On Switching Orders

"There are three big assumptions, all valid in this course with our situation, but which are false in general."



Sequences in $\mathbb C$ – just as in $\mathbb R$

Definition

Let a_n be a sequence of complex numbers. Then we say the sequence converges to L, and write

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}a_n=L$$

if for all $\varepsilon>0$ there exists an N so for n>N we have $|a_n-L|<\varepsilon$ Lemma

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = L \iff \lim_{n\to\infty} \operatorname{Re}(a_n) = \operatorname{Re}(L)$$
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \operatorname{Im}(a_n) = \operatorname{Im}(L)$$

Proof.

$$\max(|\operatorname{Re}(z-L)|, |\operatorname{Im}(z-L)|) \le |z-L| \le |\operatorname{Im}(z-L)| + |\operatorname{Re}(z-L)|$$

Series in \mathbb{C} – just as in \mathbb{R}

Definition

Let a_n be a sequence of complex numbers. Then we say the series $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i$ converges to L if the sequence of partial sums $S_n = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i$ converges to L.

Definition

A series $\sum a_n$ is absolutely convergent if $\sum |a_n|$ converges.

Two tools:

- Comparison test
- Geometric series

We'll mostly be interested in power series

Definition

Suppose that $a_n, z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$. A series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n$$

is called a power series centred at z_0 .

We will be interested in what values of z a given power series converges; for those values, we will have a function of z. E.g.

$$\exp(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$$

Radius of convergence

Theorem

Suppose $w \neq 0$ and $\sum a_n w^n$ converges. Then $\sum a_n z^n$ is absolutely convergent for all z with |z| < |w|

Theorem (Abel)

For any power series, either:

- 1. The power series converges only at z = 0.
- 2. The power series is absolutely convergent for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$
- 3. There is a real number R so that the power series is absolutely convergent if |z| < R, and divergent if |z| > R

R is called the radius of convergence. It is zero in case one, and infinite in case 2.

The ratio test

The radius of convergence always exists (though it may be 0 or ∞), but not clear how to find. We will mostly use:

Theorem (Ratio Test)

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$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{|a_n|}{|a_{n+1}|}=R$$

Then R is the radius of convergence.

Proof.

Idea: use comparison test to compare to geometric series

- Can't apply Ratio Test to "most" power series.
- Can apply Ratio Test to most power series we'll see!

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Examples

Find the radius of convergence of the following functions.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\sinh(n)) z^n \tag{1}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2i)^n z^n}{n} \tag{2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2i)^n z^{3n}}{n} \tag{3}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)! \, n!}{(3n)!} z^n \tag{4}$$

Convergent Power series give analytic functions

Define $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ inside the radius of convergence. Is f(z) analytic? We'd like to argue:

$$f'(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \sum_{n} a_n z^n$$
$$= \sum_{n} \frac{d}{dz} a_n z^n$$
$$= \sum_{n} n a_n z^{n-1}$$

We're being Evil Kermit

- Not clear we can move derivative inside sum
- ▶ Not clear final power series converges

Hence: Power series give analytic functions!

Will see later this gives all analytic functions!