

Warmup!!

Suppose $f(x) = \frac{4}{5-x}$

a) Rewrite $f(x)$ in the form $\frac{a}{1-r}$

Hint (change the 5 to a 1)

$$f(x) = \frac{\frac{4}{5}}{1 - \frac{x}{5}}$$

b) Use this to write $f(x)$

as a power series using
sigma notation

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5} \left(\frac{x}{5}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^{n+1}} x^n$$

c) Now use this to write the series as a
polynomial

$$\frac{4}{5} + \frac{4}{25}x + \frac{4}{125}x^2 + \frac{4}{525}x^3 + \dots$$

This polynomial is called the 'geometric
power series' for the function, because it is
based on the sum of a geometric series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(r)^n = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

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HW 9.8b

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

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (n+1) (x-1)^n}{(n+1)}$$

$$\int f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-1)^{n+2}}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

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

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

$R=1$ for $f(x)$, $f'(x)$, $\int f(x) dx$

$$-1 < x-1 < 1$$

$$\text{So } 0 < x < 2$$

Test $f(x)$: 0 diverges by lim comp test
2 converges by alt srs test

Test $f'(x)$: 0, 2 diverge by nth term test

Test $\int f(x) dx$: 0 converges by dir comp
2 converges by alt series

So:

$$f(x): 0 < x \leq 2$$

$$f'(x): 0 < x < 2$$

$$\int f(x) dx: 0 \leq x \leq 2$$

9-9a: Representing Functions with Power Series

At the end of this lesson students will be able to:

- Find a geometric power series that represents a function
- Construct a power series using series operations

Let's go back to the original function from the

warmup: $f(x) = \frac{4}{5-x} = \frac{4}{5 - (x+2) + 7}$

The power series we found to represent this function would have been centered at 0. What if we wanted to represent the same function but center it at $c = -2$?

1) Rewrite $f(x)$

so that the x is replaced with an

$$\frac{4}{5-x} = \frac{4}{5 - (x+2) + 2} = \frac{4}{7 - (x+2)}$$

$x + 2$

2) write in the form $\frac{a}{1-r}$

$$\frac{4}{7 - (x+2)} = \frac{\frac{4}{7}}{1 - \frac{x+2}{7}}$$

3) Write using sigma $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{7} \left(\frac{x+2}{7}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{7^{n+1}}\right) (x+2)^n$

4) Find the radius and interval of convergence for $f(x)$. Note that if your sigma is geometric, $\sum a(r)^n$, you can use the geometric series to determine the interval of convergence.

$$\left| \frac{x+2}{7} \right| < 1$$

so $|x+2| < 7$ and $R = 7$. The initial interval of convergence is $-9 < x < 5$. Testing the endpoints gives:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4(-7)^n}{7^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n}{7} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4(7)^n}{7^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{7}$$

So the series diverges at both endpoints, so our interval of convergence is $-9 < x < 5$.

You try! Write $\frac{4}{3x+2}$ as a power series centered at $x = 2$. Then find the radius and interval of convergence.

Step reminder:

- > Replace the 'x' with 'x - 2'.
- > Convert to $a/(1-r)$ form.
- > Write with Σ .
- > Find the radius/interval.

$$\frac{4}{3(x-2)+2+6} = \frac{4}{3(x-2)+8}$$

$$\frac{4}{8-3(x-2)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1-\frac{3}{8}(x-2)}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{3}{8}(x-2) \right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n}{2(8)^n} (x-2)^n$$

$$\left| -\frac{3}{8}(x-2) \right| < 1$$

So our $R = 8/3$ and our initial interval of convergence is $-2/3 < x < 14/3$. Test the endpoints to get:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n}{2(8)^n} \left(-\frac{2}{3} - 2 \right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{diverges based on nth term test}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n}{2(8)^n} \left(\frac{14}{3} - 2 \right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2} \quad \text{diverges based on nth term test}$$

So our final interval of convergence is $-2/3 < x < 14/3$

You try again! (But I'll give you a nudge) 😊

Suppose $h(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 1}$. Find a power series for $h(x)$ centered at 0. Then determine the interval of convergence.

Nudge: start by multiplying top and bottom by -1.

So $a = -x$ and $r = x^2$

$$h(x) = \frac{-x}{1 - x^2}$$

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

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

So $R = 1$ and our initial interval is $-1 < x < 1$.

Test the endpoints to get:

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

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

Both diverge by the nth term test.

So our final interval is $-1 < x < 1$.

Use the power series $\frac{1}{1+x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n$

to determine a power series, centered at 0, for the function, $f(x) = \ln(1-x^2)$. Then identify the interval of convergence.

1) We need to somehow relate $f(x)$ to the given series. Start by using properties of logs:

$$\ln(1-x^2) = \ln(1+x) + \ln(1-x)$$

Thinking about how $\ln(1+x)$ relates to $1/(1+x)$ made me think of integrals, so rewrite as integrals.

$$= \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx + \int -\frac{1}{1-x} dx + C$$

Rewrite each of these as geometric power series.

The first one is given in the problem.

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

So now we have:

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

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

To solve for C , plug in a zero for x (always use the center) to get:

$$\ln(1-0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 0 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 0 + C$$

So $C = 0$ and our series is:

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

Note: $\sum a_n x^n \pm \sum b_n x^n = \sum (a_n \pm b_n) x^n$

So our FINAL series is:

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

Let's find that interval of convergence!

When adding 2 series together, the interval of convergence is the intersection of the convergence intervals for each series. (The intersection is all of the elements they have in common.) Ex: $(-5, 3) \cap [-8, 2] = (-5, 2]$

Because the -1 can be dropped for the ratio test, both series have the same test:

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

After testing the endpoints, you will find that the intervals for both series are $-1 < x < 1$, so the final interval of the sum of the series is $-1 < x < 1$

What have we learned?

- Can I create a geometric power series based on a given function?
- Can I add/subtract 2 series together and find the interval of convergence of the sum?
- Am I a bit tired after all of this?

