

# Math 2213 Introduction to Analysis I

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**Exercise 1** (25 points). Give examples of a formal power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

centered at 0 with radius of convergence 1, which

- (a) diverges at both  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$ ;
- (b) diverges at  $x = 1$  but converges at  $x = -1$ ;
- (c) converges at  $x = 1$  but diverges at  $x = -1$ ;
- (d) converges at both  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$ ;
- (e) converges pointwise on  $(-1, 1)$ , but does not converge uniformly on  $(-1, 1)$ .

**Solution 1.**

- (a) The series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n} = 1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 - x^2}$$

has radius of convergence 1 and diverges at both  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$ .

- (b) The series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 - x}$$

has radius of convergence 1, diverges at  $x = 1$  but converges at  $x = -1$ .

- (c) The series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 + x}$$

has radius of convergence 1, diverges at  $x = 1$  but converges at  $x = -1$ .

- (d) The series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}$$

has radius of convergence 1 and converges at both  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$ .

- (e) The series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 - x}$$

converges pointwise on  $(-1, 1)$  as shown above. However, since it is unbounded, it does not converge uniformly on  $(-1, 1)$ .

**Exercise 2 (Tao II Ex. 4.2.7., 25 points).** Let  $m \geq 0$  be a positive integer, and let  $0 < r$  be real numbers. Prove the identity

$$\frac{r}{r-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n r^{-n}$$

for all  $x \in (-r, r)$ . Using Proposition 4.2.6, conclude the identity

$$\frac{r}{(r-x)^{m+1}} = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} x^{n-m} r^{-n}$$

for all integers  $m \geq 0$  and all  $x \in (-r, r)$ . Also explain why the series on the right-hand side is absolutely convergent.

**Solution 2.** First we show that the identity is true:

$$\frac{r}{r-x} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{r}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{r}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n r^{-n},$$

for  $-1 < \frac{x}{r} < 1$ , which is equivalent to  $x \in (-r, r)$ . By Proposition 4.2.6, there exists  $r > 0$  such that the power series on the right is  $m$  times differentiable on  $(-r, r)$ . Differentiate both sides  $m$  times, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left( \frac{r}{r-x} \right) &= m! \frac{r}{(r-x)^{m+1}}, \\ \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n r^{-n} \right) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^{-(n+m)} \frac{(n+m)!}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} x^{n-m} r^{-n}. \end{aligned}$$

Equating both sides gives the desired identity for all  $m \geq 0$  and  $x \in (-r, r)$ .

**Exercise 3 (25 points).** Let  $E$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , let  $a$  be an interior point of  $E$ , and let  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function which is real analytic at  $a$  and has a power series expansion

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$$

at  $a$  which converges on the interval  $(a-r, a+r)$ . Let  $(b-s, b+s)$  be any subinterval of  $(a-r, a+r)$  for some  $s > 0$ .

- (a) Prove that  $|a-b| \leq r-s$ , so in particular  $|a-b| < r$ .
- (b) Show that for every  $0 < \varepsilon < r$ , there exists a  $C > 0$  such that  $|c_n| \leq C(r-\varepsilon)^{-n}$  for all integers  $n \geq 0$ . (Hint: what do we know about the radius of convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$ ?)
- (c) Show that the numbers  $d_0, d_1, \dots$ , given by the formula

$$d_m := \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} (b-a)^{n-m} c_n \quad \text{for all integers } m \geq 0,$$

are well-defined, in the sense that the above series is absolutely convergent. (Hint: use (b) and the comparison test, Corollary 7.3.2, followed by Exercise 4.2.7.)

- (d) Show that for every  $0 < \varepsilon < s$  there exists a  $C > 0$  such that

$$|d_m| \leq C(s-\varepsilon)^{-m}$$

for all integers  $m \geq 0$ . (Hint: use the comparison test, and Exercise 4.2.7.)

- (e) Show that the power series  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} d_m(x-b)^m$  is absolutely convergent for  $x \in (b-s, b+s)$  and converges to  $f(x)$ . (You may need Fubini's theorem for infinite series, Theorem 8.2.2 of Analysis I, as well as Exercise 4.2.5. One may also need to use a variant of the  $d_m$  in which the  $c_n$  are replaced by  $|c_n|$ .) Note. You can use Exercise 4.2.5. Let  $a, b$  be real numbers, and let  $n \geq 0$  be an integer. Prove the identity

$$(x-a)^n = \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} (b-a)^{n-m} (x-b)^m$$

for any real number  $x$ .

- (f) Conclude that  $f$  is real analytic at  $b$ , and thus analytic at every point in  $(a-r, a+r)$ .

**Solution 3.**

**Exercise 4** (25 points).

- (a) If each  $a_n \geq 0$  and if  $\sum a_n$  diverges, show that  $\sum a_n x^n \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow 1^-$ . (Assume  $\sum a_n x^n$  converges for  $|x| < 1$ .)
- (b) If each  $a_n \geq 0$  and if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \sum a_n x^n$  exists and equals  $A$ , prove that  $\sum a_n$  converges and has sum  $A$ .

**Solution 4.**

You can do the following problems to practice.  
You don't have to submit the following problems.

**Exercise 5** (Optional). Let the power series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

converge for  $-1 < x < 1$ . For each  $n$ , define the partial sum

$$s_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k, \quad \sigma_n = \sum_{k=0}^n k|a_k|.$$

Suppose that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = S$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = 0$ . In this problem, you will show that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges and that its sum is  $S$ .

(a) **Preliminary Identity.** Show that for any  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$s_n - f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k(1 - x^k) - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k x^k.$$

(b) **Bounding the First Sum.** Show that for all  $m \geq 1$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$1 + x + \cdots + x^{m-1} \leq \frac{1}{1-x},$$

and deduce that

$$|1 - x^k| = (1 - x)(1 + x + \cdots + x^{k-1}) \leq k(1 - x).$$

(c) **Application of the Bound.** Use part (b) to prove that for  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^n a_k(1 - x^k) \right| \leq (1 - x)\sigma_n.$$

(d) **Estimate of the Tail.** Use the assumption that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n|a_n| = 0$  to show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,

$$n|a_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

Then prove that for such  $n$  and all  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k x^k \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3(1-x)}.$$

(e) **Putting the Estimates Together.** Combine parts (a)–(d) to show that for all  $n \geq N$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$|s_n - S| \leq |f(x) - S| + (1 - x)\sigma_n + \frac{\varepsilon}{3(1-x)}.$$

(f) **Strategic Choice of  $x$ .** Let  $x = x_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ . Use part (e) to show that when  $n$  is sufficiently large,

$$|s_n - S| < \varepsilon.$$

Conclude that  $s_n \rightarrow S$ , and therefore

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = S.$$

**Solution 5.**

**Exercise 6** (Optional).

- (1) Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  be a power series with radius of convergence  $R > 0$ . Show that the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n$  is  $+\infty$ .
- (2) Suppose that the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n$  has radius of convergence  $R < +\infty$ . What can we say about the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ ?

**Solution 6.**

**Exercise 7** (Optional). Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of nonzero real numbers such that

$$\frac{|a_{n+2}|}{|a_n|} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 2.$$

Show that the radius of convergence of the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

**Solution 7.**