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Author pahio (2872) Entry type Theorem Classification msc 40A30 Classification msc 30B10 **Theorem.** If the set

$$\{a_0, a_1c, a_2c^2, \ldots\}$$

of the of a power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

at the point z=c is http://planetmath.org/BoundedIntervalbounded, then the power series converges, http://planetmath.org/AbsoluteConvergenceabsolutely, for any value z which satisfies

$$|z| < |c|$$
.

Proof. By the assumption, there exists a positive number M such that

$$|a_n c^n| < M \quad \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus one gets for the coefficients of the series the estimation

$$|a_n| < \frac{M}{|c|^n}.$$

If now |z| < |c|, one has

$$|a_n z^n| < M \left| \frac{z}{c} \right|^n,$$

and since the geometric series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{z}{c} \right|^n$ is convergent, then also the real series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n z^n| \text{ converges.}$$