

**Goal:**  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$  pointwise on  $(-1, 1)$ .

**Setup:** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and let  $x \in (-1, 1)$ .

**Claim:**  $|x|^n \rightarrow 0$  for every  $x \in (-1, 1)$ .

**Case 1:**  $x = 0 \implies ||x|^n - 0| = 0 < \varepsilon$ .

**Case 2:**  $x \in (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$ ,  $0 < |x| < 1$ .

$$N_0 = \left\lceil \left| \log_{|x|}(\varepsilon) \right| \right\rceil \implies n > N_0 \implies |x|^n < \varepsilon.$$

Hence  $||x|^n - 0| < \varepsilon$ .

**Choose index:**  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n > N : |x|^n < \varepsilon(1-x)$ .

**Tail bound:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=0}^n x^k - \frac{1}{1-x} \right| &= \left| \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} - \frac{1}{1-x} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{-x^{n+1}}{1-x} \right| = \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{1-x} < \frac{|x|^n}{1-x} < \frac{\varepsilon(1-x)}{1-x} = \varepsilon. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$