

# 11.9) tricks with geometric series power series

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Starting point:  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}$  when  $|r| < 1$

set  $a=1, r=x$ :  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$   $|x| < 1$  or  $-1 < x < 1$

"  $1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots = f(x)$

defines a function for  $|x| < 1$ .

The following examples will show how we can generalize this to functions of the form  $f(x) = \frac{Ax^p}{B+Cx^q}$ ,  $p, q \geq 0$  integers.

EX  $\frac{1}{2+x} = \frac{1}{2(1+\frac{x}{2})} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\underbrace{(-\frac{x}{2})}_r} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-\frac{x}{2})^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{2 \cdot 2^n}$   
 $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{2^{n+1}}$   $\checkmark \hookrightarrow \frac{|x|}{2} < 1 \rightarrow |x| < 2 = R$  converges for  $-2 < x < 2$

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 $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{2^{n+1}}$   $\hookrightarrow |-\frac{x^2}{2}| < 1, x^2 < 2, |x| < 2^{1/2} = R$   
so  $-\sqrt{2} < x < \sqrt{2}$

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

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We can also combine these algebra manipulations with differentiation or integration of the resulting series.

Suppose  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(x-a)^n$ ,  $|x-a| < R$  defines  $f$ , where converges.

$$= C_0 + C_1(x-a) + C_2(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

now differentiate:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(x-a)^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} \left( C_n(x-a)^n \right)$$

↑ limit    ↑ limit  
interchange turns out to be valid

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

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (C_0 + C_1(x-a) + C_2(x-a)^2 + \dots)$$
$$= 0 + C_1(1) + C_2 \cdot 2(x-a)(1) + \dots$$

"term by term" differentiation

also converges on same interval (modulo endpoints)

Similarly

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

↑ limit    ↑ limit  
exchange

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

"term by term" integration

$$= \int (C_0 + C_1(x-a) + C_2(x-a)^2 + \dots) dx$$
$$= \underbrace{C_0 x + C_1 \frac{(x-a)^2}{2} + C_2 \frac{(x-a)^3}{3} + \dots}_{+ C}$$

also converges in same interval (modulo endpoints)

and

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \left[ \dots \right] \Big|_a^b$$

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see text for derivative examples

$$\text{EX } \frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1}{1-\underbrace{(-x)}_{r=x}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n$$

$$|x| < 1 \\ -1 < x < 1 \\ +1 \hookrightarrow 0 < x+1 < 2 \\ \text{positive}$$

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

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

$\ln(1+x)$   
particular  
antiderivative  
 $x=0:$

$$\ln(1+0) = 0 + C \\ 0 = C$$

choose  
C so RHS  
equals LHS

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

set  $m=n+1 \rightarrow n=m-1$   
 $n=0 \rightarrow m=1$

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

index symbol does not matter

gives  
series  
for  
 $\ln$   
evaluation!

$$0 < x+1 < 2$$

values between 0  
and 2.

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

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

$\downarrow$   
arctan x  
particular  
antiderivative  
 $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \int (-1)^n x^{2n} dx \right)$

$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + C$ , for  $|r| = |-x^2| < 1$   
 $x^2 < 1$   
 $|x| < 1$

set  $x=0$ :

arctan 0 = 0 + C = C

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

odd  
function

only odd  
powers



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Definite integrals approximated with a power series.

$$\int_0^{0.3} \frac{x^5}{1+x^7} dx$$

expand in series, then integrate, (Maple cannot find antiderivative!)

$$\frac{x^5}{1+x^7} = x^5 \cdot \frac{1}{1-(-x^7)} = x^5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^7)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{7n+5}$$

} Geometric series trick

$$= x^5 - x^{12} + x^{19} - x^{26} + \dots$$

$$\int \frac{x^5}{1+x^7} dx = \frac{x^6}{6} - \frac{x^{13}}{13} + \frac{x^{20}}{20} - \frac{x^{27}}{27} + \dots + C$$

} term by term integration

$$\int_0^{0.3} \frac{x^5}{1+x^7} dx = \left[ \frac{x^6}{6} - \frac{x^{13}}{13} + \frac{x^{20}}{20} - \frac{x^{27}}{27} + \dots \right]_0^{0.3}$$

} definite integral evaluation

lower limit contribution is zero

alternating series

use Maple

$$= 0.00012150 - 1.2 \cdot 10^{-8} + 1.7 \cdot 10^{-12} - 2.8 \cdot 10^{-16}$$

6 decimal places      total error in rest of series <math>< 1.2 \cdot 10^{-8}</math>, shouldn't matter

$$0.00012148$$

$$\approx 0.000121 \text{ rounds down in 6th digit.}$$

(rare that this will happen)

→ evaluate these for last problem in WebAssign using Maple worksheet.