

COEFFICIENTS OF POWER SERIES

COROLLARY (UNIQUENESS OF POWER SERIES)

Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ with $R_f := R(\sum a_n z^n) > 0$, $R_g := R(\sum b_n z^n) > 0$

Suppose that there exists $r \in (0, \min(R_f, R_g))$ s.t. $f \equiv g$ on $(-r, r)$. Then, $a_n = b_n \forall n \geq 0$

Proof

Let $r > 0$ s.t. $f \equiv g$ on $(-r, r)$.

Since f and g are both C^∞ and they are equal, we deduce that $f^{(k)} \equiv g^{(k)}$ on $(-r, r)$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

This implies $f^{(k)}(0) = g^{(k)}(0) \forall k \geq 0$. Hence, $a_k = b_k \forall k \geq 0$. \square

EXAMPLE

Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ with $R > 0$. Suppose that f is an even function, i.e. $f(-z) = f(z) \forall z \in D(0, R)$. Then, $(-1)^n a_n = a_n \forall n \geq 0$. In particular, $a_n = 0 \forall$ odd n .

THEOREM (CAUCHY'S FORMULA)

Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ with $R > 0$. Then, for $r \in (0, R)$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, we have $r^n a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(re^{i\theta}) e^{-in\theta} d\theta$

Proof

We write $\int_0^{2\pi} f(re^{i\theta}) e^{-in\theta} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k r^k e^{ik\theta} e^{-in\theta} d\theta = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k r^k \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(k-n)\theta} d\theta = a_n r^n 2\pi$

Now, let us check that we can indeed interchange \sum and \int .

The series of function is given by $[0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$\theta \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k r^k e^{ik\theta}$$

For every $k \geq 0$, $\|\theta \mapsto a_k r^k e^{ik\theta}\|_{\infty, [0, 2\pi]} = |a_k| r^k$

Since $r < R$, we know $\sum |a_k| r^k$ converges, so the series of functions converges normally and uniformly. \square

EXPANSION IN POWER SERIES

DEFINITION

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be an open set and $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

- Let $R > 0$, if $0 \in A$ and there exists a power series $\sum a_n z^n$ such that $\forall z \in D(0, R)$, $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$, then we say that f can be expanded into a power series around 0 or expanded into a power series on $D(0, R)$.

In particular, we know that $R(\sum a_n z^n) \geq R$ and f is C^∞ on $D(0, R)$.

- Let $z_0 \in A$. We say that f can be expanded into a power series around z_0 if $z \mapsto f(z+z_0)$ can be expanded into a power series around 0 ($\Leftrightarrow f(z) = \sum a_n (z-z_0)^n$)

PROPOSITION

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $0 \in A$. Then, (1) \Leftrightarrow (2)

(1) f can be represented as a power series around 0

(2) There exists r , s.t. the remainder $R_n, n \geq 0$ converges pointwise to 0 on $D(0, r)$, where $R_n(z) = f(z) - \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{ptwise}} 0$ and $a_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!}$.

When (2) holds, we have $R(\sum a_k z^k) > r$ and $f = \sum a_k z^k$ on $D(0, r)$.

Proof

" \Rightarrow ": By def \checkmark

" \Leftarrow ": Let r , s.t. (2) holds. For $z \in D(0, r)$, $\sum a_k z^k$ converges, so $(a_k z^k)_{k \geq 0}$ is bounded, and $|z| \leq R(\sum a_k z^k) \Rightarrow r \leq R(\sum a_k z^k) \square$

REMARK

How to check $R_n(z) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$?

(1) The remainder R_n can be estimated using

\hookrightarrow Taylor-integral formula: $R_n(z) = z^{n+1} \int_0^{\frac{1+t}{z}} \frac{(1+t)^n}{n!} f^{(n+1)}(t) dt$

\hookrightarrow Taylor-Lagrange: $R_n(z) = \frac{z^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\theta z)$, $\theta \in (0, 1)$

(2) It is NOT enough to check that $R(\sum \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} z^k) > 0$

EXAMPLE

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Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x}}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

We are going to check that $f^{(k)}(0) = 0 \ \forall k > 0$, $R(z a_n z^n) = \infty$

But clearly, $f(x) \neq 0$ for $x > 0$, so we cannot expand into a power series around 0.

- $\forall x > 0$, $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} e^{-\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{1}{x^2} f(x)$, $f''(x) = (-\frac{2}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x^4}) f(x)$

We have $f'(x), f''(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} 0$

In general, $f^{(k)}(x) = P_k(\frac{1}{x}) e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$ for some polynomial P , $\deg P \leq 2k$.
 $\Rightarrow f^{(k)}(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} 0$

\therefore The function $f \in C^\infty$ on \mathbb{R} with $f^{(k)}(x) = 0 \ \forall k$ as $o(x^n)$

- Note that $f(x) = o(x^n)$, Taylor expansion tells us $f(x) = 0 + \dots + 0 + \underline{f(x)}$

EXAMPLE

- $z \mapsto e^z$ can be expanded around 0

For $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $R_n(z) = e^z - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{z^k}{k!}$

We know that $R_n(z) = \frac{z^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\theta z)$ for some $\theta = \theta(z) \in (0, 1)$

\therefore For $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $|R_n(z)| = \frac{|z|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} e^{\theta \operatorname{Re}(z)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$

- $z \mapsto \frac{1}{1-z}$ is defined on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$.

The expansion around 0: $\forall z \in D(0, 1)$, $\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$

For $z \in D(0, 1)$, $|R_n(z)| \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |z|^k = \frac{|z|^{n+1}}{1-|z|} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$

- For a polynomial $P \in \mathbb{R}[x]$, $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}$, $P(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{P^{(n)}(0)}{n!} z^n$ is a finite series

PROPOSITION

If f can be written as a power series in $D(0, R)$, $R > 0$, then for any $z_0 \in D(0, R)$, f can also be written as a power series around z_0

Proof

Let $R > 0$ and $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$ s.t. $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ for $z \in D(0, R)$. Fix $z_0 \in D(0, R)$, take $r \in (0, R - |z_0|)$. We want to write f as a power series in $D(z_0, r)$, i.e. in the form $\sum b_n (z - z_0)^n$

For $z \in D(z_0, r)$, write $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0 + z_0)^n \stackrel{\text{binomial expansion}}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} z^{n-k} (z - z_0)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \mathbb{1}_{n \geq k} a_n \binom{n}{k} z^{n-k} (z - z_0)^k \stackrel{\text{change order}}{=} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{n \geq k} a_n \binom{n}{k} z_0^{n-k}) (z - z_0)^k$

- For $n > 0$, $\sum_{k=0}^n \mathbb{1}_{n \geq k} a_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_n$ is a finite sum, so it converges absolutely

- $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n |a_n| \mathbb{1}_{n \geq k} \binom{n}{k} |z - z_0|^k |z_0|^{n-k} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| (|z - z_0| + |z_0|)^n < \infty$, because we are inside the disk of convergence. \square

APPLICATIONS TO ODE

- Know that the solution can be expanded into a power series
 \hookrightarrow Write $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n \rightarrow$ plug into the ODE \Rightarrow get relations between coefficients
- Don't know that the solution can be written as a power series, we can assume that there is such a solution. Then, apply the previous step and check $R > 0$.

EXAMPLE

Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, power series around 0?

$$x \mapsto e^{x^2} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

- $x \mapsto e^{x^2}$ can be written as a power series on \mathbb{R} (centered anywhere)
 - $t \mapsto e^{-t^2}$ the same, we can integrate on \mathbb{R}
 - Cauchy product has a radius of convergence $= \infty$
 - $f'(x) = 2x e^{x^2} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt + 1 = 2x f(x) + 1$, $f(0) = 0$ (ODE)
- $\} \Rightarrow$ can be expanded around any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Suppose $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ on \mathbb{R} .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n \\ H_2 x f(x) &= x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 a_{n-1} x^{n-1} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (n+1) a_{n+1} = 2 a_n, \forall n \geq 1 \\ a_1 = 1 \end{cases} \leftarrow \text{recursive relation} \checkmark$$

, with initial condition $a_0 = 0$ from $f(0) = 0$

(We may check that this power series has $R > 0$)

EXAMPLE

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$. Consider $f: (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$x \mapsto (1+x)^\alpha = e^{\alpha \ln(1+x)}$$

$\forall x \in (-1, 1)$, $f'(x) = \frac{\alpha}{1+x} f(x)$, $f(0) = 1$

Suppose $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ $\forall x \in (-1, 1) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n \Rightarrow (1+x) f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+1) a_{n+1} + n a_n) x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha a_n x^n$

$$\therefore (n+1) a_{n+1} = (\alpha - n) a_n \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1) \cdots (\alpha-n+1)}{n!} = \binom{\alpha}{n} \Rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{n} x^n, \text{ check } R > 0.$$