

1.5 Representation of Functions as Power Series (8.6)

Reminder: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}, |r| < 1$

Ex 1. $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$

Ex 2. $\frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1}{1-(-x)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 \dots$

Ex 3. $\frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{1-(-x^2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 \dots$

Ex 4. $\frac{1}{1-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n}$

Ex 5. $\frac{x}{1-x^2} = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n+1}$

Ex 6. $\frac{x}{2^2 - x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x/2}{1 - x^2/2^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2^{2n+2}}$

Thm: If the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ has a radius of convergence $R > 0$, then the function

$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ is continuous, differentiable and integrable on the interval $(a-R, a+R)$ and

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} c_n (x-a)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n (x-a)^{n-1}$$

$$\int f(x) dx = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int c_n (x-a)^n dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$

with the same radius of convergence R . However the convergence at end points may change.

Note: The theorem above states that the power series can be integrated/differentiated term-by-

term. However, for other types of series of functions $(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n g_n(x))$ the situation is not as simple.

Differentiation:

Ex 7. $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1}$

Ex 8.

Ex 9. $\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = -\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1+x} = -\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{d}{dx} x^n = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n n x^{n-1} =$
 $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -(-1)^n n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n x^{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex 10. } \frac{-2x}{(1+x^2)^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{d}{dx} x^{2n} = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2nx^{2n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2nx^{2n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ex 11. } \frac{2x}{(1-x^2)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1-x^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} x^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2nx^{2n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2nx^{2n-1}$$

$$\text{Ex 12. } \frac{1+x^2}{(x^2-1)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{x}{1-x^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} x^{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1)x^{2n}$$

$$\text{Ex 13. } \frac{3^2+x^2}{(3^2-x^2)^2} = \frac{3^2-x^2+2x^2}{(3^2-x^2)^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{x}{3^2-x^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{3^{2n+2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{3^{2n+2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) \frac{x^{2n}}{3^{2n+2}}$$

Integration:

$$\text{Ex 14. } -\ln(1-x) = \int \frac{dx}{1-x} = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int x^n dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n} + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex 15. } \ln(x+1) &= \int \frac{dx}{x+1} = \int \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n \right) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int (-1)^n x^n dx = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int x^n dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ex 16. } \arctan x = \int \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int x^{2n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + C$$

$$\text{Ex 17. } \operatorname{arctanh} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+x}{1-x} = \int \frac{dx}{1-x^2} = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int x^{2n} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + C$$

$$\text{Ex 18. } -\frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^2) = \int \frac{x}{1-x^2} dx = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n+1} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int x^{2n+1} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+2}}{2n+2} + C$$

$$\text{Ex 19. } -\frac{1}{2} \ln(25-x^2) = \int \frac{x}{5^2-x^2} dx = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{5^{2n+2}} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int \frac{x^{2n+1}}{5^{2n+2}} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+2} \frac{x^{2n+2}}{5^{2n+2}} + C$$