

9-4/9-5 Interval of Convergence

Learning Objectives:

I can determine the radius and interval of convergence of a Taylor (or MacLaurin) series

I can determine the convergence at an endpoint of an interval of convergence for a Taylor (or MacLaurin) series.

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If the power series is geometric, it is easy to find the interval of convergence and you can find the actual sum of the infinite series.

Remember,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots \quad a_1 = 1 \quad r = x$$

is a geometric series with  $a_1=1$  and  $r = x$ .

$$S = \frac{a_1}{1-r} \text{ so } 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

and will converge whenever  $|r| < 1$ .  $-1 < x < 1$

When the series is NOT geometric, things are a little more complicated and we CANNOT find the sum of the infinite series.

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Ex1. Find the interval of convergence for each Power Series

1.  $f(x) = \frac{5x}{1-9x}$

2.  $f(x) = \frac{3x^3}{1-x^2}$

3.  $f(x) = \frac{7}{1-(3x+5)}$

4.  $f(x) = \frac{-2x}{1+4x^2}$

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Convergence Theorem for Power Series

There are 3 possibilities for  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$  with respect to convergence:

- 1.) There is a  $R \neq 0$  such that the series diverges for  $|x-a| > R$  but converges for  $|x-a| < R$ . This series may or may not converge at either endpoint
- 2.) The series converges for all  $x$  ( $R = \infty$ )
- 3.) The series converges for  $x=a$  and diverges everywhere else ( $R=0$ )

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Ex2. Show that the Maclaurin Series for  $f(x)=\sin(x)$  converges to  $\sin(x)$  for all  $x$ .

$\sin x \Rightarrow x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$  **RATIO TEST**

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2(n+1)+1}}{(2(n+1)+1)!} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!}{x^{2n+1}} \right| < 1$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)!} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!}{x^{2n+1}} \right| < 1$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^2 \cdot x^{2n+1}}{(2n+3)(2n+2)(2n+1)!} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!}{x^{2n+1}} \right| < 1$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^2}{(2n+3)(2n+2)} \right| < 1$

$|x^2| \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2n+1)(2n+2)}{(2n+3)(2n+2)} \right| < 1$

$|x^2| \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2n+1}{2n+3} \right| < 1$

$|x^2| \cdot 1 < 1$

$|x| < 1$

$-\infty < x < \infty$   $x$  converges for  $\mathbb{R}$

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Ex3. Show that the interval of convergence for the Taylor Series  $f(x)=\ln(x)$  centered at  $x=1$  is  $(0, 2)$ .

$\ln x \Rightarrow (x-1) - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4 + \dots$

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-1)^{n+1}}{n+1}$  **RATIO TEST**

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-1)^{n+2}}{n+2} \cdot \frac{n+1}{(x-1)^{n+1}} \right| < 1$

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$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-1)^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)}{n+2} \cdot \frac{1}{(x-1)^{n+1}} \right| < 1$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-1) \cdot (n+1)}{n+2} \right| < 1$

$|x-1| \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right| < 1$

$|x-1| \cdot 1 < 1$

$|x-1| < 1$

$-1 < x-1 < 1$

$0 < x < 2$

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Testing the Endpts

$x=0$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (0)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n+1}}{n+1}$$

$= -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \dots$   
 Non-alt Harmonic  
 @ Diverge  
 @  $x=0$

$x=2$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

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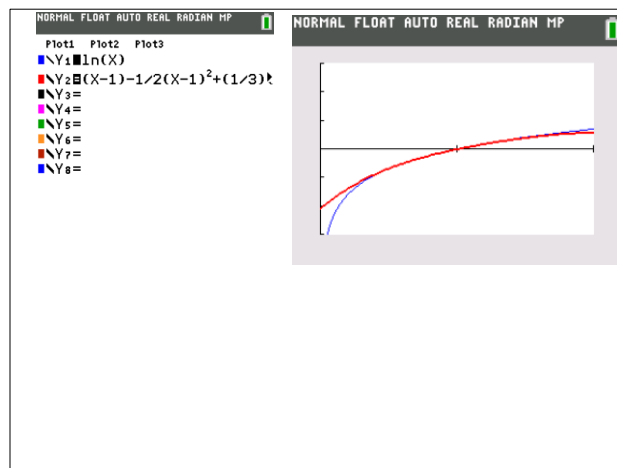
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (1)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \frac{1}{n+1}}$$

$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$   
 Alt. Harmonic  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0$   
 converges  
 @  $x=2$

$0 < x \leq 2$

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Ex3. Find the interval of convergence for each power series

a.)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n}}{2n}$

b.)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(10x)^n}{n!}$

c.)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n!(x+1)^n$

d.)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-3)^n}{2n}$

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## Homework

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