

# Mathematical analysis I

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## Subsection 6

### Power Series

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + \dots$$

$$c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots =$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \quad \text{power series} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x_0^n \quad \text{number series}$$

the set of all values  $x_0$

Theorem. If the power series (1) is convergent for  $x=a$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) then the series is absolutely convergent for any  $x$ ,  $|x| < |a|$

If the power series (1) is divergent for  $x=b$ , then this series is divergent for any  $x$ ,  $|x| > |b|$

Proof.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n a^n$  conv.

the general term tends to zero, if  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $c_n a^n \rightarrow 0$

$\exists M, \forall n > N, |c_n a^n| < M$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| c_n a^n \left( \frac{x}{a} \right)^n \right| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M \left| \frac{x}{a} \right|^n$$

the geometric series with  $q = \left| \frac{x}{a} \right|$ , conv.  $\left| \frac{x}{a} \right| < 1$

# Power Series Centered at $c$

- A **power series with center  $c$**  is an infinite series

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n \\ &= a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + a_3(x-c)^3 + \cdots ; \end{aligned}$$

- **Example:** The following is a power series centered at  $c = 2$ :

$$F(x) = 1 + (x-2) + 2(x-2)^2 + 3(x-2)^3 + \cdots ;$$

- A power series may converge for some values of  $x$  and diverge for some other values of  $x$ ;
- Take a look again at

$$F(x) = 1 + (x-2) + 2(x-2)^2 + 3(x-2)^3 + \cdots ;$$

- $F(\frac{5}{2}) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 2(\frac{1}{2})^2 + 3(\frac{1}{2})^3 + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}$ ; This series **converges** by the Ratio Test!
- $F(3) = 1 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \cdots$ ; This series **diverges** by the Divergence Test!

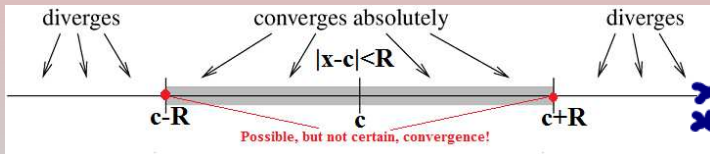
# Radius and Interval of Convergence

Th.3, Stewart, p.743

## Theorem (Radius of Convergence)

Every power series  $F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$  has a **radius of convergence**  $R$ , which is either a nonnegative number ( $R \geq 0$ ) or infinity ( $R = \infty$ ).

- If  $R$  is finite,  $F(x)$  converges absolutely when  $|x - c| < R$  (i.e., in  $(c - R, c + R)$ ) and diverges when  $|x - c| > R$ ;
- If  $R = \infty$ , then  $F(x)$  converges absolutely for all  $x$ .
- According to the Theorem,  $F(x)$  converges in an **interval of convergence** consisting of the open  $(c - R, c + R)$  and possibly one or both of the endpoints  $c - R$  and  $c + R$ ;



# Using the Ratio Test I

- Find the interval of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n}$ ;

Let  $a_n = \frac{x^n}{2^n}$  and compute the ratio  $\rho$  of the Ratio Test:

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{2} = \frac{|x|}{2};$$

Therefore, we get  $\rho < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{|x|}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 2$ ; This shows that, if  $|x| < 2$  the series converges absolutely; If  $|x| > 2$  the series diverges;

- If  $x = -2$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$ , which diverges!
- If  $x = 2$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1$ , which also diverges!

Thus, the interval of convergence is  $(-2, 2)$ ;

## Using the Ratio Test I

## An Even Power Series

- Find the interval of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{2^n}$ ;

Let  $a_n = \frac{x^{2n}}{2^n}$  and compute the ratio  $\rho$  of the Ratio Test:

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+2}}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{x^{2n}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^2}{2} = \frac{|x|^2}{2};$$

Therefore, we get  $\rho < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{|x|^2}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow |x|^2 < 2$ ; This shows that, if  $|x| < \sqrt{2}$  the series converges absolutely; If  $|x| > \sqrt{2}$  the series diverges;

- If  $x = -\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\sqrt{2})^{2n}}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1)^n$ , which diverges!

- If  $x = \sqrt{2}$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1$ , which also diverges!

Thus, the interval of convergence is  $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$ ;



# Using the Ratio Test II

- Find the interval of convergence of  $F(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4^n n} (x-5)^n$ ;

Let  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{4^n n} (x-5)^n$  and compute the ratio  $\rho$  of the Ratio Test:

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-5)^{n+1}}{4^{n+1} (n+1)} \cdot \frac{4^n n}{(-1)^n (x-5)^n} \right| =$$

$$|x-5| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n}{4(n+1)} \right| = \frac{1}{4} |x-5|;$$

Therefore, we get  $\rho < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{|x-5|}{4} < 1 \Rightarrow |x-5| < 4$ ; This shows that, if  $|x-5| < 4$  the series converges absolutely; If  $|x-5| > 4$  the series diverges;

- If  $x-5 = -4$ , then  $F(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4^n n} (-4)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ , which diverges!

- If  $x-5 = 4$ , then  $F(9) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4^n n} (4)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ , which converges! Thus, interval of convergence is  $(1, 9]$ ;

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n! x^n$$

By Ratio Test, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)! |x|^{n+1}}{n! |x|^n} =$$

$$= |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) = \infty, \quad x \neq 0$$

$$R=0, \quad ,$$

$\{0\}$  domain of convergence

$$\sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^h}{h!}$$

Ratio Test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \dots = |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0 < 1$$

$$R = \infty$$

$$(-\infty, +\infty)$$

# An Even Power Series

- Where does  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$  converge?

Let  $a_n = \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$  and compute the ratio  $\rho$  of the Ratio Test:

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2(n+1)}}{(2(n+1))!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{x^{2n}} \right| =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+2}}{(2n+2)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{x^{2n}} \right| = x^2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = 0;$$

Therefore, we get  $\rho < 1$ , for all  $x$ ; This shows that the series is absolutely convergent everywhere;

# Geometric Power Series

- Recall that the geometric infinite series  $S = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots$  converges when  $|r| < 1$  and has sum  $S = \frac{a}{1-r}$ ;
- As a special case, when  $a = 1$  and  $r = x$ , we get the geometric series with center 0:  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$ ; We have

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

- Example:** Show that  $\frac{1}{1-2x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^n$ , for  $|x| < \frac{1}{2}$ ;

If  $|x| < \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $2|x| < 1$  and, therefore  $|2x| < 1$ ; Thus, the geometric series with ratio  $2x$  converges; We have

$$\frac{1}{1-2x} \stackrel{\text{Geometric Sum}}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^n;$$

# Another Example of a Geometric Power Series

- Find a power series expansion with center  $c = 0$  for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{5 + 4x^2}$  and find the interval of convergence;

$$\frac{1}{5 + 4x^2} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4}{5}x^2} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - (-\frac{4}{5}x^2)};$$

Therefore, if  $|-\frac{4}{5}x^2| = \frac{4}{5}x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow x^2 \leq \frac{5}{4} \Rightarrow |x| \leq \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{5 + 4x^2} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - (-\frac{4}{5}x^2)} \stackrel{\text{Geometric}}{=} \frac{1}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{4}{5}x^2\right)^n =$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{4^n}{5^n} x^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{4^n}{5^{n+1}} x^{2n};$$

# Term-by-Term Differentiation and Integration

St.,p.748

## Term-by-Term Differentiation and Integration

Assume that  $F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - c)^n$  has radius of convergence  $R > 0$ ;

Then  $F(x)$  is differentiable on  $(c - R, c + R)$  (or for all  $x$ , if  $R = \infty$ );

Moreover, we can **integrate and differentiate term-by-term**, i.e.,

$$\textcircled{1} \quad F'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n (x - c)^{n-1};$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int F(x) dx = A + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} (x - c)^{n+1};$$

Both series for  $F'(x)$  and  $\int F(x) dx$  have the same radius of convergence  $R$  as  $F(x)$ ;

# Example of Differentiation of Power Series

- Prove that for  $-1 < x < 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 + \cdots;$$

We know that, for  $|x| < 1$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \cdots;$$

Therefore, by Term-by-Term Differentiation, we get, for  $|x| < 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} &= \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right)' \\ &= (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \cdots)' \\ &= 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4 + \cdots;\end{aligned}$$



## Example of Integration of Power Series

- Prove that for  $|x| < 1$ , we have

$$\tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} - \cdots;$$

Since for  $|x| < 1$ , we have  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \cdots$ , we obtain, also for  $|x| < 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{1-(-x^2)} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8 - \cdots;$$

Therefore, by Term-by-Term Integration we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} x &= \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \\ &= \int (1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8 - \cdots) dx \\ &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} - \cdots; \end{aligned}$$

# Power Series Solution of Differential Equations

- Consider  $y' = y$  and  $y(0) = 1$ ;

Assume that the power series  $F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$

is a solution of the given initial value problem; Compute

$$F'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = a_1 + 2a_2 x + 3a_3 x^2 + \dots ; \text{ Since } F(x) = F'(x),$$

we must have  $a_0 = a_1, a_1 = 2a_2, a_2 = 3a_3, a_3 = 4a_4, \dots$ ; Looking at these carefully, we obtain  $a_n = \frac{a_{n-1}}{n}$ , for all  $n$ ; Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{n} a_{n-1} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{n-1} a_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{n-1} \frac{1}{n-2} a_{n-3} = \\ &\dots = \frac{1}{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 1} a_0 = \frac{1}{n!} a_0; \end{aligned}$$

## Example I (Cont'd)

OPTIONAL for semester I

- We were solving  $y' = y$  and  $y(0) = 1$ ;

We assumed  $F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is a solution; We found  $a_n = \frac{1}{n!} a_0$ ; This

yields  $F(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \cdots = a_0 + a_0 \frac{1}{1!} x + a_0 \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + a_0 \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \cdots = a_0 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1!} x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \cdots \right) = a_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ ; Since

$F(0) = 1 = a_0$ , we get  $F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ ;

- Since  $e^x$  is also a solution, we get

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots ;$$

# Example II

OPTIONAL for semester I

- Find a series solution to  $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 1)y = 0$ , with  $y'(0) = 1$ ;

Let  $F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ ; Then  $y' = F'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$  and

$y'' = F''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$ ; Plug those in equation:

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 1)y =$$

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

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

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n^2 - 1) a_n x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n = 0;$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n^2 - 1) a_n x^n = - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n \Rightarrow a_n = - \frac{a_{n-2}}{n^2 - 1};$$

# Example II (Cont'd)

OPTIONAL for semester I

- We were solving  $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 1)y = 0$ , with  $y'(0) = 1$ ;

We assumed  $F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is a solution; We found  $a_n = -\frac{a_{n-2}}{n^2 - 1}$ ;

Now, note  $a_0 = 0$ ; Thus,  $a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{2^2 - 1} = 0$ ; Then  $a_4 = -\frac{a_2}{4^2 - 1} = 0$ ;

We see that  $a_{2n} = 0$ , for all  $n$ ;

Moreover,  $a_1 = 1$ ; Thus,  $a_3 = -\frac{a_1}{3^2 - 1} = -\frac{1}{2 \cdot 4}$ ; Then

$a_5 = -\frac{a_3}{5^2 - 1} = +\frac{1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}$ ; Also  $a_7 = -\frac{a_5}{7^2 - 1} = -\frac{1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8}$ ; In general

$$a_{2n+1} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n)(2n+2)} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n)2^n(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (n+1))} = \frac{(-1)^n}{4^n n! (n+1)!};$$

$$\text{So we get } F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4^n n! (n+1)!} x^{2n+1};$$