

Update: Ch 9.1 has also been cut. See main webpage for more info on final exam. In Chapter 9, we only cover section 9.2.

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## Ch 9.2: Properties of Power Series

### Geometric Series:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-r} & \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ \text{DIV} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We can think of this as a function of  $r$ :

$$f(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n : \text{Domain of } f(r): -1 < r < 1$$

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

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{1-0} = 1$$

$$f(-0.75) = \frac{1}{1-(-3/4)} = \frac{1}{7/4} = 4/7$$

$$f(2) = \text{DNE}$$

2 not in domain of  $f$

Power series: infinite analogue of polynomial

Polynomial:  $c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + \dots + c_nx^n$

A power series has the form:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (x-a)^k$$

where  $\{c_k\}$  a constants  
 $x$  is a variable

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$$c_0 + c_1(x-a)^1 + c_2(x-a)^2 + c_3(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

$a$ : "centre" of power series

$c_k$ : "coefficients"

eg  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2x^k$

Power Series

Centre:  $(x)^k = (x-0)^k$

$a=0$

Coefficients  $c_k = 2$

eg  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k+1} (x-3)^k$

Centre:

$$a=3$$

Coeff's:  $C_k = 2^{k+1}$

$$= 2 + 2^2(x-3) + 2^3(x-3)^2 + \dots$$

eg  $\sum \frac{k}{x!}$  not a power series

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{x!} + \frac{2}{x!} + \frac{3}{x!} \dots$$

eg  $\sum \frac{x^k}{x^{2k+1}}$  not a power series

Power Series:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (x-a)^k$$

↑  
no x's

Def: The set of values  $x$  for which a power series converges is its interval of convergence (similar to domain)

The radius of convergence is distance from centre of PS to the edge of its interval of convergence.

eg

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

(geometric)

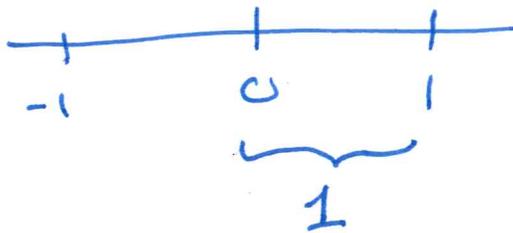
Conu:  $|x| < 1$

Div: otherwise

Interval of  
Centre: 0

Conu:  $\boxed{(-1, 1)}$

Radius of Conu  
 $\boxed{R=1}$



$$f(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n$$

$$S_N = \frac{1 - r^{N+1}}{1 - r}$$

Power series always converges

at its centre ( $x=a$ )

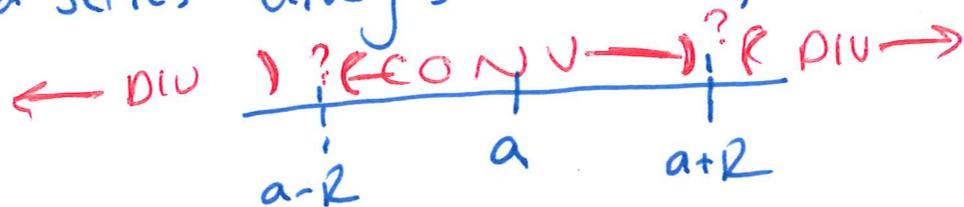
$R$ : how far from centre (safe!  
definitely converges!)

can we push  $x$  before  
we leave domain of  $f(x)$ ?

Theorem | A power series centred at  $a$   
( $\sum c_k (x-a)^k$ ) converges in  
one of three ways:

1. It converges for all  $x$ . Interval of Conv:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
Radius " " :  $R = \infty$

2. There is a real number  $R$  such that  
series converges for all  $x$ ,  $|x-a| < R$   
and series diverges for all  $x$ ,  $|x-a| > R$



3. The series converges only at centre

Interval of Conv:  $[a, a]$

Radius of Conv:  $R=0$

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ex  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{k+1} (x-3)^k = 2 + 4(x-3) + 8(x-3)^2 + 16(x-3)^3 + \dots$

If  $x=3$ :  $2 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = 2$

So series converges at  $x=3$  (centre)

ex  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2(x-0)^k$  Centre: 0

$= 2 + 2x + 2x^2 + 2x^3 + \dots$

$x=0$ :  $2 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots$

$= 2$  converges when  $x=0$

Syllabus: won't have to find interval of  
conv; do have to find radius  
of conv (Fri)