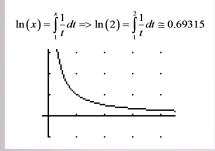
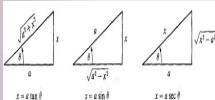


# Power Series

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$   
 or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$   
 Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$   
 provided that the latter limit exists.

$$f(x) = f(x_1) + f'(x_1)(x-x_1) + \frac{f''(x_1)}{2!}(x-x_1)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_1)}{3!}(x-x_1)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_1)}{4!}(x-x_1)^4 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_1)}{n!}(x-x_1)^n$$



$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

where it comes from:  
 the product rule for differentiation  $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$   
 put into reverse  $\int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \int (u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx})$   
 and then rearranged  $\int u \frac{dv}{dx} = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx}$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$$

power series is basically an  
 $\infty$ -degree polynomial

### Power Series

Consider a series of functions instead of constants.

Power Series in x  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$   $a_0 = a_0 x^0$

EX 1 When does this power series converge, i.e., for what x-values?

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a x^n \quad \begin{cases} a \in \mathbb{R} \\ a \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad (\text{this is just a geometric series})$$

it converges when  $|x| < 1$

$$a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{a}{1-x} = f(x), \quad |x| < 1$$

## Theorem

The convergence set for a power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is always an interval of one of these three types.

- 1) The single point at  $x = 0$ .  $a_0 + a_1(0) + a_2(0) + \dots = a_0$
- 2) An interval,  $(-R, R)$ ,  $[-R, R]$ ,  $(-R, R]$ , or  $(-R, R)$  (centered about 0)
- 3)  $(-\infty, \infty)$

The radius of convergence is  $0$ ,  $R$ , or  $\infty$ , respectively.

EX 2 Find the convergence set for  $1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \dots$

$n=0 \quad n=1 \quad n=2 \quad n=3 \quad n=4$

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

Every time we need to find convergence set for a power series, use ART.

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

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

$$= x^2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(2n+2)(2n+1)} = 0 < 1 \Rightarrow \text{converges always}$$

$\Rightarrow$  this power series converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . interval of convergence is  $(-\infty, \infty)$

EX 3 Find the convergence set for  $1 + x + \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{x^4}{\sqrt{4}} + \dots$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{or} \quad 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

need ART:

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

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1}} \right) = |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1}}$$

$$= |x| < 1 \quad (\text{for convergence})$$

$$-1 < x < 1 \quad (\text{what about endpoints})$$

test endpoints:

$$x=1: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{p-series} \\ p=1/2 < 1 \end{array}$$

⇒ diverges

$$x=-1: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{by AST, this converges}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$$

⇒ the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{n}}$  converges for  $\boxed{-1 \leq x < 1}$

$c =$  center value; pivot value; fulcrum

Power Series in  $(x-c)$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-c)^n = a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + a_3(x-c)^3 + \dots$$

Convergence set :

- 1) The single point at  $x = c$
- 2) An interval,  $(c-R, c+R)$  (may include endpoints)
- 3)  $(-\infty, \infty)$

EX 4 Find the convergence set for  $\frac{x-3}{2} + \frac{(x-3)^2}{2^2} + \frac{(x-3)^3}{2^3} + \dots$

$c = 3$  (pivot/center value)

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

use ART:

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

solve for  $x$

$$|x-3| < 2$$

$$-2 < x-3 < 2$$

$$1 < x < 5$$

test endpoints:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-3)^n}{2^n}$

$x=5$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1$  diverges (by  $n^{\text{th}}$  term)

$x=1$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n$  diverges

$\Rightarrow$  convergence set for the power series

is  $\boxed{1 < x < 5}$

interval:  $(1, 5)$

## Conclusion

- Power series are  $\infty$ -degree polynomials.
- to find convergence set, use ART.  
(+ then test endpoints)