

By Eric Bahuaud and Svenja Lowitzsch

Complete all of the problems in class. You may work in pairs and use the textbook.
--

Name and section: _____

Weekly Summary:

- Power series: (§10.5)

- $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$ is called a *power series* and define $a_n := c_n(x-a)^n$.

- Ratio Test:

The power series converges **iff** $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L|x-a| < 1$, i.e. if $|x-a| < \frac{1}{L} := R$. Here, R is called the *radius of convergence*. Note that $|x-a| < R$ is equivalent to $-R+a < x < R+a$, i.e. $x \in (a-R, a+R)$. This is called the *interval of convergence*.

- Note: Need to check the endpoints $x = a - R$ and $x = a + R$ explicitly!

- Representation of functions as power series: (§10.6)

- Given $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$ with radius of convergence R .

- Then $f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n(x-a)^{n-1}$, with radius of convergence R .

- And $\int f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$, with radius of convergence R .

- Use differentiation and integration of f to get connection to geometric series and use $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$ for $x < 1$.

- Taylor and Mclaurin series: (§10.7)

- If f has the power series representation $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$ for $|x-a| < R$, then $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$. The series is then called the *Taylor series* of f at a . $T_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(a)}{j!} (x-a)^j$ is called the *nth degree Taylor polynomial* of f at a .

- If $a = 0$, we obtain the *Mclaurin series* of f , $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$.

- Theorem: If $f(x) = T_n(x) + R_n(x)$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0$ for $|x-a| < R$, then $f(x) = T_{\infty}(x)$ on $|x-a| < R$.

- Taylor's Inequality: If $|f^{(n-1)}(x)| \leq M$ for $|x-a| < R$, then we have that

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1} \quad \text{for } |x-a| < R.$$

- Use here: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$.

Workout Problems:

1. (§10.5) Find the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence of the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-6)^n}{n+4}$.

2. (§10.6) Find a power series representation for the function $f(x) = \ln(5-x)$ and determine the radius of convergence. (Problem 13)

3. (§10.7) Find the Taylor series for $f(x) = 1/x$ at $a = 1$. [Assume that f has a power series representation. Do not show that $R_n(x) \rightarrow 0$.] (Problem 9)