

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{a_n (x-c)^n}_{\text{general term}} = a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + \dots$$

power series $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{in powers of } x-c \\ \text{about } c \end{array} \right.$

c : center of convergence

a_n : coefficients of the power series

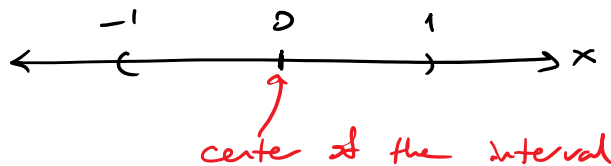
ex: $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$
 (in notation of 9.2) $\underbrace{1}_{a} \underbrace{x}_{ar} \underbrace{x^2}_{ar^2} \underbrace{x^3}_{ar^3} \dots r=x$

power series in powers of $x = x - 0$
 ($c=0$)

this series $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{converges to } \frac{1}{1-x} \left(\frac{a}{1-r} \right) \\ \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ \text{diverges if } |x| \geq 1 \end{array} \right.$

$$R=1$$

interval of convergence: $(-1, 1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |x| < 1\}$



ex: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-5)^n}{n \cdot 2^n}$. Determine the interval of convergence.

Start with Ratio Test to check for absolute convergence

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(x-5)^n}{n \cdot 2^n} \right| \quad \text{Apply Ratio Test}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |n \cdot 2^n| \quad \text{Apply Ratio Test}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left| \frac{(x-5)^{n+1}}{(n+1) \cdot 2^{n+1}} \right|}{\left| \frac{(x-5)^n}{n \cdot 2^n} \right|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x-5| \cdot \frac{n \cdot 2^n}{(n+1) \cdot 2^{n+1}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x-5|}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right) = \frac{|x-5|}{2}$$

• If $\frac{|x-5|}{2} < 1$, or $|x-5| < 2$, the power series converges absolutely.

$$|x-5| < 2 \quad -2 < x-5 < 2$$

$$3 < x < 7$$

$$R = 2$$

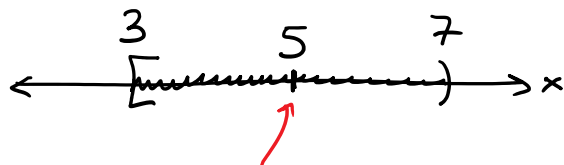
• If $x > 7$ or $x < 3$, the series diverges.

$$x > 7: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x-5)^n}{n \cdot 2^n} = \infty \quad x < 3: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x-5)^n}{n \cdot 2^n} \text{ does not exist}$$

• If $x = 7$: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges. If $x = 3$: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ converges (conditionally).

Interval of convergence for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-5)^n}{n \cdot 2^n}$: $[3, 7)$

$$(c = 5)$$



center of the interval

Thm: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$. Exactly one of the following holds:

1) the series converges only at $x=c$. ($R=0$)

2) the series converges at every real number x ($R=\infty$)

2) the series converges on $...$

3) there is a positive $R > 0$ such that the series converges if $|x-c| < R$ and diverges if $|x-c| > R$

(the series may or may not converge at $x=c \pm R$)

The convergence is absolute except possibly at $x=c \pm R$ in case (3).

R : radius of convergence

ex: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$. Determine the radius and interval of convergence.

Use Ratio Test to determine absolute convergence. $\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{x^n}{n!} \right| \right)$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right|}{\left| \frac{x^n}{n!} \right|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{(n+1)} = 0 < 1$$

The power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ converges absolutely for all x .

$R = \infty$ Interval of convergence = $(-\infty, \infty)$

(Case 2 in Theorem)

ex: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! \cdot x^n$. Determine the radius and the interval of convergence.

(The series converges absolutely if $x=0$.)

Assume $x \neq 0$:

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|(n+1)! x^{n+1}|}{|n! x^n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) \cdot |x| = \infty$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1) \cdot |x|}{n! \cdot x^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1) \cdot |x|}{n!} = 0$$

$$\underline{x > 0}: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n! x^n = \infty \quad \underline{x < 0}: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n! x^n \text{ does not exist}$$

$\Rightarrow$ If $x \neq 0$, the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n$ diverges (n^{th} term test for divergence)

$$R = 0 \quad \text{Interval of convergence: } \{0\} = [0, 0]$$

radius of this interval = 0

Suppose $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$ exists or is ∞ . Then the power

series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-c)^n$ has radius of convergence $R = \frac{1}{L}$

(If $L=0$, $R = \infty$. If $L = \infty$, $R = 0$.)