

SECTION 6.2: PROPERTIES OF POWER SERIES

(1) Principle: Provided the x -values of the power series are in the interval of convergence, then

we can operate term-by-term including addition, multiplication, differentiation, and integration.

(2) Use partial fractions to find a power series representation of $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x-3)}$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x-3)} \stackrel{\text{partial fractions}}{=} \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{x-1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x-3} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3-x}$$

partial fractions

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{3}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} x^n - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^n \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n \right) x^n$$

I.o.C. $(-1, 1)$

I.o.C. $(-3, 3)$

pick smallest interval.

I.o.C. $(-1, 1)$

(3) Given $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n$ and $g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} x^n$, find the power series representation of $f(x) \cdot g(x)$.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n = x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$$

I.O.C $(-1, 1)$

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} x^n = x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{3} x^3 + \frac{1}{4} x^4 + \dots$$

I.O.C $[-1, 1)$

$$f(x) \cdot g(x) = (x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots) (x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{3} x^3 + \frac{1}{4} x^4 + \frac{1}{5} x^5 + \dots)$$

$$= x^2 + \frac{1}{2} x^3 + \frac{1}{3} x^4 + \frac{1}{4} x^5 + \frac{1}{5} x^6 + \dots + x^3 + \frac{1}{2} x^4 + \frac{1}{3} x^5 + \frac{1}{4} x^6 + \frac{1}{5} x^7 + \dots$$

$$+ x^4 + \frac{1}{2} x^5 + \frac{1}{3} x^6 + \frac{1}{4} x^7 + \frac{1}{5} x^8 + \dots$$

$$+ x^5 + \frac{1}{2} x^6 + \frac{1}{3} x^7 + \dots$$

$$= x^2 + (1 + \frac{1}{2}) x^3 + (1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}) x^4 + (1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}) x^5 + \dots$$

collect terms

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

- (4) Differentiate the given series expansion of f term-by-term to obtain a series expansion for the derivative of f .

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{2-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n \quad \text{F.Y.I.} \quad \frac{2}{2-x} \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{2}} \quad \text{and I.o.C is } (-2, 2).$$

differentiate

$$f'(x) = 2(-1)(2-x)^{-2}(-1) = \frac{2}{(2-x)^2} \quad \leftarrow \text{left-hand side}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n-1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} x^{n-1} \quad \leftarrow \text{right-hand side.}$$

Now we have a power series expansion for a new function:

$$g(x) = \frac{2}{(2-x)^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} x^{n-1} \quad \leftarrow \text{I.o.C } (-2, 2)$$

So $g(1)$ is defined \curvearrowright .

- (5) Use your answer to the previous problem to determine the sum of the convergent series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}$.

$$\text{So } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} = g(1) = \frac{2}{(2-1)^2} = 2.$$

- (6) Find a power series representation of $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ and integrate the series expansion term-by-term to obtain a series expansion for the indefinite integral of f .

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

Integrate both sides:

● L.h.s. $\arctan(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \arctan(t) \Big|_0^x$
 $= \arctan(x)$

● R.h.s.

$$\int_0^x \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^{2n} dt \right) = \int_0^x (1 - t^2 + t^4 - t^6 + \dots) dt$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^x (-1)^n t^{2n} dt \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left((-1)^n \cdot \frac{t^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \Big|_0^x \right)$$

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

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

I.o.c $(-1, 1)$