

Power series = 0.

Suppose that $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ for $0 \leq |x| < a$

& suppose also that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0 \quad \forall x \in (-a, a).$

Simple trick:

$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \quad (n \geq 0).$$

How do you get this formula?

$$\bullet f(0) = a_0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = a_0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\bullet f'(0) = 1 \cdot a_1 + 2 \cdot a_2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot a_3 \cdot 0 + \dots = a_1$$

$$\bullet f''(0) = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot a_2 + 3 \cdot 2 \cdot a_3 \cdot 0 + \dots = 2! a_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{f''(0)}{2!}$$

\vdots

$$\bullet f^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-n+1) x^{k-n} \quad \underbrace{_n! a_k}$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} 0 + \underbrace{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1}_{n!} a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$$

$$\text{So, you have } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = 0$$

$$\text{But, in this case, } f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f^{(n)}(0) = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore, } a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = 0 \quad (\forall n \geq 0).$$