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Briggs-Cochran-Gillett §9.2 pp. 675 - 679

Example 1 (§9.2 Ex 38). *Use the power series representation*

$$f(x) = \ln(1 - x) = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k}$$

for $-1 \leq x < 1$ to find the power series for the function $f(x^3) = \ln(1 - x^3)$ centered at 0. Give the interval of convergence of the new series.

Theorem 2 (Combining power series). *Suppose the power series $\sum c_k x^k$ and $\sum d_k x^k$ converge to $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, respectively, on an interval I .*

1. *Sum and difference: The power series $\sum (c_k \pm d_k) x^k$ converges to $f(x) \pm g(x)$ on I .*
2. *Multiplication by a power: Suppose m is an integer such that $k + m \geq 0$ for all terms of the power series $x^m \sum c_k x^k = \sum c_k x^{k+m}$. This series converges to $x^m f(x)$ for all $x \neq 0$ in I . When $x = 0$, the series converges to $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^m f(x)$.*
3. *Composition: If $h(x) = bx^m$, where m is a positive integer and b is a nonzero real number, the power series $\sum c_k (h(x))^k$ converges to the composite function $f(h(x))$, for all x such that $h(x)$ is in I .*

Theorem 3 (Differentiating and integrating power series). *Suppose the power series $\sum c_k (x - a)^k$ converges for $|x - a| < R$ and defines a function f on that interval.*

1. Then f is differentiable (which implies continuous) for $|x - a| < R$, and f' is found by differentiating the power series for f term by term; that is, $f'(x) = \sum kc_k(x - a)^{k-1}$, for $|x - a| < R$.
2. The indefinite integral of f is found by integrating the power series for f term by term; that is, $\int f(x)dx = \sum c_k \frac{(x-a)^{k+1}}{k+1} + C$, for $|x - a| < R$, where C is an arbitrary constant.

Example 4 (§9.2 Ex 42, 44, 46). Find the power series representation for g centered at 0 by differentiating or integrating the power series for f (perhaps more than once). Give the interval of convergence for the resulting series.

1. $g(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^3}$ using $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$

2. $g(x) = \frac{x}{(1+x^2)^2}$ using $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

3. $g(x) = \ln(1 + x^2)$ using $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$

Example 5 (§9.2 Ex 48, 50). *Find power series representations centered at 0 for the following functions using known power series. Give the interval of convergence for the resulting series.*

1. $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x^4}$

2. $f(x) = \ln \sqrt{1-x^2}$

Example 6 (§9.2 Ex 64). *Find the function represented by the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{4k}$ and find the interval of convergence of the series.*