

Recall: power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot (x-c)^n = F(x)$

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coefficients

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center

Always have a radius of convergence  $R$ .

If  $x$  is in  $(c-R, c+R)$  then  $F(x)$  converges.

$$\underline{|x-c| < R}$$

the distance from  $x$  to  $c$  is less than  $R$ .

How to find  $R$ :

1. Use ratio test.
2. Look at the endpoints.

Geometric series ( $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{1}{1-r}$  for  $|r| < 1$ ) have been useful. Now:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x} \text{ for } |x| < 1.$$

"The polynomial  $1-x$  has inverse  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ ."  
 $|x| < 1$

Has radius of convergence  $1 = R$ .

Geometric series. Within the radius of convergence, this behaves like a polynomial.

Example: Find the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n \cdot x^n$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n \cdot x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2 \cdot x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y^n = \frac{1}{1-y} = \frac{1}{1-2x} \quad |x| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

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 $|y| < 1$

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

$$|2x| < 1$$

$$y = 2x$$

$$|x| < \frac{1}{2}$$

Also for  $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$  then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^n$  diverges.

So  $R = \frac{1}{2}$  is the radius of convergence.

Example: Find a power series  $F(x)$  and a radius of convergence  $R$  such that

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2+x^2} \quad \text{for } |x| < R.$$

the center is  $c = 0$ .

Note:

$$\frac{1}{2+x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\frac{x^2}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1-\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-y} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y^n =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^n = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^{2n}}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{x^{2n}}{2^{n+1}} \quad \text{for } |x| < \sqrt{2}.$$

$$|y| < 1 \quad \left| -\frac{x^2}{2} \right| < 1 \quad \frac{|x^2|}{2} < 1 \quad |x|^2 < 2 \quad |x| < \sqrt{2}$$

Term by term differentiation and integration:

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot (x-c)^n \quad \text{power series, radius of convergence } R > 0.$$

Then  $F(x)$  is differentiable:

$$F'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot a_n \cdot (x-c)^{n-1} \quad \text{with radius of convergence } R.$$

Then  $F(x)$  is integrable:

$$\int F(x) dx = A + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} \cdot (x-c)^{n+1} \quad \text{with radius of convergence } R.$$

& constant.

Example: Find a power series  $F(x)$  and a radius of convergence  $R$  such that

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \text{ for } |x| < R.$$

center  $c=0$ .

$$\frac{1}{1-x} \text{ has differential } \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

for  $|x| < 1$  we have  $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ , so:

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} (x^n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot x^{n-1}.$$

So for  $|x| < 1$  then:

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

Exercise: Do this for  $\arctan(x)$ .

Hint 1: Use integration (term-wise).

Hint 2: Use the geometric series.

Hint 3: Use  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$ .

Hint 4:  $\arctan(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad |x| < 1.$

As long as we are inside the radius of convergence, power series behave like

polynomials: we can add them, we can multiply them, we can evaluate them

( $f(x)$  is convergent), we can take derivatives, we can take integrals.

## Section 11.7: Taylor series.

Taylor polynomials approximated functions using derivatives.

$$f(x) \quad T_n(x)$$

Taylor series: approximation using all the derivatives.  $f(x)$

$$T(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} \cdot (x-c)^n$$

It will have some radius of convergence  $R$ , so  $T(x)$  will converge for  $|x-c| < R$ .

This will work best when  $f(x)$  can be written as a power series centered at  $c$ .

If  $f(x)$  can be written as a power series, then  $T(x)$  will be that power series.

Question: For all functions  $f(x)$  there is a  $n$  such that  $T_n(x) = f(x)$ .

Question: For all functions  $f(x)$  there is a power series  $F(x)$  such that

$$F(x) = f(x). \quad \text{Spoiler: } f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \text{ around } c=0.$$

Compute  $T_n(x)$  for all  $n$ .

Compute its Taylor series.

Example: Find the Taylor series of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$  at  $c=1$ .  $T(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} \cdot (x-c)^n$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-3}{x^4} \quad f''(x) = \frac{3 \cdot 4}{x^5} \quad f'''(x) = \frac{-3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{x^6}, \dots, \quad f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots (n+2)}{x^{n+3}}$$

$$3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdots (n+2) = \frac{(n+2)!}{2} \quad (n+2)! = (n+2) \cdot (n+1) \cdots 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2$$

$$f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots (n+2) = (-1)^n \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{2}$$

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

$$(n+2)! = (n+2) \cdot (n+1) \cdot n!$$

So the Taylor series of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}$  around  $c=1$  is:

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

Let  $I = (c-R, c+R)$ ,  $R > 0$ , and a  $K > 0$  such that  $|f^{(n)}(x)| \leq K$  for all  $n$  and  $|x-c| < R$ . Then  $f(x)$  equals its Taylor series for  $|x-c| < R$ .

$T(x)$  converges and  $T(x) = f(x)$  for  $x$  in  $(c-R, c+R)$ .

