

11.9 Representations of functions as power series

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad \text{when } |x| < 1$$

Ex: $\frac{1}{3-x} = \frac{1}{3(1-\frac{x}{3})} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\frac{x}{3})^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{3^{n+1}}$
 if $|\frac{x}{3}| < 1, |x| < 3$

Ex: $\frac{x^4}{3-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+4}}{3^{n+1}} \quad |x| < 3$

Ex: $\frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{1-(-x^2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}$
 $= 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots \quad |x| < 1$
 (if $|x| < 1, x^2 < 1, |x| < 1$)

Series may be integrated or differentiated term-by-term.

Theorem: Suppose the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$. Then the function

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

is differentiable and continuous on $(a-R, a+R)$ and

$$f'(x) = c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + 3c_3(x-a)^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n (x-a)^{n-1}$$

$$\int f(x) = c_0(x-a) + c_1 \frac{(x-a)^2}{2} + \frac{c_2(x-a)^3}{3} + \dots = c_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

The radii of conv. for series for f' and $\int f$ are also R .

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

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

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

Ex: $\ln|1+x| = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots + C \quad |x| < 1$

put in $x=0$

$$\ln 1 = C, C=0$$

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

If we put in $x=1$

$$\ln 2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

There is a theorem that says we may plug in

$x=1$ because $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$ converges

(even though the equation was valid for $|x| < 1$)

Ex: $\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots \quad \int dx$

$$\arctan x = C + x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad C=0$$

$$\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad |x| < 1$$

$$x=1 \quad \frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{2n-1}$$

$$(n=50 \quad \frac{\pi}{4} \approx 0.785, \text{ accuracy } \frac{1}{101})$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 0.78539)$$