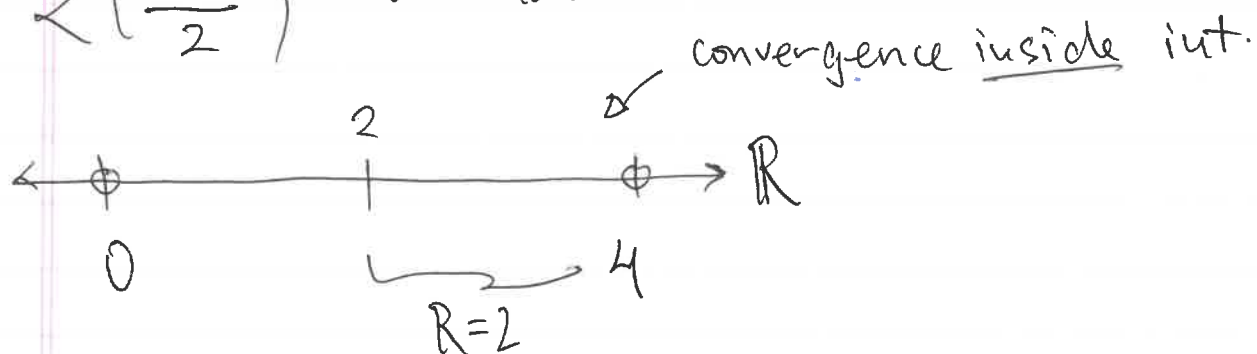
if $S(c)$ converges for $c \neq 0$ then

$S(x)$ abs converges for $|x| < |c|$.

Also $S(d)$ divergent $\Rightarrow S(x)$ div for $|x| > |d|$

Radius of convergence

For $\sum \left(\frac{2-x}{2}\right)^n$ we have



Radius of convergence is $R=2$.

Interval of convergence is $(0, 4)$

Center $c=2$.

Thm Let $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (x-a)^k = S(x)$ either (i.e. exactly one)

(1) There is $R \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}$ such that

- $S(x)$ diverges $|x-a| > R$

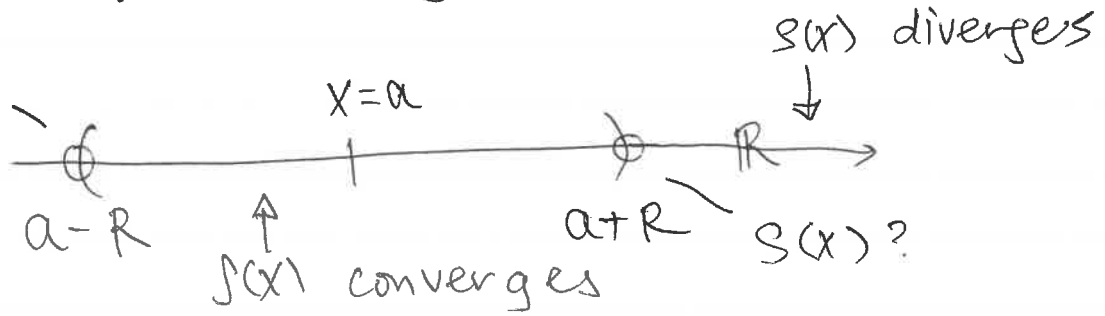
- $S(x)$ converges for $|x-a| < R$

\leadsto - con/div at endpoints $x = a-R, a+R$
(i.e. "inconclusive")

(2) $S(x) < \infty$ for ~~$x=a$ only~~ every x .
(i.e. radius $R = \infty$).

③ $S(x) < \infty$ for $x=a$ only (Radius $R=0$)

$S(x)?$



EXAMPLE • $\sum x^k$ $R=1, C=0$ $\left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -1 \end{array} \right) \mathbb{R}$

• $\sum \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n (x-2)^n$ $R=2, C=2$ $\left(\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0 \quad 4 \end{array} \right) \mathbb{R}$

• $\sum k! x^k$ $R=0, C=0$ $\text{---} \bullet \text{---} \mathbb{R}$

Thm If $\sum C_n(x-a)^n$ converges for $x \in (a-R, a+R), R > 0$
then

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

is a function over $x \in (a-R, a+R)$ whose derivatives

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

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

... also converge for $x \in (a-R, a+R)$.

EXAMPLE: $S(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k$

$\Rightarrow S'(x) = 0 + 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot x^{(k-1)}$

$\Rightarrow S''(x) = 0 + 2 + 2 \cdot 3x + \dots = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k \cdot (k-1) x^{k-2}$

Notice the index $k=0, 1, 2$ because we are losing constant terms as we differentiate.

WARNING This is not generally applicable outside power series.

$S(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n!x)}{n^2}$ converges for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

but $S'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n!x) n!}{n^2}$ diverges for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Thm Suppose $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(x-a)^n$ converges

for $x \in (a-R, a+R)$: $R > 0$. then

$F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_n(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1}$ is convergent for $x \in (a-R, a+R)$

and $\int f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} + C = F(x) + C \cdot n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

How can we numerically approximate \ln ?

EXAMPLE Notice $1 - t + t^2 - t^3 + \dots$

$$= \sum (-1)^n t^n = \sum (-t)^n = \frac{1}{1+t}$$

converges for $t \in (-1, 1)$. To approx $\ln(x)$ recognize

~~then~~
$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t} dt = \int_0^x 1 - t + t^2 - t^3 + \dots dt$$

$$= t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} + \dots \Big|_0^x$$

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

But recall:
$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t} dt = \ln(1+t) \Big|_0^x = \ln(1+x)$$

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

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

An approximate for $\ln(x)$ that a calculator could perform.

EXAMPLE Consider $S(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{5}\right)^k$

Find interval of convergence for $S(x)$

$$a_k = \left(\frac{x}{5}\right)^k \Rightarrow \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \frac{x \cdot x^k}{5 \cdot 5^k} \cdot \frac{5^k}{x^k} = \frac{x}{5}$$

and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left|\frac{x}{5}\right| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x| < 5$

By ratio test $S(x)$ abs-converges on $(-5, 5)$

• Find a formula/closed form for $S(x)$

$$x \in (-5, 5) \rightarrow S(x) = \frac{1}{1 - x/5} = \frac{5}{5 - x}$$

• Find $S'(x)$: $S'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot \left(\frac{x}{5}\right)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{5}$

• Find closed-form for $S'(x)$:

$$S(x) = \frac{5}{5-x} \Rightarrow S'(x) = \frac{5}{(5-x)^2}$$

• Find $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{5^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{5^n} = S'(1) = \frac{5}{(5-1)^2} = \frac{5}{16}$

Taylor Series

We use Taylor Series to give polynomial approximations of ~~an~~ arbitrary differentiable functions

For instance, suppose we want to approximate $f(x)$ near $x=a$. w/ a power series $P(x) = \sum c_k (x-a)^k$

We would need, near $x=a$, that

$f'(a) = P'(a)$ same slope

$f''(a) = P''(a)$ same concavity

$f'''(a) = P'''(a)$ same inflection

⋮

$f^{(k)}(a) = P^{(k)}(a)$ higher order sameness

~~$f(x) = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + \dots$~~

(2.)

$$P(x) = C_0 + C_1(x-a) + C_2(x-a)^2 + C_3(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

$$P'(x) = C_1 + C_2 \cdot 2 \cdot (x-a) + C_3 \cdot 3(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$$P''(x) = C_2 \cdot 2 + C_3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot (x-a) + C_4 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot (x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$$P'''(x) = C_3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 + C_4 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot (x-a) + \dots$$

⋮

$$P^{(k)}(x) = C_k k! + \dots$$

Also $P'(a) = C_1$

$$P''(a) = 2! \cdot C_2$$

$$P'''(a) = 3! \cdot C_3$$

$$P^{(k)}(a) = k! \cdot C_k$$

So, at " $x=a$ " a function $f(x)$:

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

Defⁿ Taylor Series

For a function $f(x)$, its Taylor Series at

$x=a$ is:

$$P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$$

Defⁿ Taylor Polynomial

The partial sum

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$$

is called the Taylor Polynomial of order n .

Defⁿ Maclaurin Series

When $a=0$ the Taylor Series is sometimes referred to as a Maclaurin Series.

EXAMPLE Find the Taylor Series for $g(x) = \ln(x)$ at $x=1$.

$$g^{(0)}(x) = \ln(x)$$

$$g^{(1)}(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$g^{(2)}(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$g^{(3)}(x) = \frac{2 \cdot 1}{x^3}$$

$$g^{(4)}(x) = \frac{-3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{x^4}$$

$$g^{(k)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} (k-1)!}{x^k} \quad ; \quad k > 0$$

$$\therefore g^{(k)}(1) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{k+1} (k-1)! & k > 0 \\ \ln 1 = 0 & k = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus
$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^{(k)}(1)}{k!} (x-1)^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} (k-1)!}{k!} (x-1)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} (x-1)^k$$

Also,

$$P_0 = 0, \quad P_1 = (x-1), \quad P_2 = (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2$$

$$P_3 = (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3,$$

$$P_4 = (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4$$