

Power Series:- A Series having the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n = a_0 + a_1(z-z_0) + a_2(z-z_0)^2 + \dots \quad (i)$$

in which the coefficients  $a_n$  are real or complex and  $z_0$  is a fixed point in the complex plane is called a **Power Series about  $z_0$**  or a **power series centred at  $z_0$** . When  $z_0 = 0$ , the series (i) reduces to Power Series centred at origin as:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_r z^r + \dots \quad (ii)$$

For example, the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$  has a sum to  $N$  terms

$$S_N = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} z^n = \frac{1-z^N}{1-z} \text{ and converges if } |z| < 1,$$

to the limit  $\frac{1}{1-z}$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $|z| \geq 1$ , the series diverges.

This requirement is identical as real variables series  $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  converges for  $|x| < 1$ .

However, in the complex case the geometrical interpretation is different. [Power Series 01]

Here the condition  $|z| < 1$  implies  $z$  lies inside the circle centred at the origin and radius 1 in the complex plane.

In general,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Converges if } |z| < R \\ \text{diverges if } |z| > R \end{array}$$

$R$  is called the **radius of convergence of the power series**.

What happens when  $|z| = R$  is normally investigated as a special case. Radius of convergence could be calculate using **ratio test**.

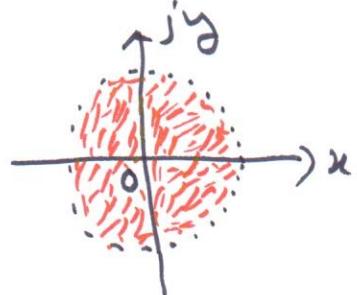
Ex:- Find the radius of convergence for each power series:

$$(a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 (z-3)^n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2 (z-3)}{n^2 (z-3)} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} |z-3| = |z-3| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = |z-3| \end{aligned}$$

The series converges when  $|z-3| < 1$ . Therefore, the radius of convergence is 1 and  $|z-3| < 1$  is the circle of convergence.

$$(b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^n (z+j)^n \quad [\text{Power Series 02}]$$



$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{e^{n+1}(z+j)^{n+1}}{e^n(z+j)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e|z+j|$$

$$= e|z+j|.$$

The series converges when  $e|z+j| < 1$

$$\Rightarrow |z+j| < \frac{1}{e}. \text{ Therefore, } R = 1/e.$$

$$(C) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{j^n n^2}{2^n} z^n.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2 z^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{n^2 z^n} \right|.$$

$$= \frac{|z|}{4}.$$

Thus we need  $\frac{|z|}{4} < 1$  for convergence. The series converges inside  $|z| < 4$ . Therefore, the radius of convergence is  $R = 4$ .

Ex: Find the power series, in the form indicated, representing the function  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-3)}$  in the following regions:

$$(a) |z| < 3; \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad (b) |z-2| < 1, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-2)^n,$$

$$(c) |z| > 3, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{z^n}.$$

$$(a) |z| < 3 \Rightarrow |\frac{1}{3}z| < 1.$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-3} = -\frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}z} \right] = -\frac{1}{3} (1 - \frac{1}{3}z)^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{3}z + (\frac{1}{3}z)^2 + \dots + (\frac{1}{3}z)^n + \dots \right]$$

giving

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-3} = -\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9}z - \frac{1}{27}z^2 \dots \quad (|z| < 3)$$

$$(b) |z-2| < 1, z-3 = (z-2)-1$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-3)} = \frac{1}{(z-2)-1} = [(z-2)-1]^{-1}$$

$$= -[1 + (z-2) + (z-2)^2 + \dots] \quad (|z-2| < 1)$$

$$(c) |z| > 3 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{3}{z} \right| < 1$$

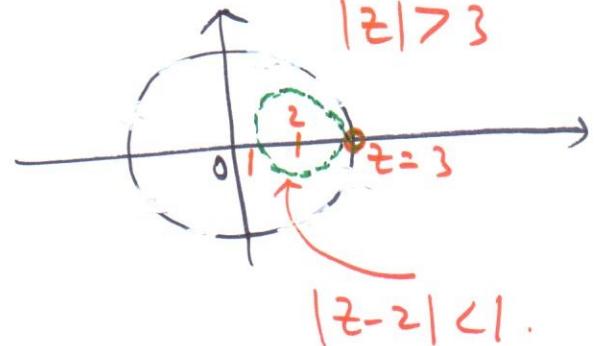
$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-3} = \frac{1}{z} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - 3/z} \right] = \frac{1}{z} (1 - \frac{3}{z})^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z} \left[ 1 + \frac{3}{z} + (\frac{3}{z})^2 + \dots \right]$$

giving the power series

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-3} = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{3}{z^2} + \frac{9}{z^3} + \dots \quad (|z| > 3)$$

Note that none of the regions include the point  $z=3$ .



[Power Series Only]

Taylor Series:- If  $f(z)$  is complex function analytic inside and on a simple closed curve  $C$  (usually a circle) in the  $z$ -plane. If  $z_0$  and  $z_0+h$  are two fixed points inside  $C$  then

$$f(z_0+h) = f(z_0) + h f'(z_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(z_0) + \dots \dots \dots$$

where  $\overset{(b)}{f'(z_0)}$  is the  $b$ th derivative of  $f(z)$  evaluated at  $z_0$ . Normally  $z=z_0+h$  is introduced so that  $h=z-z_0$ , and the series expansion then becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= f(z_0) + (z-z_0) f'(z_0) + \frac{(z-z_0)^2}{2!} f''(z_0) + \dots \dots \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z-z_0)^n}{n!} {}^{(n)} f(z_0). \end{aligned}$$

The region of Convergence of this series is  $|z-z_0| < R$ , a disk centred at  $z_0$  and of radius  $R$ .

When  $z_0=0$ , the series about origin is often called a **Maclaurin Series expansion**.

[Power Series 05]

Ex:- Determine the Taylor series expansion of the function  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z-2j)}$  around the point  $z=j$ . directly and by using the binomial expansion.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z-2j)} = \frac{1}{2j} \left( \frac{1}{z-2j} - \frac{1}{z} \right) \quad (\text{by partial fraction})$$

$$f(j) = 1, f'(z) = \frac{1}{2j} \left[ \frac{-1}{(z-2j)^2} + \frac{1}{z^2} \right], f'(j) = 0.$$

$$f''(z) = \frac{1}{2j} \left[ \frac{2}{(z-2j)^3} - \frac{2}{z^3} \right], f''(j) = -2.$$

$$f^{(3)}(z) = \frac{1}{2j} \left[ \frac{-6}{(z-2j)^4} + \frac{6}{z^4} \right], f^{(3)}(j) = 0.$$

$$f^{(4)}(z) = \frac{1}{2j} \left[ \frac{24}{(z-2j)^5} - \frac{24}{z^5} \right], f^{(4)}(j) = 24.$$

Hence,

$$f(z) = 1 - \frac{2}{2!} (z-j)^2 + \frac{24}{4!} (z-j)^4 + \dots \quad \text{valid for } |z-j| < 1.$$

$$\text{or } f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z-2j)} = \frac{1}{(z-j)^2+1} = [1 + (z-j)^2]^{-1}$$

$$= 1 - (z-j)^2 + (z-j)^4 - (z-j)^6 + \dots$$

Note the singularities of  $f(z)$  ( $z=0, z=2j$ ) are precisely at distance 1 away from  $z=j$ .

[Power Series 02]

Ex: Find Taylor Series of  $f(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$  around  $z=j$ .  
 What is the radius of Convergence?

$f(z)$  is analytic except at  $z=1$ . The distance from  $z=j$  to the singularity at  $z=1$  is  $\sqrt{2}$ . So the series will converge in  $|z-j| < \sqrt{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{(1+j)+(z-j)}{(1-j)-(z-j)} = \frac{(1+j)+(z-j)}{(1-j)} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{z-j}{1-j} \right) \right] \\
 &= \left[ \frac{(1+j)}{1-j} + \frac{(z-j)}{1-j} \right] \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{z-j}{1-j} \right) + \left( \frac{z-j}{1-j} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \left[ j + \frac{(z-j)}{1-j} \right] \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{z-j}{1-j} \right) + \frac{(z-j)^2}{(1-j)^2} + \dots \right] \\
 &= j + (1+j) \left[ \left( \frac{z-j}{1-j} \right) + \left( \frac{z-j}{1-j} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= j + (1+j) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{z-j}{1-j} \right)^n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{for } \left| \frac{z-j}{1-j} \right| < 1 &\Rightarrow |z-j| < |1-j| \\
 &\Rightarrow |z-j| < \sqrt{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

[Power Series 07]

Ex: Obtain Maclaurin Series expansions of the functions:

$$(a). e^z \quad (b) \sin z \quad (c) \cos z \quad (d). \frac{1}{1-z} \quad (e). \frac{1}{1+z}$$

$$(a). f(z) = e^z, f'(z) = e^z \Rightarrow f(0) = 1 \text{ for all } n. \text{ Hence}$$

$$e^z = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}, |z| < \infty$$

$$(b). f(z) = \sin z \Rightarrow f'(z) = \cos z, f''(z) = -\cos z.$$

$$f^{(2n)}(z) = (-1)^n \sin z, f^{(2n+1)}(z) = (-1)^n \cos z.$$

$$\text{So } f(0) = 0, f'(0) = (-1)^0.$$

Hence

$$\sin z = z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}, |z| < \infty$$

(c). Similarly,

$$\cos z = 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!}, |z| < \infty.$$

$$(d). \frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n, |z| < 1$$

$$(e). \frac{1}{1+z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n z^n, |z| < 1.$$

The Series in part (a), (b) & (c) are valid  
(convergent) for all values of  $z$ .

Ex: Write Series expansion for (a)  $\sinh z$  (b)  $\cosh z$ , (c)  $z^3 e^z$ .

$$\sinh z = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots \right) - \left( 1 - z + \frac{z^2}{2!} - \dots \right) \right]$$

$$= z + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}, |z| < \infty$$

Similarly, using  $\cosh z = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2}$ ,

$$\cosh z = 1 + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!}, |z| < \infty$$

$$\text{Also, } z^3 e^z = z^3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2z)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}, |z| < \infty$$

Ex: Expand  $f(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$  in a Taylor series with

center  $z_0 = 2i$ .

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{1}{1-z+2i-2i} = \frac{1}{(1-2i)-(z-2i)} = \frac{1}{1-2i} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{z-2i}{1-2i}}$$

we now write  $\frac{1}{1-\frac{z-2i}{1-2i}}$  as a power series

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{1}{1-2i} \left[ 1 + \frac{z-2i}{1-2i} + \left( \frac{z-2i}{1-2i} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-2i} + \frac{1}{(1-2i)^2} (z-2i) + \frac{1}{(1-2i)^3} (z-2i)^2 + \dots$$

The distance from the center  $z=2i$  to the nearest singularity  $z=1$  is  $\sqrt{5}$ . We conclude the region of convergence

[Power Series 09]

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Q-1. Find the Power series representation for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-j)} \text{ in the regions:}$$

$$(a) |z| < 1 \quad (b) |z| > 1 \quad (c) |z-1-j| < \sqrt{2}.$$

Q-2. Find the power series representation of the

$$\text{function } f(z) = \frac{1}{1+z^2} \text{ in the disk } |z| < 1.$$

Q-3. Find the first four non-zero terms of the Taylor

series expansions about the points indicated,  
 and determine the radius of convergence.

$$(a). \frac{1}{z(z-4j)} \quad (z=2j) \quad (b). \frac{1}{z^2} \quad (z=1+j).$$

Q-4.

$$\text{Find the MacLaurin Series of } f(z) = \frac{2-3z}{1+6z+z^2}.$$

Q-5. Find the Taylor Series expansion of  $\frac{z}{(z+2)(z-3)}$

center at  $z_0 = i$ . What's the radius of convergence.

Q-6.

Find the Taylor series representation about  
 $z_0 = j$  for the following functions:

$$(a). f(z) = (z+j) e^{\frac{z}{z}}, \quad (b). f(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}.$$