

10.5: Power Series

- For a given power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$ there are only 3 possibilities:
 1. There is $R > 0$ such that the series converges if $|x-a| < R$ and diverges if $|x-a| > R$. We call such R the **radius of convergence**.
 2. The series converges only for $x = a$ (then $R = 0$).
 3. The series converges for all x (then $R = \infty$).
- We find the radius of convergence using the **Ratio Test**.
- An **interval of convergence** is the interval of all x 's for which the power series converges.
- You must check the endpoints $x = a \pm R$ individually to determine whether or not they are in the interval of convergence.

1. For the following series find the radius and interval of convergence.

(a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^4 x^n}{7^n}$

(b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8^n (x+4)^{3n}}{n^3 + 1}$

(c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-9)^n (5x-3)^n}{n}$

(d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)!(x-1)^{n+1}}{4^{n+1}}$

(e) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-6)^n x^n}{(3n+1)!}$

2. Assume that it is known that the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-3)^n$ converges when $x = 5$ and diverges when $x = -2$. What can be said about the convergence or divergence of the following series:

(a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(-7)^n$

(b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n 5^n$

(c) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(-3)^n$

(d) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n 3^n$

$$(e) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (-1)^n$$

10.6: Representation of Functions as Power Series

- Geometric Series Formula:

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

- **Term-by-term Differentiation and Integration of power series:**

If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$, then $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ is differentiable (and therefore continuous) on the interval $(a-R, a+R)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} - f'(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n (x-a)^{n-1} \\ - \int f(x) dx &= C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{n+1} (x-a)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

The radii of convergence of the power series for $f'(x)$ and $\int f(x) dx$ are both R .

3. Find a power series representation for the following functions and determine the interval of convergence.

$$(a) f(x) = \frac{4}{1+x}$$

$$(b) f(x) = \frac{4}{2+4x}$$

$$(c) f(x) = \frac{-9}{9-x^4}$$

$$(d) f(x) = \ln(3x+5)$$

$$(e) f(x) = x^5 \ln(3x+5)$$

$$(f) f(x) = \frac{x^4}{(1-4x)^2}$$

$$(g) f(x) = \arctan(16x^4)$$

4. Express the integral $\int_{-0.5}^0 \frac{dx}{1-x^7}$ as a power series.