

**M242 Hw10** (S. Zhang) 11.9: 4-7, 11, 15-16, 23-24, 38  
 11.10: 5-9,14-15,18-19,21-22,30-33, 36-37, 47-48, 51, 55-57, 61-66

1. (11.9:4) Find the power series representation and its interval of convergence

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{1-x^4}$$

• **ans:**

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$$

Pull out 3 and replace  $x$  by  $x^4$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{1-x^4} &= 3(1 + x^4 + x^8 + \dots + x^{4n} + \dots) \\ &= 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{4n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3x^{4n} \end{aligned}$$

Ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \frac{3x^{4n+4}}{3x^{4n}} = |x|^4 < 1 \\ |x| &< 1 \end{aligned}$$

Radius of convergence  $R = 1$ .

Check two end points:  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ . Both diverges by the divergence test (or by  $r$ -test):

$$\begin{aligned} x = -1, & 3 + 3 + 3 + \dots \\ x = 1, & 3 + 3 + 3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The interval of convergence:

$$(-1, 1)$$

2. (11.9:16) Find the power series representation and its radius of convergence

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

• **ans:** We note that the  $x^2$  on the top does not matter as we can pull it out, or multiply the series by it.

Note that

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

we differentiate both sides of

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$$

to get

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

Replace  $x$  by  $2x$ : to get

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

Multiply the series by  $x^2$

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

Ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \frac{(n+2)2^{n+1}x^{n+3}}{(n+1)2^n x^{n+2}} = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{n}2|x|}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \\ &\rightarrow 2|x| < 1 \\ |x| &< \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Radius of convergence  $R = 1/2$ .

Done.

If we find the interval of convergence, we continue to check two end points:  $x = -1/2$

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

The series diverges by the divergence test ( $a_n \not\rightarrow 0$ )

The other end point  $x = 1/2$ .

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

The series diverges by the divergence test ( $a_n \not\rightarrow 0$ )

The interval of convergence:

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

1. (11.10:18) Find the Taylor series

$$f(x) = \sin x, \quad a = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

• **ans:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sin x, & f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 1 \\ f'(x) &= \cos x, & f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0 \\ f''(x) &= -\sin x, & f''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= -1 \\ f'''(x) &= -\cos x, & f'''(a) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then the computation repeats.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin x &= f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{(x-\frac{\pi}{2})^2}{2!} + \frac{(x-\frac{\pi}{2})^4}{4!} \\ &= -\frac{(x-\frac{\pi}{2})^6}{6!} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Or

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

2. (11.10:31) Use a well known Maclaurin series to find the Maclaurin series for

$$f(x) = e^x + e^{2x}$$

• **ans:**

$$\begin{aligned}e^x &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \\ e^{2x} &= 1 + 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \dots \\ e^x + e^{2x} &= 2 + 3x + \frac{5x^2}{2!} \\ &+ \dots + \left( \frac{x^n}{n!} + \frac{(2x)^n}{n!} \right) + \dots \\ &= 2 + 3x + \frac{5x^2}{2!} \\ &+ \dots + \frac{(1+2^n)x^n}{n!} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Or

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

3. (11.10:57) Use series to evaluate the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x - \frac{x^3}{6}}{x^5}$$

• **ans:**

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x - \frac{x^3}{6}}{x^5} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots - x - \frac{x^3}{6}}{x^5} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots}{x^5} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{5!} - x^2 \dots}{1} = \frac{1}{5!}\end{aligned}$$