

10.7) Power Series:

After studying the convergence and divergence of series, we will now study the sum of *infinite polynomials*. we call these sum as "power series".

* Definition:

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

where the center c and the coefficients $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ are constants.

* Geometric Power Series:

The geometric power series is a special type of power series where x is centred at 0 ($c=0$) and coefficients are all 1:

$$\left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n \right\}$$

$$\text{if } |x| < 1 \rightarrow S = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

* Radius of Convergence:

- in other words, the radius of convergence is like asking for what values for x will the series converge? :

For a geometric series, we stated that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \text{ converges}$$

$$\text{iff } |x| < 1:$$

- so radius of convergence is:

$$\{-1 < x < 1\}$$

* Determining radius of convergence:

- To determine the radius of convergence either apply "Ratio Test" or "Root Test"

• after finding the interval, we check if the boundary is included by substituting boundary points on the series, and determining if it converges

on boundary as well

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

Determine radius of convergence and interval of

convergence:

apply root test:

$$\left| \frac{x^n}{n} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = |x|$$

$$|x| < 1 \text{ so Radius} = 1$$

Interval

$$\{-1 < x < 1\}$$

Now Let's test boundaries:

sub $x = -1$ in the series:

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

$$(-1)^{\text{odd}} = -1 \text{ and since } 2n-1 \text{ is odd} \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{n} \text{ diverges by } \int \text{ test}$$

$$\text{sub } x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} =$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} \text{ converges by A.S.T.}$$

Interval of convergence:

$$-1 < x \leq 1$$

ex: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n! x^n}{n!}$

apply root test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n! x^n} = \infty |x| > 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

series diverges

* Series multiplication Theorem:

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

ex: $\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{n+1} \right)$

$$= (1+x+x^2+\dots) \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \right)$$

$$= 1 \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right) + x \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right) + x^2 \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right)$$

$$\left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right) + \left(x^2 - \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{3} \right) + \left(x^3 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^5}{3} \right)$$

sort them in order:

$$x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{5x^3}{6} - \frac{x^4}{6} + \dots$$