

Calculus 4/2

Recall

Consider

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$$

Where does it converge?

Thm

If $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ converges at $x = c$, $(c \neq 0)$,

then $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ converges absolutely at

all x with $|x| < |c|$.

From this thm, we know:

case 1:

$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ converges only at $x = 0$.

case 2:

$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ converges absolutely at all

real numbers x . For example, $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$.

Case 3:

There exists $r > 0$ s.t.

(i) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ converges absolutely
for $|x| < r$.

(ii) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ diverges for $|x| > r$.

For example, $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \begin{cases} = \frac{1}{1-x} & |x| < 1 \\ \text{diverges} & |x| > 1 \end{cases}$

Def

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The radius of convergence of

$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ is

- (i) 0 if it is case 1,
- (ii) ∞ if it is case 2,
- (iii) r if it is case 3.

The interval of convergence of
a power series is the maximal
interval on which it converges.

Example

① Consider

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (kx)^k$$

∞ at each fixed
nonzero x
as $k \rightarrow \infty$

Since

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (kx)^k \neq 0$$

at each nonzero x ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^k x^k \text{ diverges. } \forall x \neq 0.$$

\Rightarrow The radius of convergence = 0. #

② The radius of convergence of

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} x^k \text{ (converges to } e^x \text{ } \forall x \text{)}$$

is ∞ .

③ The radius of convergence of

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

converges $\forall |x| < 1$

diverges $\forall |x| \geq 1$

is 1

① interval of convergence of

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

is $\{0\}$

② interval of convergence of

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

is $(-\infty, \infty)$

③ interval of convergence of

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

is $(-1, 1)$

Note:

$x=1: \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1^k$ diverges

$x=-1: \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k$ diverges

Remark

It is typical to find the radius of convergence by root test or ratio test.

(i) Root test:

$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ converges absolutely if

① $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ converges if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k x^k|} < 1$$
$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} \cdot \sqrt[k]{|x|^k} = \left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} \right) \cdot |x|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|}} \quad (\text{if } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} \text{ exists, } \neq 0)$$

② $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ diverges if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k x^k|} > 1$$
$$= \left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} \right) \cdot |x|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x| > \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|}}$$

Conclusion:

If $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|}$ exists, $= L$, then

$r = \frac{1}{L}$ is the radius of convergence.

(ii) Ratio test:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1} x^{k+1}}{a_k x^k} \right| = \underbrace{\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| \right)}_{r} \cdot |x|$$

< 1
or
 > 1

By the same argument, we have that

$$r = \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right|}$$

(\Rightarrow converges when $|x| < r$
diverges when $|x| > r$)

is the radius of convergence of

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k. \quad (\text{Assume } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| \text{ exists.})$$

Example

Find the interval of convergence of the series.

Step 1: Find the radius of convergence
(assume it's r)

Step 2: Check the convergence of the power series at $x = \pm r$.

$$\textcircled{1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k}$$

Step 1:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{\frac{1}{k}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[k]{k}} \rightarrow 1$$
$$= 1. \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

Step 2:

$$\underline{x=1}: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{diverges}$$

$$\underline{x=-1}: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k} \quad \text{Converges} \quad \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \cdot a_k \right)$$

Conclusion:

The interval of convergence of

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k} \quad \text{is} \quad \underline{[-1, 1)}. \quad \#$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^2} : \quad (a_k = \frac{1}{k^2})$$

Step 1:

$$r = \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right|} = \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^2}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^2}} = 1$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k+1}$$

Step 2:

$$x=1: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \quad \text{Converges}$$

$$x=-1: \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2} \quad \text{Converges}$$

Conclusion

interval of convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^2}$
is $[-1, 1]$ #

$$\textcircled{3} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2 3^k} (x+2)^k :$$

Step 1:

radius of convergence

$$= \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{\left| \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2 3^k} \right|}} = \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[k]{k} \right)^2 \cdot \sqrt[k]{3^k}} = 3$$

↓
1

$$= 3$$

$$\Rightarrow -2-3 < x < -2+3$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |x+2| < 3 \Rightarrow \text{converge} \\ |x+2| > 3 \Rightarrow \text{diverge} \end{cases}$$

Step 2

$$\underline{x = -5} : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2 \cdot 3^k} (-5+2)^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Converges

$$\underline{x = 1} : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2 \cdot 3^k} (1+2)^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2}$$

Converges

Conclusion

interval of convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2 \cdot 3^k} (x+2)^k$

is $[-5, 1]$ #