

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:

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