

1. Prove $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$ does NOT converge uniformly on the domain $0 < |z| < 1$.

Solution: When $\epsilon = 1$, for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, consider the real polynomial $f(x) = x^{N+1} - (1 - x)$. Since $f(1) = 1$, by the continuity of $f(x)$, $f(x) > 0$ in a neighbourhood of $x = 1$, so there exists some number $0 < x_N < 1$ such that $f(x_N) > 0$, i.e. $\frac{x_N^{N+1}}{1-x_N} > 1$.

We thus see for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, we can find $z = x_N$ in the domain $0 < |z| < 1$ such that

$$\left| \frac{1}{1-x_N} - \sum_{n=0}^N x_N^n \right| = \frac{x_N^{N+1}}{1-x_N} > 1 = \epsilon$$

So the series doesn't converge uniformly on this domain.

2. Show that the function defined by

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1-\cos z}{z^2}, & (z \neq 0) \\ \frac{1}{2}, & (z = 0) \end{cases}$$

is entire.

$\cos z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} z^{2n}$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$, so

$$f(z) = \frac{1 - \cos z}{z^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n)!} z^{2n-2} = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+2)!} z^{2n}$$

for all $z \neq 0$. But observe when $z = 0$, the power series also equals to $f(0)$, we get

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

for all \mathbb{C} , so the radius of convergence is ∞ , which implies $f(z)$ is analytic everywhere on \mathbb{C} .

3. Find the Taylor series expansion for $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-z)^2}$ at $z_0 = 0$ by differentiating the Taylor series expansion $\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$ ($|z| < 1$)

Solution: We know within the circle of convergence we can differentiate the power series by differentiating term by term.

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right)' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (z^n)'$$

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

4. m is a positive integer. Prove that if f is analytic at z_0 and $f(z_0) = f'(z_0) = \dots = f^{(m)}(z_0) = 0$, then the function

$$g(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{m+1}}, & (z \neq z_0) \\ \frac{f^{(m+1)}(z_0)}{(m+1)!}, & (z = z_0) \end{cases}$$

is analytic at z_0 .

Solution:

Since f is analytic at z_0 , there is an open disk D centred at z_0 such that f is analytic on D , so for any $z \in D$

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} (z-z_0)^n = \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} (z-z_0)^n$$

Then for any $z \in D - \{z_0\}$,

$$g(z) = \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{m+1}} = \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} (z-z_0)^{n-(m+1)} = \frac{f^{(m+1)}(z_0)}{(m+1)!} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n+m+1)}(z_0)}{(n+m+1)!} (z-z_0)^n$$

and observe $g(z_0) = \frac{f^{(m+1)}(z_0)}{(m+1)!}$ also satisfies the series. We conclude for any $z \in D$,

$$g(z) = \frac{f^{(m+1)}(z_0)}{(m+1)!} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n+m+1)}(z_0)}{(n+m+1)!} (z-z_0)^n$$

So D is within the circle of convergence of the series, which implies $g(z)$ is analytic on D .

5. Find the Laurent series expansion of

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)}$$

in the domain $1 < |z| < 2$

Solution:

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

6. $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-z^2}$.

(i). Find the Laurent series expansion of $f(z)$ in the domain $0 < |z| < 1$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z-z^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \times \frac{1}{1-z} \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \\ &= \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} z^n \end{aligned}$$

(ii). Find the Laurent series expansion of $f(z)$ in the domain $1 < |z| < \infty$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z - z^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^2} \times \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{z}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n} \\ &= -\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n} \end{aligned}$$

(iii). Find the Laurent series expansion of $f(z)$ in the domain $0 < |z - 1| < 1$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z - z^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{z - 1} \times \frac{1}{z} \\ &= -\frac{1}{z - 1} \times \frac{1}{1 + (z - 1)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{z - 1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (z - 1)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} (-1)^n (z - 1)^n \end{aligned}$$

(iv). Find the Laurent series expansion of $f(z)$ in the domain $1 < |z - 1| < \infty$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z - z^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{(z-1)^2} \times \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{z-1}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{(z-1)^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{(z-1)^n} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{(z-1)^n} \end{aligned}$$