

Power Series & Holomorphic Functions ①

Last time:

Thm: If $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-a)^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$, then $f(z)$ is holomorphic in the open disk $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z-a| < R\}$.

This time:

Thm: Suppose $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-a)^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$. Then $f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n (z-a)^{n-1}$ for any $z \in D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z-a| < R\}$.

proof: Suppose $w \in D$. Then we can pick $0 < r < R$ s.t. the circle $C = \{z \mid |z-w| = r\}$ is $\subseteq D$. Since f is holomorphic in D , we apply Cauchy's Integral Formula for $f'(w)$:

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$$\begin{aligned} f'(w) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-w)^2} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-a)^n \right) dz \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{(z-a)^n}{(z-w)^2} dz \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cdot \frac{d}{dz} (z-a)^n \Big|_{z=w} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n n (z-a)^{n-1} \Big|_{z=w} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n n (w-a)^{n-1} \quad // \end{aligned}$$

Prop: If $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-a)^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$, then so does $f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n n (z-a)^{n-1}$.

proof: The radius of convergence of $f'(z)$ is at least R since the previous argument shows it converges for every z with $|z-a| < R$.

It can't be $> R$, since $|nc_n| \geq |c_n|$ for all $n \geq 1$ - just use the Comparison Test. \triangle

Expanding on the red-boxed bit a bit. (3)

by way of contradiction that
Suppose the radius of conv. of $f(z) =$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \cdot n \cdot (z-a)^{n-1} \text{ was some } S > R.$$

Then the series would have to converge absolutely for any z with $S > |z-a| > R$,

is we would have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n \cdot n \cdot (z-a)^{n-1}|$
 $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n| \cdot n \cdot |z-a|^{n-1}$

converge. It would then follow that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n| \cdot n \cdot |z-a|^n = |z-a| \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n| \cdot n \cdot |z-a|^{n-1}$

also converges, and hence, by the Comparison Test, so does $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n| |z-a|^n$

because $|c_n| \cdot |z-a|^n \leq |c_n| \cdot n \cdot |z-a|^n$

for $n \geq 1$. But if $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n| |z-a|^n$ converged, so would $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-a)^n$, which is impossible since $|z-a| > R$ and R is the radius of convergence of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-a)^n$.

Thus we must have $S \leq R$, as desired.