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MATH 2060 lecture

## 9.4 Series of functions

- Sequences of fn's  $f_n \rightarrow f$ .
  - uniform convergence  $\Rightarrow$   $f_n$  cts, then  $f$  is cts. ...
  - $f_n \in \mathbb{R}[a,b]$ , then  $f \in \mathbb{R}[a,b]$ .
- Infinite Series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ,  $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - Root Test, Ratio Test, Comparison Tests, Absolute Convergence, ...

Want to talk about infinite series of functions.

$$f_1(x) + f_2(x) + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$$

Power Series:  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$ .

Def (9.4.1): Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of functions,  $f_n: D \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then the sequence of partial sums  $(S_n)$  of the infinite series of functions  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$ , is defined by  $S_n(x) := \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in D$ .

- If  $(s_n)$  converges to a function  $f$  on  $D$ , then we say that the infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges to  $f$  on  $D$ .

$$\left( \forall x \in D, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K(\varepsilon, x) \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ s.t. if } n \geq K, \text{ then } |s_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon. \right)$$

We write  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$ ,  $f = \sum f_n$ .

- If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n(x)|$  converges  $\forall x \in D$ , then we say  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  is absolutely convergent  
( $s_n \Rightarrow f$ )
- If  $s_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $D$ , then we say  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  is uniformly convergent to  $f$  on  $D$ .

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K = K(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. if  $n \geq K$ , then  $|s_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon, \forall x \in D$ .

Thm 9.4.2: If each  $f_n$  is continuous on  $D$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
and  $\sum f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $D$ , then  $f$  is continuous on  $D$ .

Thm 9.4.3: If each  $f_n \in R[a, b]$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\sum f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$   
on  $D$ , then  $f \in R[a, b]$  and  $\int_a^b f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b f_n$ .

(Interchanging the limit:  
$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^b \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b f_n.$$
)

Thm 9.4.4 If each  $f_n: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

- $f_n'$  exists on  $[a, b]$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- $\exists x_0 \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $\sum f_n(x_0)$  converges.
- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n'$  converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$

Then  $\exists f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converge uniformly to  $f$  on  $[a, b]$
- $f'$  exists and  $f' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n'$

PF (of Thm 9.4.2 - 9.4.4): Apply corresponding result for sequences of functions to the partial sums  $(S_n)$ .

### Tests for Uniform Convergence

Thm 9.4.5 (Cauchy Criteria):  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  is uniformly convergent on  $D$  if and only if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\text{if } m > n \geq K(\varepsilon), |f_{n+1}(x) + \dots + f_m(x)| < \varepsilon, \forall x \in D$$

PF: Apply Cauchy Criteria for uniform convergence for sequences of functions



to  $(S_n)$  (Thm 8.1.10):  $S_n \rightrightarrows f$  iff  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  
if  $m > n \geq K$ ,  $|S_m(x) - S_n(x)| < \varepsilon$ .



$$|f_{n+1}(x) + \dots + f_m(x)| < \varepsilon. //$$

Thm 9.4.6 (Weierstrass M-test)

If 1)  $|f_n(x)| \leq M_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x \in D$

2)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$  is convergent (not necessarily uniformly convergent)

Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  is uniformly convergent.

Pf:  $0 \leq M_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$  is convergent implies it is Cauchy i.e.

Let  $L_n = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k$ , then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t. if  $m > n \geq K(\varepsilon)$ ,

$$L_m - L_n < \varepsilon. \quad (\text{since each } M_n \geq 0, \quad L_m \geq L_n).$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \\ M_{n+1} + \dots + M_m < \varepsilon. \end{array}$$

By  $|f_n(x)| \leq M_n$ , we then have  
triangle inequality.

$$|f_{n+1}(x) + \dots + f_m(x)| \leq M_{n+1} + \dots + M_m < \varepsilon.$$

So by the Cauchy Criteria,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges uniformly on  $D$ . //

## Power Series

Def 9.4.7  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  is a power series centred at  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

if each  $f_n(x) = a_n(x-c)^n$ . "infinite polynomial"  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$

Remark: For simplicity, from now on we will only talk about the case where

the centre  $c=0$ . We are free to do this because setting  
 $y = x - c$  (translation), turns any power series centred at  $c$   
to a power series centred at 0.

2) Index from  $n=0$ .  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$

3)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  may not be defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

i)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n$  converges only at  $x=0$ . (Exercise, Ratio test).

ii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  converges only for  $|x| < 1$ . (Geometric series).

iii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (Power series expansion for  $e^x$ ).

So we need to determine the set on which  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges.

Recall (Def 3.4.10 & Thm 3.4.11): For  $(x_n)$  a bounded sequence, the limit superior of  $(x_n)$ , is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}\limsup(x_n) &:= \inf \{ v \in \mathbb{R} : v < x_n \text{ for finitely many } n \} \\ &= \inf \{ v \in \mathbb{R} : x_n \leq v \text{ for sufficiently large } n \} \\ &\quad \exists K(v) \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. if } n \geq K(v), \text{ then } x_n \leq v.\end{aligned}$$

i) If  $v > \limsup(x_n)$ , then

$x_n \leq v$  for sufficiently large  $n$ .

ii) If  $w < \limsup(x_n)$ , then  $\exists$  infinitely many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $w \leq x_n$ .

Def 9.4.8: Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  be a power series and

$$\rho = \begin{cases} \limsup(|a_n|^{1/n}) & \text{if } (|a_n|^{1/n}) \text{ is a bounded sequence} \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is

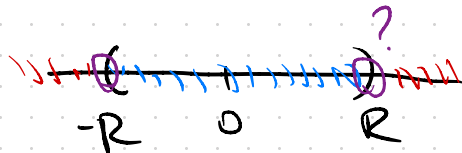
$$R = \frac{1}{\rho} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \rho = +\infty \\ \frac{1}{\limsup (|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}})} & \end{cases} \quad (\text{includes } R = +\infty \text{ if } \rho = 0).$$

Then the interval of convergence is the open interval  $(-R, R)$ .

Thm 9.4.9 (Cauchy-Hadamard Thm): If  $R$  is the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{absolutely convergent if } |x| < R \\ \text{divergent if } |x| > R. \end{array} \right.$

Remark: No conclusion for  $|x| = R$

i)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  :  $\rho = \limsup 1 = 1 \Rightarrow R = 1.$



$$x=1: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1+1+\dots \text{ is divergent.}$$

$$x=-1: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = -1+1-1+\dots \text{ is divergent.}$$

$$\text{ii) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} x^n: R=1. \text{ (Exercise)}$$

$$x=1: \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} x^n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots \text{ is divergent}$$

$$x=-1: \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} x^n = -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \dots \text{ is convergent.}$$

$$\text{iii) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} x^n, R=1, \text{ convergent at both } x=1, -1.$$

Pf of Cauchy-Hadamard:

Case:  $R=0, +\infty$  left as an exercise.

Assume  $0 < R < +\infty$ . Clearly at  $x=0$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges.

Suppose  $|x| < R$ . Then  $\exists 0 < c < 1$  such that  $|x| = cR = \frac{c}{\rho}$ .

$$c = \rho|x| = \limsup (|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}})|x| = \limsup (|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}|x|)$$

$\exists K(K, c) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. if  $n \geq K$   $|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}|x| \leq c$ .

$$\Rightarrow |a_n x^n| \leq c^n, \forall n \geq K.$$


Since  $0 < c < 1$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c^n$  is convergent, so by comparison test (3.7.7)

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n x^n|$  converges, so  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is absolutely convergent.

For  $|x| > R$ ,  $|x| > \frac{1}{\rho} \Leftrightarrow \rho > \frac{1}{|x|} \Rightarrow \limsup (|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}) > \frac{1}{|x|}$ .

$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} > \frac{1}{|x|}$  for infinitely many  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow |a_n x^n| > 1$  for infinitely many  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow a_n x^n \not\rightarrow 0$ , which implies  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  diverges. 

Rmks: 1) If  $\lim \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$  exists, then  $R = \lim \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$ .

- Reciprocal of Ratio Test.

- Includes  $\lim \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| \rightarrow +\infty$ .

2)  $\sum x^n$ ,  $\sum \frac{1}{n} x^n$ ,  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2} x^n$

$$\left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}} = \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^2 \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

$\Rightarrow R = 1.$

2) If we can choose  $0 < c < 1$  independent of  $|x|$ , then we would have uniform convergence.

Thm 9.4.10 Let  $R$  be the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  and  $[a, b] \subset (-R, R)$  then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is uniformly convergent on  $[a, b]$ . (closed and bounded)

Rmk: 1)  $R=0$  is excluded  $(-R, R) = (0, 0) = \emptyset$ .



2)  $(-R, R)$  could include  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , hence why we need  $[a, b]$  closed and bounded.

Pf: Since  $[a, b] \subset (-R, R)$  is closed and bounded,  $\exists 0 < c < 1$  s.t.  
 $-cR < a$  and  $b < cR$

So  $\forall x \in [a, b]$ ,  $|x| < cR$ . but now  $c$  is independent of  $|x|$   
(only depends on  $a, b$ ).

By argument above,  $\exists k = k(a, b) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $|a_n x^n| \leq c^n$ ,  $\forall n \geq k$ .

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c^n$  is convergent, so by Weierstrass M-test  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges uniformly  $\checkmark$

Thm 9.4.11: 1) the limit of a power series is continuous in  $(-R, R)$


2) a power series can be integrated term by term

$$\left( \int_a^b \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_a^b a_n x^n \right)$$

over any closed bounded interval  $[a, b] \subset (-R, R)$ .

Pf: 1)  $\forall x \in (-R, R)$ , take  $a, b$  such that  $x \in [a, b] \subset (-R, R)$

then on  $[a, b]$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges uniformly and hence is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , in particular at  $x$ .

2) Similar. 

### Thm 9.4.12 (Differentiation Thm)

A power series can be differentiated term by term within the interval of convergence  $(-R, R)$ , moreover if  $R =$  radius of convergence for

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad \text{then}$$

the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$  is also  $R$  and

$$f'(x) = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right)' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \quad \text{for } |x| < R.$$

Rmk: This is stronger than the general case because we don't require uniform convergence!

Pf: Since  $n^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 1$ , the sequence  $|n a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$  is bounded if and only if  $|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$  is bounded and moreover

$$\limsup |n a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \limsup \left( n^{\frac{1}{n}} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \right) = \limsup \left( |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)$$

So radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} =$  radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$   
 $= R.$

$\forall x \in (-R, R)$ , choose  $0 < a < R$  s.t.  $|x| < a$ .

Then consider  $[-a, a] \subset (-R, R)$  is closed bounded

$\cdot$   $0 \in [-a, a]$  s.t.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges at  $x=0$

So by Thm 9.4.10, Thm 8.2.3 and  $(a_n x^n)' = n a_n x^{n-1}$   
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n x^n)'$  converges uniformly on  $[-a, a]$ .

So by Thm 9.4.4.  $(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n)' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$  on  $[-a, a]$ .

Since  $x$  was arbitrary, we have the result on  $(-R, R)$ .

Remark: 1) Thm 9.4.12 makes no assertion about  $|x|=R$

e.g.  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2} x^n$  converges for  $|x|=1$

but  $(\sum \frac{1}{n^2} x^n)' = \sum \frac{1}{n} x^{n-1}$  converges at  $x=-1$

diverges at  $x=1$ .

2) Repeated application of Thm 9.4.12 gives

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right)^{(k)} = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} a_n x^{n-k} \quad \text{w/ radius of convergence } R$$