

IB Math HL2: Geometric Power Series

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Warm up

Given $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^n}{n}\right) = x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \dots$

a) Find $\int f(x)dx$ and write the resulting series in sigma notation.

$$\int f(x)dx = \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 1} + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 2} + \frac{x^4}{4 \cdot 3} + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 4} \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1) \cdot n}$$

b) Determine the radius of convergence for $\int f(x)dx$.

Ratio test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^{n+2}}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right] \cdot \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{x^{n+1}} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x^{n+1} \cdot x \cdot n(n+1)}{x^{n+1} (n+2)(n+1)} \right) = x$$

$$|x| < 1, \quad R = 1$$

Geometric power Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r} \text{ where } |r| < 1$$

Example 1) Find a power series for $f(x) = \frac{4}{x+2}$ centered at $x=0$. And find the radius of convergence.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{x+2} = \frac{(4)}{2+x} = \frac{4}{2 - (-x)} \div 2 = \frac{2}{1 - \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow |r| = \left| -\frac{x}{2} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2$$

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

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

Interval of convergence

$$\left| -\frac{x}{2} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow -2 < x < 2$$

$$\frac{a}{1-r}$$

Example 1) Find a power series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ centered at $x=1$. And find the radius of convergence.

Solution:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{1+(x-1)} = \frac{1}{1-[-(x-1)]}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [-(x-1)]^n$$

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

$$r = |-(x-1)| = |x-1|$$

$$|x-1| < 1 \Rightarrow R=1$$

$$0 < x < 2.$$

$$\frac{a}{1-r}$$

Practice) Find a power series for $f(x) = \frac{3}{5+2x}$ centered at $x=1$. And find the radius of convergence.

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{5+2(x-1)+2} = \frac{3}{7-[-2(x-1)]} = \frac{\frac{3}{7}}{1-[-\frac{2}{7}(x-1)]}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3}{7} (-1)^n \left[\frac{2}{7} (x-1) \right]^n$$

$$\left| -\frac{2}{7} (x-1) \right| < 1$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} < x-1 < \frac{1}{2}$$

Interval: $\boxed{-\frac{5}{2} < x < \frac{9}{2}}$

$$R = \frac{1}{2}$$

Notes: Given $f(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

a) Show $f'(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

b) Show $\int f(x) dx = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

c) What is the function which has the property of $f(x) = f'(x) = \int f(x) dx$?