

# 9. Series representation for analytic functions

## 9.1. Power series.

**Definition:** A power series is the formal expression

$$S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n, a, c_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, \text{—fixed, } z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (1)$$

The  $n$ .th partial sum  $S_n(z)$  is the sum of the first  $n+1$  terms. We say that the power series does converge for a fixed  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , if the sequence  $\{S_n(z)\}$  converges, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $S_n(z)$  diverges, then we say that the power series diverges at the point  $z$ . ℵ

We will write  $S(z) < \infty$  and  $S(z) = \infty$ , respectively.

We draw the reader's attention to the fact that the partial sums  $S_n$  are polynomials of degree  $n$ . A convergent power series is the limes of polynomial sequences, e.g.

$$S(z) := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^k c_n(z-a)^n, \quad (2)$$

so that all results from Chpr. 2 are applicable.

**Definition:** The power series

$$S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n$$

is *absolutely convergent*, if the series with nonnegative terms

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n| |z-a|^n < \infty$$

and *uniformly convergent*, if  $S_n \rightarrow S$  uniformly in the metric of Chebyshev on compact sets. ℵ

We recall some well known facts.

**Theorem 9.1.** Suppose that  $S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n$  is absolutely convergent at  $z_0$ . Then the power series converges in the regular sense at the same point.

**Proof:** Fix an arbitrary  $\varepsilon$ . Taking into account the absolute convergence, we may write

$$\left| \sum_0^{k+m} |c_n| |z_0 - a|^n - \sum_0^k |c_n| |z_0 - a|^n \right| \leq \varepsilon;$$

this inequality is valid for every  $k$  great enough (say  $k \geq k_0$ ) and for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . It turns out that

$$|S_{k+m}(z_0) - S_k(z_0)| \leq \varepsilon, k \geq k_0, m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Our statement follows immediately from Cauchy's fundamental theorem<sup>1</sup>  
**Q.E.D.**

**Theorem 9.2.** Let  $S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n$  be convergent at  $z_0$ . Then  $c_n(z_0-a)^n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proof:** The statement follows from the fact that

$$S_k(z_0) - S_{k-1}(z_0) = c_k(z_0-a)^k \rightarrow 0, k \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Q.E.D.**

**Theorem 9.3., Abel's theorem** Suppose that  $S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n$  converges at  $z_0$ . Then  $S$  is absolutely convergent at every  $z$  such that  $|z-a| < |z_0-a|$ .

**Proof:** Take  $z$  with  $|z-a| < |z_0-a|$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By the previous theorem,

$$|c_n(z-a)^n| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ . We have further,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_0^{\infty} |c_n| |z-a|^n &= \sum_0^{\infty} |c_n| \frac{|z-a|^n}{|z_0-a|^n} |z_0-a|^n \leq \\ &\sum_0^{n_0} |c_n| \frac{|z-a|^n}{|z_0-a|^n} |z_0-a|^n + \sum_{n_0+1}^{\infty} |c_n| |z_0-a|^n \frac{|z-a|^n}{|z_0-a|^n} \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Cauchy's fundamental theorem: the infinite sequence  $\{a_n\}$  converges iff for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a number  $k_0$  great enough such that  $|a_{k+m} - a_k| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $k \geq k_0$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\leq \sum_0^{n_0} |c_n| \frac{|z-a|^n}{|z_0-a|^n} |z_0-a|^n + \sum_{n_0+1}^{\infty} \varepsilon \frac{|z-a|^n}{|z_0-a|^n}.$$

Using common notations, we may write

$$\sum_0^{\infty} |c_n| |z-a|^n \ll \sum_0^{\infty} \frac{|z-a|^n}{|z_0-a|^n}.$$

To complete the proof, we need to remember that  $|z-a| < |z_0-a|$ . **Q.E.D.**

**Corollary 9.4.** : Suppose that  $S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n$  diverges at  $z_0$ . Then it diverges at every point  $z$  with  $|z-a| > |z_0-a|$ .

Naturally we come to the definition of a *radius of convergence*:

**Definition:** Given  $S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n$ , we set

$$R := \sup\{\rho, S(z) < \infty \text{ for } |z-a| < \rho\}.$$

The number  $R$  is called *radius of convergence* of the power series. ℵ

Regarding Abel's theorem, we conclude that the power series converges in the disk  $D_a(R)$  and diverges outside.

**Theorem 9.5., H'Adamard 's formula:**

$$R = \frac{1}{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |c_n|^{1/n}}.$$

**Proof:** If  $R = \infty$  then we are done. We assume that  $R$  is positive. Fix  $\rho < R$ . We will show that the power series is uniformly convergent on  $D_a(\rho)$ .

Select a positive number  $\varepsilon$  in such a way that  $\rho + \varepsilon < R$ . Viewing the definition of  $R$ , we get for every  $n > n_0$  ( $n$  large enough)  $n$  the estimation

$$|c_n| \leq \frac{1}{(R-\varepsilon)^n}.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n| |z-a|^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{n_0-1} |c_n| |z-a|^n + \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} |c_n| |z-a|^n < \\ &\sum_{n=0}^{n_0-1} |c_n| |z-a|^n + \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\rho}{R-\varepsilon}\right)^n, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n| |z - a|^n \ll \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\rho}{R - \varepsilon}\right)^n.$$

The right-hand side series is a convergent geometric progression, (recall the choice of  $\varepsilon$ .)

Therefore,  $S(z)$  is absolutely convergent, and thus, convergent in the regular sense. **Q.E.D.**

**Remark:** There is no statement about the behavior on the circle  $C_a(R)$ .

**Theorem 9.6.** *Suppose that the power series  $S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z - a)^n$  is of positive radius of convergence  $R$ . Then it converges uniformly on compact subsets of the disk  $D_a(R)$  and absolutely at every point  $z \in D_a(R)$ .*

**Proof:** Fix  $\rho < R$ . By the previous theorem,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n| \rho^n < \infty.$$

Rearranging the difference  $S_{n+m} - S_n$  yields

$$\|S_{n+m} - S_n\|_{\overline{D_a(\rho)}} = \left\| \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+m} c_k (z - a)^k \right\| \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+m} |c_k| \rho^k.$$

Applying again Cauchy's fundamental theorem, for all  $n$  large enough we get  $\|S_{n+m} - S_n\|_{\overline{D_a(\rho)}}$ , which means a uniform convergence on  $\overline{D_a(\rho)}$ . **Q.E.D.**

## 9.2. Taylor's theorem and consequences

**Theorem 9.7. (Taylor's theorem)** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}(\overline{D_a(\rho)})$ ,  $\rho > 0$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $f$  can be represented as a Taylor series<sup>2</sup>  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z - a)^n$ , which is convergent uniformly inside  $D_a(\rho)$  and*

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_a(\rho)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta - a)^{n+1}} d\zeta.$$

**Proof:** In view of the integral formula,

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_a(\rho)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta, \quad z \in D_a(\rho).$$

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<sup>2</sup>it if  $a = 0$ , then we speak about *MacLaurin series*.

We remember that  $|z - a| < |\zeta - a|$ . Consequently,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_a(\rho)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta - a) - (z - a)} d\zeta = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_a(\rho)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - a} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z - a}{\zeta - a}\right)^n.$$

Using known estimates, we obtain

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (z - a)^n \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_a(\rho)} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - a} d\zeta := \sum c_n (z - a)^n. \quad (3)$$

**Q.E.D.**

**Remark:**

$$c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}. \quad (4)$$

Example: Write down the Taylor series of  $\text{Log}z(= \ln |z| + i\text{Arg}z, .)$  around  $z = 1$ .

**Solution;** Since

$$\frac{d^j \text{Log}z}{dz^j} = (-1)^{j+1} (j - 1)! z^{-j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log}z &= 0 + (z - 1) - (z - 1)^2/2! + 2!(z - 1)^3/3! - 3!(z - 1)^4/4! + \dots = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j+1} (z - 1)^j / j. \end{aligned}$$

The series converges uniformly on  $D_1(r)$  for every  $r < 1$ .

**Theorem 9.8.** Suppose that  $f$  is analytic at the point  $z = a$ ,  $f(z) = \sum_{c_n} (z - a)^n$ ,<sup>3</sup> Then

$$f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n (z - a)^{n-1}.$$

**Proof:** Indeed, from Chpt. 8 we know that  $f'(z)$  is also analytic at  $z = a$ . From THEorem 9.7, we get

$$f'(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(f'(z))^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (z - a)^n.$$

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<sup>3</sup>analytic in some domain  $D_a(r)$ ,  $r > 0$ .

Recalling that

$$(f'(z))^{(n)}(a) = (f(z))^{(n+1)}(a),$$

we obtain the required statement. **Q.E.D.**

The proof of the following theorems is left to the reader.

**Theorem 9.9.** *Let the functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic at  $z = 1$ ,*

$$f(z) = \sum f_n(z - a)^n, \quad g(z) = \sum g_n(z - a)^n.$$

*Denote by  $R(f), R(g)$  the radii of convergence of both Taylor series. Then  $f \pm g$  and  $fg$  are analytic at  $z = a$  and*

$$\begin{aligned} R(f \pm g) &\geq \min(R(f), R(g)), \\ R(fg) &\geq \min(R(f), R(g)). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (f \pm g)(z) &= \sum (f_n \pm g_n)(z - a)^n, \\ f(z)g(z) &= \sum c_n(z - a)^n \end{aligned}$$

with

$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n f_k g_{n-k}.$$

### 9.3. The point of infinity.

**Definition:** The function  $f(z)$ , defined at infinity, is said to be *analytic at  $z = \infty$* , if the function

$$g(\zeta) := f\left(\frac{1}{\zeta}\right)$$

is analytic at  $\zeta = 0$ . \(\aleph\)

The checking of the validity of the following theorem is left to the reader:

**Theorem 9.10.** *Suppose that  $f$  is analytic at infinity. Then it is expandable into Taylor series*

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{z^n}.$$

*The series converges at every point  $z, |z| > \limsup |c_n|^{1/n}$  and is uniformly convergent in the exterior of every circle  $D_0(R)$  with  $R > \limsup |c_n|^{1/n}$ .*

*Exercises:*

1. Find the Taylor series of

$$f(z) := z^2 \cos \frac{1}{3z}$$

at  $z = 0$ .

2. Find the Taylor series of

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2}$$

at  $z = \infty$ .

3. Find the Taylor series of

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z-2)}$$

at  $z = 1$ .