

Math 170, Section 2, Test 4

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Honor code: I have neither given nor received help on this test.

ATTEMPT ALL FIVE QUESTIONS.

1. (30pts) This question does not require any justification.

(a) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} = \frac{1}{4}$, then the radius of convergence of the power series $\sum c_n x^n$ is equal to 4.

(b) Give an example of a power series whose interval of convergence is $[-1, 1)$.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} x^n$$

(c) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \pi^{2n}}{(2n)!} = \cos(\pi) = -1$.

(d) According to Taylor's inequality, if $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ for $|x-a| < d$, then the remainder $R_n(x)$ of the Taylor series satisfies

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

In particular, if M and d can be chosen independently of n , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } |x-a| < d.$$

which means that f equals the sum of its Taylor series on the interval $|x-a| < d$.

(e) $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$.

2. (15pts) Find the 4-th degree Taylor polynomial of the function $f(x) = \frac{(x^2 + 1) \sin(x)}{e^x}$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (1+x^2)(\sin x)(e^{-x}) \\ &= (1+x^2)\left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots\right)\left(1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots\right) \\ &= \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + x^3 + \dots\right)\left(1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots\right) \\ &= \left(x + \frac{5}{6}x^3 + \dots\right)\left(1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots\right) \\ &= x - x^2 + \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^4}{6} \\ &\quad + \frac{5}{6}x^3 - \frac{5}{6}x^4 + \dots \\ &= x - x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x^3 - x^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The fourth-degree Taylor polynomial of f is:

$$\underline{T_4(x) = x - x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x^3 - x^4}$$

3. (20pts) Determine the radius of convergence of the function

$$J_0(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{2n}.$$

Find the power series representations of the functions $x^2 J_0''(x)$ and $x J_0'(x)$ and state their radii of convergence. Establish that

$$x^2 J_0''(x) + x J_0'(x) + x^2 J_0(x) = 0.$$

For any x , we have:
$$\left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2(n+1)}}{2^{2(n+1)} (n+1!)^2} \times \frac{2^{2n} (n!)^2}{(-1)^n x^{2n}} \right| = \frac{|x^2|}{4(n+1)^2} \rightarrow 0,$$

therefore $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{2n}$ converges for all x . Radius of convergence = ∞

By the term-by-term differentiation theorem, we get, for all x :

$$J_0'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2n}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{2n-1}, \quad \text{so} \quad x J_0'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2n}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{2n}$$

$$J_0''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2n(2n-1)}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{2n-2}, \quad \text{so} \quad x^2 J_0''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2n(2n-1)}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{2n}$$

Note that the power series representations of $x J_0'(x)$ and $x^2 J_0''(x)$ can be started at $n=1$, since the terms corresponding to $n=0$ are equal to zero. We deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 J_0''(x) + x J_0'(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n [2n + 2n(2n-1)]}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{2n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n [2n]^2}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} x^{2n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2(n-1)} ((n-1)!)^2} x^{2(n-1)} x^2 = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{2^{2k} (k!)^2} x^{2k} \right) \times x^2 \\ &= -J_0(x) \times x^2 \end{aligned}$$

We conclude $x^2 J_0''(x) + x J_0'(x) + x^2 J_0(x) = 0$

4. (15pts) Determine the interval of convergence for the series

$$\sum \frac{n}{2n^3-1} (x-4)^n.$$

For any x , we have: $\left| \frac{(n+1)(x-4)^{n+1}}{2(n+1)^3-1} \times \frac{2n^3-1}{n(x-4)^n} \right| = \frac{(n+1)(2n^3-1)}{(2(n+1)^3-1)n} |x-4|$

By the ratio test: $\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} |x-4|.$

$$\sum \frac{n}{2n^3-1} (x-4)^n \begin{cases} \text{converges if } |x-4| < 1 \\ \text{diverges if } |x-4| > 1 \end{cases}$$

If $x-4 = -1$, that is if $x=3$, we have:

$$\sum \frac{n}{2n^3-1} (-1)^n \text{ converges by the alternating series test, since}$$

$$\frac{n}{2n^3-1} > 0 \text{ (because } n \geq 1 \text{ and } 2n^3-1 \geq 2-1 > 0), \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n^3-1} = 0,$$

$$\text{and } \left\{ \frac{n}{2n^3-1} \right\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ is decreasing (because } f(x) = \frac{x}{2x^3-1} \text{ is decreasing on } [4, \infty), \text{ since } f'(x) = \frac{2x^3-1-6x^2}{(2x^3-1)^2} = \frac{-3x^3-1}{(2x^3-1)^2} < 0).$$

If $x-4 = 1$, that is if $x=5$, we have:

$$\sum \frac{n}{2n^3-1} 1^n = \sum \frac{n}{2n^3-1} \text{ converges by the limit comparison test, since}$$

$$\frac{\frac{n}{2n^3-1}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \frac{n^3}{2n^3-1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \in (0, \infty) \text{ and } \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ converges.}$$

Finally, we conclude that the interval of convergence is $[3, 5]$.

5. (20pts) Find a power series representation and determine the radius of convergence for the functions

- $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+4}$,
- $g(x) = \ln(5-x)$.

$$\circ f(x) = \frac{x}{4} \times \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x}{4}} = \frac{x}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x}{4}\right)^n = \frac{x}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{4^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{n+1}}{4^{n+1}}$$

valid for $|\frac{x}{4}| < 1$, that is $|x| < 4$. Radius of convergence = 4

$$\circ g'(x) = \frac{-1}{5-x} = -\frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x}{5}} = -\frac{1}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{5}\right)^n = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{5^{n+1}}$$

valid for $|\frac{x}{5}| < 1$, i.e. $|x| < 5$. Radius of convergence of $g' = 5$, so the radius of convergence of g is also 5. By term-by-term

integration, we obtain:

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

Looking at the value $x=0$: $g(0) = C$, i.e. $\ln(5) = C$

$$\text{Thus: } \underline{g(x) = \ln 5 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)} x^{n+1}}$$