

1. Find a power series representation for the function and determine the interval of convergence:

(i). $f(x) = \frac{x}{9+x^2}$

(ii). $f(x) = \frac{1+x}{1-x}$

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

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

Solution:

(i).

$$\frac{x}{9+x^2} = \frac{x}{9} \times \frac{1}{1+\frac{x^2}{9}} = \frac{x}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x^2}{9}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{9^{n+1}} x^{2n+1}$$

The series converges on $|\frac{x^2}{9}| < 1$, i.e., $-3 < x < 3$. The interval of convergence is $(-3, 3)$.

(ii).

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

The interval of convergence is $(-1, 1)$.

(iii).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{x^2-x-2} &= \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{1}{x+1} = -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{2}} - \frac{1}{1+x} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} - (-1)^n\right) x^n \end{aligned}$$

The series converges when $|\frac{x}{2}| < 1$ and $|x| < 1$, so the interval of convergence is $(-1, 1)$.

(iv). First observe that

$$\frac{1}{(1+4x)^2} = \left(-\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{1+4x}\right)' = \left(-\frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-4x)^n\right)' = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-4)^{n-1} x^n\right)' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-4)^{n-1} n x^{n-1}$$

So

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

The series converges when $|4x| < 1$, so the interval of convergence is $(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$.

2. Find the Taylor series of $f(x) = \ln x$ at 1, and prove $f(x)$ equals to this Taylor series on $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$.

Solution: $f^{(x)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}(n-1)!}{x^n}$ for all $n \geq 1$.

$f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^{n-1}(n-1)!$, so the Taylor series is

$$T(x) = f(1) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(1)}{n!} (x-1)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} (x-1)^n$$

$$|R_N| = \left| \frac{f^{(N+1)}(z)}{(N+1)!} (x-1)^{N+1} \right| = \frac{1}{N+1} \left| \frac{x-1}{z} \right|^{N+1}$$

for some z between x and 1. If $\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{3}{2}$, then $|x-1| < \frac{1}{2}$ and $z > \frac{1}{2}$, so $\left| \frac{x-1}{z} \right| < 1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |R_N| = 0$, we conclude $T(x)$ equals to $f(x)$ on $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$.

3. Use binomial series to expand the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{(2+x)^3}$ as a power series, and state the radius of convergence.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{(2+x)^3} = \frac{1}{8} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-3} = \frac{1}{8} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{-3}{n} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3) \times (-4) \times \dots \times (-3-n+1)}{n!} \frac{x^n}{2^{n+3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3 \times 4 \times \dots \times (n+2)}{(n)!} \frac{x^n}{2^{n+3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)(n+2)}{2} \frac{x^n}{2^{n+3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)(n+2)}{2^{n+4}} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)(n+2)}{2^{n+4}} x^n \end{aligned}$$

4. Use Taylor series to evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + x - e^x}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + x - e^x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots)}{1 + x - (1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots}{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} - \dots} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{24} + \dots}{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{6} - \dots} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} + 0}{-\frac{1}{2} + 0} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

5. Evaluate the integral as an infinite series:

$$\int x \cos(x^3) dx$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \cos(x^3) dx &= \int x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} (x^3)^{2n} dx \\ &= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{6n+1} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \int x^{6n+1} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \frac{x^{6n+2}}{6n+2} + C \end{aligned}$$

6. Find the sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{n5^n}$$

Solution:

We know $\ln(1 - x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{x^n}{n}$ for $|x| < 1$, so take $x = \frac{4}{5}$:

$$-\ln 5 = \ln\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = \ln\left(1 - \frac{4}{5}\right) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$$

We get

$$\ln 5 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$$