

5.1 Review of Power Series.

Definition: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^n a_n (x - x_0)^n$

Taylor's Theorem

Suppose f has $n + 1$ continuous derivatives on an open interval containing a . Then for each x in the interval,

$$f(x) = \left[\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x - a)^k \right] + R_{n+1}(x)$$

where the error term $R_{n+1}(x)$ satisfies $R_{n+1}(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x - a)^{n+1}$ for some c between a and x .

The *infinite* Taylor series converges to f ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x - a)^k \text{ if and only if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0.$$

Defn: The function f is said to be analytic at a if its Taylor series expansion about $x = a$ has a positive radius of convergence.

1.) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$ converges at the point x if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^n a_n (x - x_0)^n$ exists at the point x .

2.) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$ converges absolutely at the point x if and only if $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| |x - x_0|^n$ converges at the point x

If a series converges absolutely, then it also converges.

3.) Ratio test for absolute convergence:

$$\text{Let } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}(x - x_0)^{n+1}}{a_n(x - x_0)^n} \right| = |x - x_0| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = |x - x_0| L$$

The power series converges at the value x if $|x - x_0| < \frac{1}{L}$

The power series diverges at the value x if $|x - x_0| > \frac{1}{L}$

The ratio test give no info at the value x if $|x - x_0| = \frac{1}{L}$

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

