

Big ideas of power series.

1) Radius and interval of convergence.

$$\sum c_n (x-a)^n \begin{cases} \text{converges,} & \text{absolutely if } |x-a| < R \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } |x-a| > R \end{cases}$$

Find R with root or ratio test.

$$\text{If } L = \lim \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right|, \quad R = \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\text{If } L = \lim |c_n|^{1/n}, \quad R = 1/L$$

2) Power series are functions. Manipulate like polynomials, within radius of convergence.

If $f(x) = \sum a_n x^n$ and $g(x) = \sum b_n x^n$, then

$$f(x) + g(x) = \sum (a_n + b_n) x^n$$

$$37 f(x) = \sum 37 a_n x^n$$

$$x f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1}$$

$$f'(x) = \sum n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$\int_0^x f(t) dt = \sum a_n \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

3) Functions are power series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (x-a)^n, \text{ where}$$

$$C_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} \quad f^{(n)}(a) = n! C_n$$

4) Basic examples:

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad R=1$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad R=\infty$$

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad R=\infty$$

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad R=\infty$$

$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n \quad \text{where } (R=1)$$

$$\binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k+1-n)}{n!}$$

5) Clever tricks.

If $f(x) = \sum a_n x^n$, then

$$f(\text{Anything}) = \sum a_n (\text{Anything})^n$$

P.g. $e^{5x^2} = \sum \frac{(5x^2)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5^n x^{2n}}{n!}$

~~$\ln(1+x)$~~

$$x^3 e^{5x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5^n x^{2n+3}}{n!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(1+x) &= \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx = \int 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots dx & R=1 \\ &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1}(x) &= \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \int 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + x^8 + \dots dx \\ &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots & R=1 \end{aligned}$$

6) Remainders

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k = \text{first } n \text{ terms of Taylor Series}$$

$$\underline{\text{Thm}} \quad f(x) = T_n(x) + \frac{f^{(k+1)}(c)}{(k+1)!} (x-a)^{k+1}$$

for some c between a and x

Cor If $f^{(k+1)}(x)$ is never bigger than M ,

$$|f(x) - T_n(x)| < \frac{M}{(k+1)!} (x-a)^{k+1}$$

7) Uses:

a) Evaluating functions (approximately)

b) Evaluating limits

c) Approximating integrals

d) Solving differential eq.s