

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.

10.7: Taylor and Maclaurin Series

- **The Taylor series for $f(x)$ about $x = a$:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n = \\ &= f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- **The Maclaurin series is the Taylor series about $x = 0$ (i.e. $a=0$):**

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} x^3 + \dots$$

- *Known Maclaurin series and their intervals of convergence you must have memorized:*

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

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad (-\infty, \infty)$$

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

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

Examples.

5. Given that function f has power series expansion (i.e. Taylor series) centered at $a = \pi$. Find this expansion and its radius of convergence if it is given that

$$f^{(n)}(\pi) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{4^{2n+1} (2n+1)!}.$$

6. Find the 20th derivative of $f(x) = e^{x^2}$ at $x = 0$.
7. Find Taylor series for $f(x) = e^{3x}$ centered at $x = 1/3$. What is the associated radius of convergence?
8. Find Taylor series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ centered at $x = 5$. What is the associated interval of convergence?
9. Find Maclaurin series for the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = x^3 \sin x^5$

(b) $f(x) = \sin^2 x$

(c) $x + 3x^2 + xe^{-x}$

10. Express $\int \frac{\sin(3x)}{x} dx$ as an infinite series.

11. Find the sum of the series:

(a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \pi^{2n}}{4^{2n} (2n)!}$

(b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{7^n}{n!}$

(c) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{6n+3}}{2n+1}$

12. Use series to approximate the integral $\int_0^{0.5} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx$ with error less than 10^{-3} .