

POWER SERIES (I – PART)

DEF: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (t-t_0)^n$ is power series, if we put $t-t_0 = x$, we have $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n + \dots$

Partial sum is $S_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$; n-th rest is $R_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{n+k} x^{n+k}$

If there is an R so that $|x| < R$ then the series converges , and for $|x| > R$ diverges.

Interval $(-R, R)$ is the interval of convergence



For $x=R$ and $x=-R$, working separately, using the criteria for the convergence of number series.

The number R is called the **RADIUS OF CONVERGENCE** of the power series.

Cauchy formula: $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = R$

Root formula : $\frac{1}{\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}} = R$ or $\frac{1}{R} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$

Apply the following theorem: Let $S(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$

$$1) \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} S(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} a_n x^n \right) = S(x_0)$$

$$2) \int_a^b \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_a^b a_n x^n dx \right)$$

3) Power series in the interval of convergence can be differentiated by the member

DEVELOPMENT

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \text{where is } (-\infty < x < \infty)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{x}{1-x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n$$

Example 1.

Determine the radius of convergence and examine the convergence of the ends of the interval of convergence for the following power series:

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

b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}$

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

Solutions:

a)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n$$

Here is $a_n = n+1$ and we will use : $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \mathbf{R}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+2} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

We got that series converges in the interval $(-1,1)$. Now we must examine for $x = -1$ and $x = 1$

For $x = -1$

Substituting this value in the given series : $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)(-1)^n$

We have obtained an alternative series . As is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) = \infty$ we conclude here that the series diverges.

For $x = 1$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)(1)^n = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)}$$

The number series also diverges, because: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) = \infty$

Conclusion: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n$ is convergent on the interval $(-1,1)$

$$b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}$$

Here is $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ so it is convenient to again use the Cauchy formula:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$R=1$, and for now we have that series converges on the interval $(-1, 1)$

For $x = -1$

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

We have obtained an alternative series where is $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$

Series is decreasing because $n < n+1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} > \frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow a_n > a_{n+1}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$. Leibniz criterion : converge here!

For $x = 1$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n} \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1^n}{n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

For this series since before we know that diverges (see previous files on a number series)

Conclusion:

Series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}$ is convergent on the interval $[-1, 1)$

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

As is $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n^2 + 1}$ It is convenient to try Cauchy formula:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2^n}{n^2 + 1}}{\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2 + 1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^2 + 1}{n^2 + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{\cancel{n}}}{2^{\cancel{n}} \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{\boxed{n^2 + 2n + 2}}{n^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

This is 1

This means that order converges, for now, in the interval $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$

For $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

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

Here is $a_n = \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}$.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1} = 0$ Leibniz criterion : this series converges.

For $x = \frac{1}{2}$

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

The number series is also convergent!

Conclusion: Series is convergent on the interval $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n^2 + 1} [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$

Example 2.

Determine the radius of convergence and examine the convergence of the ends of the interval of convergence for the following power series:

$$\text{a) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n^2} x^n$$

$$\text{b) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n x^{2n}$$

Rešenje:

Here we use another formula to find radius of convergence: $\frac{1}{R} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$

$$\text{a) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n^2} x^n$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n^2}} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = e \rightarrow \boxed{R = \frac{1}{e}}$$

So now we know that this series converges in the interval $\left(-\frac{1}{e}, \frac{1}{e} \right)$.

$$\text{For } x = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n^2} \left(\frac{1}{e} \right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n^2} \frac{1}{e^n}$$

Check first whether the general approaches zero:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n^2} \frac{1}{e^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{n^2} \frac{1}{e^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^n \frac{1}{e^n} = 1 \quad \text{From this we conclude that the series diverges.}$$

$$\text{For } x = -\frac{1}{e}$$

Here is a alternative series , but similar ways of thinking come to the conclusion that the series diverges here.

Conclusion: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^{n^2} x^n$ converges in the interval $\left(-\frac{1}{e}, \frac{1}{e}\right)$.

$$\text{b) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n x^{2n}$$

We will use same criteria:

$$\frac{1}{R} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^n} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2 = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = 2 \rightarrow \boxed{R = \frac{1}{2}}$$

We went to watch:

$$\text{Let's look at a given series } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n x^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n (x^2)^n$$

This means that this refers to the radius of convergence x^2 and for x will be :

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \text{ is for } x^2 \rightarrow R = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ is for } x$$

Series therefore converges in the interval $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

For $x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Series will be divergent because obviously the general not approaches zero.

Conclusion: Series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n x^{2n}$ converges in the interval $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$.