

## Taylor's theorem in several guises

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**Preliminaries.** A polynomial  $p()$  is an “*N-topped polynomial*” if  $\text{Deg}(p) < N$ . So  $x^2 - 2x$  and  $x + \sqrt{7}$  are 3-topped, but  $x^3 + x - 5$  is not. The set of  $N$ -topped polynomials is an  $N$ -dimensional VS. <sup>1</sup>

### Taylor polynomials

The setting is an open interval  $J \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Use  $\text{Diff}^N = \text{Diff}^N(J \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$  for the set of  $N$ -times differentiable fncs. This is a superset of

$$\mathbf{C}^N = \mathbf{C}^N(J \rightarrow \mathbb{R});$$

those, whose  $N^{\text{th}}$  derivative is *continuous*.

For posint  $N$ , a point  $Q \in J$  and  $f \in \text{Diff}^{N-1}$ , define

1a: “*the  $N^{\text{th}}$  Taylor polynomial of  $f$ , centered at  $Q$* ”

to be the *unique*  $N$ -topped polynomial  $p()$  whose  $zero^{\text{th}}$  through  $[N-1]^{\text{st}}$  derivatives, at  $Q$ , agree with those of  $f$ . I.e, these  $N$  equations hold:

$$\begin{aligned} p(Q) &= f(Q), & p'(Q) &= f'(Q), & p''(Q) &= f''(Q), \\ &\dots, & p^{(N-1)}(Q) &= f^{(N-1)}(Q). \end{aligned}$$

One easily checks that  $p(x)$  must be the RhS of (1b), below. That is,

$$1b: \mathbf{T}_N(x) = \mathbf{T}_{N,Q}^f(x) := \sum_{k \in [0..N]} \frac{f^{(k)}(Q)}{k!} \cdot [x - Q]^k$$

is the  $N^{\text{th}}$  Taylor polynomial of  $f$ .

Define the “*the  $N^{\text{th}}$  remainder term of  $f$* ”, written  $\mathbf{R}_{N,Q}^f$  or just  $\mathbf{R}_N$ , by

$$1c: f(x) =: \mathbf{T}_N(x) + \mathbf{R}_N(x).$$

<sup>1</sup>Abbreviations: VS for *vector space*; FTC for *Fundamental Theorem of Calculus*; posint for *positive integer*.

**Properties of  $\mathbf{T}_N$ .** Use  $\mathbf{T}_{N,Q}[f]$  as a synonym for  $\mathbf{T}_{N,Q}^f$ , with the same convention for the  $\mathbf{R}_N$  operator and friends. Often times either the fnc,  $f$ , or the center-point,  $Q$ , is implicit, and we drop it from the notation.

For a scalar  $\alpha$  and  $f, g \in \text{Diff}^{N-1}$ , note that

$$2: \begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}_N[\alpha \cdot f] &= \alpha \cdot \mathbf{T}_N[f] \quad \text{and} \\ \mathbf{T}_N[f + g] &= \mathbf{T}_N[f] + \mathbf{T}_N[g]. \end{aligned}$$

I.e,  $\mathbf{T}_N$  is a *linear operator* from  $\text{Diff}^{N-1}$  to the VS of polynomials.

3: **Lemma.** For  $f \in \text{Diff}^N$ , and  $Q, x \in J$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 3a: \quad \mathbf{T}_N^{f'} &= [\mathbf{T}_{N+1}^f]' . \quad \text{Also,} \\ 3b: \quad \int_Q^x \mathbf{T}_{N,Q}^{f'}(t) \cdot dt &= \mathbf{T}_{N+1,Q}^f(x) - f(Q), \quad \text{and} \\ 3c: \quad \int_Q^x \mathbf{R}_{N,Q}^{f'}(t) \cdot dt &= \mathbf{R}_{N+1,Q}^f(x). \end{aligned} \quad \diamond$$

**Note.** Our (3a) says  $\mathbf{T}_N$  *almost* commutes with differentiation,  $\mathbf{D}$  [The **Taylor-series** operator does commute with differentiation.]

Letting  $\mathbf{I}$  denote the identity operator, we have that  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{T}_N + \mathbf{R}_N$ . Since  $\mathbf{I}$  is linear and *almost* commutes with  $\mathbf{D}$ , so is/does  $\mathbf{R}_N$ .  $\square$

**Pf of (3a).** WLOG  $Q=0$ . By defn,  $\mathbf{T}_N^{f'}(x)$  equals

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{[f']^{(k)}(0)}{k!} \cdot x^k &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{f^{(k+1)}(0)}{[k+1]!} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [x^{k+1}] \\ \text{setting } \ell := k+1 &\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \sum_{\ell=1}^N \frac{f^{(\ell)}(0)}{\ell!} \cdot x^\ell \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This indeed equals  $\frac{d}{dx} [\mathbf{T}_{N+1}^f(x)]$ , since the  $\frac{d}{dx}$  kills-off the constant  $\ell=0$  term.  $\diamond$

**Pf of (3b).** Courtesy FTC, integrating (3a) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q^x \mathbf{T}_{N,Q}^{f'}(t) \cdot dt &= \mathbf{T}_{N+1,Q}^f(x) - \mathbf{T}_{N+1,Q}^f(Q) \\ &= \mathbf{T}_{N+1,Q}^f(x) - f(Q). \end{aligned} \quad \diamond$$

### Taylor's Theorem for $\mathbb{R}$

We produce two estimates<sup>②</sup> of the remainder term. In the results below,  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

4: Lem. Fix an  $f \in \text{Diff}^N(J \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$ . At each  $x \in J$ , function  $q \mapsto \mathbf{T}_{N,q}^f(x)$  is differentiable, with value

$$4a: \quad \frac{d}{dq} \mathbf{T}_{N,q}^f(x) = f^{(N)}(q) \cdot \frac{[x-q]^{N-1}}{[N-1]!}. \quad \text{Thus,}$$

$$4b: \quad \frac{d}{dq} \mathbf{R}_{N,q}^f(x) = -\frac{d}{dq} \mathbf{T}_{N,q}^f(x). \quad \diamond$$

Proof. WLOG  $x=7$ . For natnum  $k$  and posit  $\ell$ , define

$$A_k(q) := \frac{f^{(k)}(q)}{k!} \cdot [7-q]^k, \quad \text{and}$$

$$B_\ell(q) := \frac{f^{(\ell)}(q)}{[\ell-1]!} \cdot [7-q]^{\ell-1}.$$

Now  $A_0(q) = f(q) \cdot 1$ , so  $\frac{d}{dq} A_0(q) = f'(q) = B_1(q)$ . And for  $k$  positive,  $\frac{d}{dq} A_k(q)$  equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{k!} \left[ f^{(k+1)}(q) \cdot [7-q]^k + f^{(k)}(q) \cdot k \cdot [7-q]^{k-1} \right. \\ & \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \left. B_{k+1}(q) - B_k(q) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

[The above  $\boxed{-1}$  is  $\frac{d}{dq} [7-q]$ .] Thus  $\frac{d}{dq}$  of  $\mathbf{T}_{N,q}^f(7)$  is (notationally dropping the “ $q$ ”)

$$[B_N - B_{N-1}] + [B_{N-1} - B_{N-2}] + \cdots + [B_2 - B_1] + B_1.$$

Telescoping, this equals  $B_N$ , which is RhS(4a).

[Exer.: Prove (4b) from (4a), in two sentences.]  $\diamond$

5: TayThm-1. Consider a fnc  $f \in \text{Diff}^N(J \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$ . For distinct points  $Q, x \in J$ , there exists a point  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c}_x = \mathbf{c}_{N,Q,x,f}$  strictly between  $Q$  and  $x$ , such that

$$5a: \quad \mathbf{R}_{N,Q}^f(x) = f^{(N)}(\mathbf{c}_x) \cdot \frac{[x-Q]^N}{N!}.$$

$$\text{I.e., } f(x) = \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f^{(k)}(Q) \cdot \frac{[x-Q]^k}{k!} \right] + f^{(N)}(\mathbf{c}_x) \cdot \frac{[x-Q]^N}{N!}. \diamond$$

<sup>②</sup>The TayThm-1 estimate, (5a), is called *Lagrange's form* of the  $N^{\text{th}}$  remainder term.

Our TayThm-2, (6a), is one of several *Integral forms* of the remainder.

Pf. WLOG  $Q = 3$  and  $x = 7$ . Define  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  by

$$5b: \quad \mathbf{R}_{N,3}(7) = M \cdot \frac{[7-3]^N}{N!}.$$

(Possible, since  $[7-3]^N \neq 0$ .) Create a function

$$5c: \quad \varphi(q) := \mathbf{R}_{N,q}(7) - M \cdot \frac{[7-q]^N}{N!}.$$

Our “multiplier”  $M$  was defined so that  $\varphi(3) = 0$ . And  $\varphi(7) = 0 - M \cdot 0 = 0$ . (We used that  $[7-7]^N = 0^N$  is zero, since  $N$  is positive.) [Exer.: Why is  $\mathbf{R}_{N,7}(7) = 0$ ?]

Rolle's thm now applies to  $\varphi$  on  $[3, 7]$ , asserting a point  $\mathbf{c} \in (3, 7)$  st.  $\varphi'(\mathbf{c}) = 0$ . By Lemma 4,

$$0 = -f^{(N)}(\mathbf{c}) \cdot \frac{[7-\mathbf{c}]^{N-1}}{[N-1]!} - M \cdot \frac{[7-\mathbf{c}]^{N-1}}{[N-1]!} \cdot \boxed{-1}. \diamond$$

Since  $\mathbf{c} \neq 7$ , quantity  $[7-\mathbf{c}]^{N-1}$  is not zero; so we may divide, to conclude that  $0 = -f^{(N)}(\mathbf{c}) + M$ . From (5b), then,  $\mathbf{R}_{N,3}(7) = f^{(N)}(\mathbf{c}) \cdot \frac{[7-3]^N}{N!}$

6: TayThm-2. For  $f \in \mathbf{C}^N(J)$  and points  $Q, x \in J$ :

$$6a: \quad \mathbf{R}_{N,Q}^f(x) = \frac{1}{[N-1]!} \int_Q^x f^{(N)}(s) \cdot [x-s]^{N-1} ds. \diamond$$

Pf. WLOG  $Q = 3$  and  $x = 7$ , making our goal

$$\dagger: \quad \mathbf{R}_{N,3}(7) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{[N-1]!} \int_3^7 f^{(N)}(s) \cdot [7-s]^{N-1} ds.$$

Function  $\theta(s) := \mathbf{T}_{N,s}(7)$  is  $\mathbf{C}^1$ , since  $f \in \mathbf{C}^N$ . Note  $\theta(7) = f(7)$ , so

$$\mathbf{R}_{N,3}(7) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(7) - \mathbf{T}_{N,3}(7)$$

$$\dagger: \quad = \theta(7) - \theta(3) = \int_3^7 \theta'(s) ds$$

by FTC, since  $\theta'$  is continuous on  $J$ . And RhS( $\dagger$ ) equals RhS( $\dagger$ ), courtesy Lemma 4.  $\diamond$

*Aside: An incorrect formula.* The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Creighton Buck's text has (6a), but the the 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (P.148, top) asserts that  $\mathbf{R}_{N,Q}^f(x)$  equals

$$6b: \quad W_{N,Q}^f(x) := \frac{1}{[N-1]!} \int_Q^x f^{(N)}(s) \cdot [s - Q]^{N-1} ds.$$

Just because RhS(6b) differs from RhS(6a) doesn't mean that it is wrong; there are several formulae for  $\mathbf{R}_N$  ITOf integrals. The following example, however, indeed shows that  $W_{N,Q}^f \neq \mathbf{R}_{N,Q}^f$ .

Let  $f := [z \mapsto z^3]$ ,  $Q := 0$  and  $N := 2$ . Thus  $\mathbf{T}_2(x)$  equals  $0 + 0 \cdot x$ , so  $\boxed{\mathbf{R}_2(x) = x^3}$ . Since  $f''(s) = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot s$ , our  $W_2(x)$  equals

$$*: \quad \frac{1}{1!} \int_0^x 3 \cdot 2 \cdot s \cdot [s - 0] \cdot ds = 2s^3 \Big|_{s=0}^{s=x} = 2x^3.$$

So  $W_2(1) = 2 \neq 1 = \mathbf{R}_2(1)$ . In contrast, RhS(6a) equals  $\int_0^x 3 \cdot 2 \cdot s \cdot [x - s] \cdot ds$ , which equals

$$\left[ x \cdot \int_0^x 3 \cdot 2 \cdot s \cdot ds \right] - \text{RhS(*)} = x \cdot 3x^2 - 2x^3.$$

And this, happily, equals  $x^3 \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \mathbf{R}_2(x)$ .  $\square$

## Applications of Taylor's theorem

Here are five uses.

**7: Translating a polynomial.** Suppose you wish to express polynomial

$$p(x) = C_0 + C_1x + \cdots + C_{N-1}x^{N-1}$$

in form  $\sum_{k \in [0..N]} B_k \cdot [x - 6]^k$ . You could solve a system of  $N$  many linear eqns in  $N$  unknowns.

But  $p$  equals its  $N^{\text{th}}$  TayPoly (centered anywhere we want). So each  $B_k$  is the  $k^{\text{th}}$  coeff of  $\mathbf{T}_{N,6}^p$ . Thus  $B_k$  equals  $p^{(k)}(6)/k!$ .  $\square$

**8: Limits.** Suppose  $f \in \text{Diff}^2(\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f''(x)| < \infty$ . Then  $f'(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \nearrow \infty$ .  $\diamond$

*Set-up for both proofs.* WLOG  $\boxed{*: \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0}$  and  $|f''()| \leq 8$ .  $\square$

**Pf.** Fixing  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we will produce an  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  for which:

$$\forall x \geq L: |f'(x)| \leq 5\varepsilon.$$

Consider TayPoly  $\mathbf{T}_{2,x}^f(y) = f(x) + f'(x)[y - x]$  for  $N=2$ . The TayThm-1 says for each pair  $x < y$  there is a point  $\mathbf{c}_{x,y} \in (x, y)$  for which

$$f(y) = f(x) + f'(x)[y - x] + \frac{f''(\mathbf{c}_{x,y})}{2}[y - x]^2.$$

Solve for  $f'(x)$ . Since  $|f''(\mathbf{c}_{x,y})| \leq 8$ ,

$$|f'(x)| \leq \left| \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x} \right| + \frac{8}{2} \cdot [y - x].$$

By (\*), there is  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  st.  $|f| \leq \varepsilon^2/2$  on  $[L, \infty)$ . Setting  $y = x + \varepsilon$ , we have that for each  $x \geq L$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(x)| &\leq \left| \frac{\varepsilon^2}{y - x} \right| + 4 \cdot [y - x] \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\varepsilon} + 4\varepsilon = 5\varepsilon. \end{aligned} \quad \blacklozenge$$

**Proof, barehands.** Could  $\beta := \liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x) > 0$ ? No; for then the graph of  $f$  would grow at some minimum rate, thus could not have a horizontal asymptote. Hence  $\beta \leq 0$ . Similarly  $\alpha \geq 0$ , where  $\alpha := \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x)$ . The upshot:  $\alpha \geq 0 \geq \beta$ .

FTSOC, suppose  $\alpha > \beta$ . WLOG  $\alpha > 0$ ; otherwise, replace  $f$  by  $-f$ . Set  $\varepsilon := \alpha/3$ .

Let  $a_1$  be, say, the smallest non-negative “ $x$ -value” such that  $f(a_1) \geq 2\varepsilon$ . Since

$$\alpha > 2\varepsilon > \varepsilon > \beta,$$

the following process never stops: Take  $b_n$  to be the smallest “ $x$ ” exceeding  $a_n$  for which  $f(b_n) \leq \varepsilon$ . Take  $a_{n+1}$  to be the smallest value exceeding  $b_n$  for which  $f(a_{n+1}) \geq 2\varepsilon$ .

Let  $J_n := [a_n, b_n]$ . Each restriction  $f'|_{J_n} \geq \varepsilon$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . By FTC,

$$\int_{b_n}^{a_n} f'' = f'(a_n) - f'(b_n) \geq 2\varepsilon - \varepsilon = \varepsilon.$$

So  $\varepsilon \leq \int_{J_n} |f''| \leq 8 \cdot [b_n - a_n]$ . Hence each  $b_n - a_n$  dominates  $\frac{8}{\varepsilon}$ ; thus the numbers  $a_n, b_n \nearrow \infty$ .

By (\*), then,  $f(b_n) - f(a_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \nearrow \infty$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} f(b_n) - f(a_n) &= \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f' \geq \int_{a_n}^{b_n} \varepsilon \\ &\geq [b_n - a_n] \varepsilon \geq \frac{8}{\varepsilon} \cdot \varepsilon = 8. \end{aligned} \quad \blacklozenge$$

*N<sup>th</sup>-derivative test for extrema.* With  $J \subset \mathbb{R}$  an open interval and  $f \in C^\infty(J \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$ , suppose  $Q \in J$  is a **critical point** for  $f$ , ie.  $f'(Q) = 0$ . We seek a test determining if  $f$  has a *strict local-max/min* at  $Q$ . To this end, define  $\text{MinNZD}(f, Q)$  to be

$$9a: \quad \inf \left\{ k \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \mid f^{(k)}(Q) \neq 0 \right\} \stackrel{\text{note}}{\in} [1.. \infty]. \quad \square$$

**9b: Min/Max Prop'n.** With  $J, f, Q$  as above:

Suppose  $N := \text{MinNZD}(f, Q)$  is in  $[2.. \infty)$ .

When  $N$  is...

... even: If  $f^{(N)}(Q) > 0$  then  $f$  has a strict-local min; else,  $f$  has a strict-local-max, at  $Q$ .

... odd: Then  $f$  has a strict-SignChange at  $Q$ .  $\diamond$

**Pf.** Let  $V := f^{(N)}(Q)$ , which is not zero. Since  $f^{(N)}$  is continuous at  $Q$ , there is a small open interval  $I \ni Q$  for which  $f^{(N)}|_I$  has the same sign as  $V$ . Our Prop'n will be established by (9c), below.

Let  $\mathbf{T} := \mathbf{T}_{N,Q}^f$  and  $\mathbf{R} := \mathbf{R}_{N,Q}^f$ . Recall that  $f^{(k)}(Q) = 0$ , for each  $k \in [1..N]$ . For each  $x$ , then,  $\mathbf{T}(x) = f(Q)$ , and thus  $\mathbf{R}(x) = f(x) - f(Q)$ .

For  $x \neq Q$ , there is a point  $\tau_x$ , between  $x$  and  $Q$ , with  $\mathbf{R}(x) = \frac{1}{N!} f^{(N)}(\tau_x) \cdot [x - Q]^N$ . Taking  $x \in I$  forces  $\tau_x \in I$ , so

$f^{(N)}(\tau_x)$  has the same sign as  $V$ .

But  $f(x) - f(Q) = \mathbf{R}(x)$ , so the sign-fnc gives

$$9c: \quad \text{Sgn}(f(x) - f(Q)) = \text{Sgn}(V) \cdot [\text{Sgn}(x - Q)]^N, \quad \spadesuit$$

for each  $x \in I$  with  $x \neq Q$ .

**10: Lemma.** Set  $J := [-1, 1]$ . Imagine a function  $f \in \text{Diff}^3(J \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$  with

$$10a: \quad f(0) = 0 = f'(0).$$

$$10b: \quad f(-1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(1) = 1.$$

Then there exists  $\tau \in J^\circ$  with  $f'''(\tau) \geq 3$ .  $\diamond$

*Counting degrees-of-freedom.* What would it mean if each derivative  $\{f^{(k)}\}_{k=3}^\infty$  were identically-zero? Then  $f$  is 3-topped polynomial (i.e, at most quadratic) and so comes from a 3-dim'l VS.

But (10a,10b) are *four* conditions, making it plausible that we cannot fulfill them when constrained to the VS of 3-topped polynomials.  $\square$

**Proof.** ISTProduce points  $\alpha, \beta \in J^\circ$  with

$$10c: \quad f^{(3)}(\alpha) + f^{(3)}(\beta) \geq 6.$$

Let  $\mathbf{T} := \mathbf{T}_{3,0}^f$  and  $\mathbf{R} := \mathbf{R}_{3,0}^f$ . Define a number  $M$  by

$$\mathbf{T}(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \underbrace{\frac{f''(0)}{2}x^2}_{\text{by (10a)}} M \cdot x^2.$$

Thus  $\mathbf{T}(\pm 1) = M \cdot [\pm 1]^2 = M$ . From (10b), then,

$$1 = f(1) - f(-1) = [M + \mathbf{R}(1)] - [M + \mathbf{R}(-1)] = \mathbf{R}(1) - \mathbf{R}(-1).$$

By TayThm-1,  $\exists \alpha \in (-1, 0)$  and  $\exists \beta \in (0, 1)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}(1) &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot f^{(3)}(\beta) \cdot [+1 - 0]^3 = \frac{1}{6} \cdot f^{(3)}(\beta); \\ \mathbf{R}(-1) &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot f^{(3)}(\alpha) \cdot [-1 - 0]^3 = -\frac{1}{6} \cdot f^{(3)}(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

This, using the previous display, yields (10c).  $\clubsuit$

**DiffyQ.** A fnc  $f \in \text{Diff}^2(\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$  with  $f(7) = 0$  and  $f'(7) = 0$ , satisfies

$$\dagger: \quad f'' + f = \mathbf{0}. \quad [\text{I.e, the zero-fnc.}]$$

Prove that  $f = \mathbf{0}$ , using Taylor's thm, as follows:

First, show that  $f \in \mathbf{C}^\infty$ . Then, for a fixed  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , argue that  $|f(x_0)|$  is as small as desired, by upper-bounding with Taylor-remainder terms from Our Taylor's pamphlet on the Teaching Page.

**Proof.** Let  $\|\cdot\|$  mean  $\|\cdot\|_{\sup}$ . Induction on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  shows that each  $f^{(n)}$  is diff'able. Moreover

$$\ddagger: \quad \forall k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}: \quad \text{If } k \equiv_4 \ell \text{ then } f^{(k)} = f^{(\ell)}.$$

As  $f^{(2)}(7) = -f(7) = 0$  and  $f^{(3)}(7) = -f'(7) = 0$ , property  $(\ddagger)$  tells us that each  $\mathbf{T}_{n,7}^f$  is the zero-function. In particular, with  $\mathbf{R}_n$  denoting  $\mathbf{R}_{n,7}^f$ ,

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+: \quad \mathbf{R}_n(x_0) = f(x_0).$$

**Upper bounds.** Let  $J$  be the compact interval going from 7 to  $x_0$ . Let  $M_n := \|f^{(n)}|_J\|$ . Define

$$\mathbf{M} := \text{Max}(M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3).$$

Then  $\mathbf{M}$  dominates each  $\|f^{(n)}|_J\|$ , courtesy  $(\ddagger)$ . From TayThm-2, then,  $|f(x_0)|$  equals  $|\mathbf{R}_n(x_0)|$  which equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{[n-1]!} \cdot \left| \int_7^{x_0} f^{(n)}(t) \cdot [x_0 - t]^{n-1} \cdot dt \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{[n-1]!} \int_7^{x_0} |f^{(n)}(t)| \cdot |x_0 - t|^{n-1} \cdot dt \\ & \leq \frac{\mathbf{M}}{[n-1]!} \int_7^{x_0} |x_0 - t|^{n-1} \cdot dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $L := \text{Len}(J)$ . Then

$$|f(x_0)| \leq \frac{\mathbf{M}}{[n-1]!} \int_7^{x_0} L^{n-1} \cdot dt = \mathbf{M} \cdot \frac{L^n}{[n-1]!}.$$

This last goes to zero, as  $n \nearrow \infty$ . ◆

## Radius of Convergence

*Series notations.* Customs about how “series” is used in the context of “convergence of a series” are a bit strange. A “*series*  $\vec{e}$ ” is a *sequence*  $\vec{e} = (e_k)_{k=0}^{\infty}$ , but <sup>3</sup> where the word “series” hints to the reader our interest in its *sum*  $\Sigma(\vec{e})$ . This sum is the limit –when it exists– of the corresponding “partial-sum sequence”  $\vec{s}$ , where

$$s_N := \sum_{k \in [0..N]} e_k.$$

Use  $\vec{s} = \mathbf{PS}(\vec{e})$  to indicate this partial-sum relation between sequences. Here, phrase “series  $\vec{e}$  is convergent” means that  $\lim(\vec{s})$  exists and is finite. So  $\Sigma(\vec{e}) := \lim(\vec{s})$ .

To clarify, the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum means the sum of the first  $n$  terms, regardless of the initial index. For example, suppose  $\vec{b} = (b_\ell)_{\ell=5}^{\infty}$ , and  $\vec{e} = \mathbf{PS}(\vec{b})$ . Then  $e_3 = b_5 + b_6 + b_7$ , and  $e_0 = 0$ .

*Example:* Let  $\vec{b} := (k^2)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\vec{a} := \mathbf{PS}(\vec{b})$ . Then  $a_n = \frac{1}{6} \cdot [2n^3 + 3n^2 + n]$ .  $\square$

11: **Root-test lemma.** *Given a series  $\vec{e} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , define*

$$* : \Lambda := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|e_n|} \stackrel{\text{note}}{\in} [0, +\infty].$$

If  $\Lambda < 1$  then  $\vec{e}$  is an absolutely-convergent series.

If  $\Lambda > 1$  then  $\vec{e}$  is “magnificently divergent” Not only  $|e_n| \not\rightarrow 0$ , but indeed  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |e_n| = +\infty$ .  $\diamond$

*Proof.* Let  $a_n := |e_n|$ ,

**CASE: When  $\Lambda < 1$ .** ISTShow that  $\vec{a}$  is a convergent series. Pick  $\rho$  with  $\Lambda < \rho < 1$ . Take  $K$  large enough that  $\sup_{n \geq K} \sqrt[n]{a_n} \leq \rho$ . Hence  $\sum_{n \geq K} a_n \leq \sum_{n \geq K} \rho^n < \infty$ . And  $\sum_{n \in [1..K]} a_n < \infty$ .

**CASE: When  $\Lambda > 1$ .** Pick  $\rho$  with  $1 < \rho < \Lambda$ . By (\*), the set  $J := \{n \mid \sqrt[n]{a_n} > \rho\}$  is infinite. And each  $n \in J$  has  $a_n > \rho^n$ .  $\diamond$

<sup>3</sup>The index will usually start at zero, but it doesn’t have to. The sequence  $\vec{e}$  might be  $(e_k)_{k=24}^{\infty}$ , or  $(e_k)_{k=-5}^{\infty}$ .

A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *eventually positive* if  $\exists K \text{ s.t. } \forall x \geq K: f(x) > 0$ . Thus a degree- $k$  poly,

$$f(x) := C_k x^k + \dots + C_1 x + C_0,$$

is eventually positive IFF  $f$  has positive leading-coeff,  $C_k > 0$ .

*Power-series notation.* A sequence  $\vec{c} \subset \mathbb{C}$  and point  $Q \in \mathbb{C}$  determine a *power series*

$$12a: \mathbf{PS}_{\vec{c}, Q}(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cdot [z - Q]^n. \quad \square$$

From the notation we sometimes drop the the center of expansion, just writing  $\mathbf{PS}_{\vec{c}}$ . This is especially true when the center of expansion is  $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Use “PS” to abbreviate the phrase “power series”. Use McS to abbrev *Maclaurin Series*; a PS centered at  $Q=0$ . E.g.  $\text{McS}_{\vec{c}}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [c_n \cdot z^n]$ .

*Radius of Convergence.* The set of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  for which RhS(12a) converges is called the “*set-of-convergence*”. We write it  $\text{SoC}(\vec{c}, Q)$

It will turn out that the  $\text{SoC}$  comprises an open ball, possibly of radius 0 or  $\infty$ , together with some of the points on the boundary of this ball. This open *ball of convergence* is written  $\text{BoC}(\vec{c}, Q)$ . Its radius is the *radius of convergence* of RhS(12a), and is written  $\text{RoC}(\vec{c})$ . <sup>4</sup> So  $\text{RoC} := \text{RoC}(\vec{c})$  is always a value in  $[0, +\infty]$ , and  $\text{BoC}(\vec{c}, Q) = \text{Bal}_{\text{RoC}}(Q)$ .  $\square$

12b: **RoC Lemma (Cauchy, 1821. Hadamard, 1888.)**

Contemplate power series  $\mathbf{PS}_{\vec{c}, Q}$ , as in (12a). Let

$$\Omega := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|c_n|} \stackrel{\text{note}}{\in} [0, +\infty].$$

Then  $\text{RoC}(\vec{c}) = 1/\Omega$  where, here, we interpret  $\frac{1}{0}$  as  $+\infty$  and  $\frac{1}{+\infty}$  as 0.  $\diamond$

<sup>4</sup>The argument to  $\text{RoC}$  is a *sequence*. So we can write the  $\text{RoC}$  of PS  $f(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 x^n$  as  $\text{RoC}(n \mapsto n^2)$ , but not as  $\text{RoC}(n^2)$  nor as  $\text{RoC}(f)$ .

**Proof sketch.** Set  $a_n := |c_n|$ . IST Consider convergence at a non-negative  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Applying the Root-test,

$$\begin{aligned}\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|c_n x^n|} &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [x \cdot \sqrt[n]{a_n}] \\ &= x \cdot \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = x \cdot \Omega =: \Lambda.\end{aligned}$$

So  $\Lambda$  is less/greater than 1, as  $x$  is less/greater than  $\frac{1}{\Omega}$ .  $\spadesuit$

**13: Three examples.** ASIDE: On a set  $\Omega$ , each subset  $B \subset \Omega$  engenders  $\mathbf{1}_B$ , the “*indicator function* of  $B$ ”. It is the fnc  $\Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  sending points in  $B$  to 1, and pts in its complement,  $B^c := \Omega \setminus B$ , to 0. [So  $\mathbf{1}_B + \mathbf{1}_{B^c}$  is constant-1.] E.g.,  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{Primes}}(5) = 1$  and  $\mathbf{1}_{\text{Primes}}(9) = 0$ .

Let's apply the above (12b). Define

$$\mathbb{P} := \text{Primes}; \quad D := \text{Odds}; \quad S := \{1 + n^2 \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Consider this power series:

$$13a: \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{P}}(n) \cdot x^n = 9x^2 + 27x^3 + 243x^5 + \dots$$

Its RoC is  $1/3$ , since there are  $\infty$  many primes.

A funkier PS, centered at 8, is

$$13b: \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ 3^k \cdot \mathbf{1}_D(k) + 4^k \cdot \mathbf{1}_S(k) \right] \cdot [x - 8]^k.$$

Since  $\sqrt[3]{3^n + 4^n} \xrightarrow{n} 4$ , and  $|S| = \infty$ , the RoC is  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Even more interesting is this PS:

$$13c: \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ 5^n \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{P}}(n) \cdot \mathbf{1}_S(n) \right] \cdot x^n.$$

As of March 2017, its RoC is unknown. If there are  $\infty$  many primes<sup>5</sup> of form  $1 + n^2$  (conjectured, but unproven) then  $\text{RoC} = \frac{1}{5}$ ; otherwise  $\text{RoC} = \infty$ , and the PS is a polynomial.  $\square$

**14: Lemma.** For each  $K \in \mathbb{R}$ :  $\lim_{x \nearrow \infty} \sqrt[x]{x^K} = 1$ .

Moreover, for each rational function  $h() := \frac{p()}{q()}$  which is eventually positive,  $\lim_{n \nearrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{h(n)} = 1$ .

**Proof.** Use L'Hôpital's rule. Etc.  $\diamond$

**15: Same-RoC lemma.** Consider a sequence  $\vec{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots) \subset \mathbb{C}$ , and let  $\text{RoC} := \text{RoC}(\vec{c})$ . For each natnum  $K$ , and for each rational function  $g \neq \text{Zip}$ , these coefficient sequences

$$i: (0, \dots, 0, c_K, c_{K+1}, c_{K+2}, \dots)$$

$$ii: (c_K, c_{K+1}, c_{K+2}, \dots)$$

$$iii: (g(n) \cdot c_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$$

give rise to power-series with  $\text{RoC} = \text{RoC}$ .  $\diamond$

**Proof sketch.** Parts (i) and (ii) follow from (12b). Part (iii) follows from (14) and (12b).  $\spadesuit$

**16: Diff/Integrate a PS.** We differentiate and integrate, term-by-term, the  $G := \text{PS}_{\vec{c}, 0}$  power-series:

$$F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j \cdot x^j, \quad \text{where } b_j := \frac{1}{j} \cdot c_{j-1}.$$

$$16a: \quad G(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \cdot x^k.$$

$$H(x) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} d_{\ell} \cdot x^{\ell}, \quad \text{where } d_{\ell} := [\ell+1] \cdot c_{\ell+1}.$$

Lemma (15) tells us that the three PSes have the same RoC.

Observe that  $\text{PS}_{\vec{d}}$  is the term-by-term derivative of  $\text{PS}_{\vec{c}}$ . And  $\text{PS}_{\vec{b}}$  is the term-by-term integral of  $\text{PS}_{\vec{c}}$ . Does the same relation hold between the *functions* that these PSes determine?  $\square$

**16b: Term-by-term PS Theorem.** Given a sequence  $\vec{c} \subset \mathbb{R}$ , define sequences/fncs  $\vec{b}, \vec{d}, F, G, H$  by (16a) and let  $\text{RoC} := \text{RoC}(\vec{c})$ . Then

$$\dagger: \quad \text{RoC}(\vec{b}) = \text{RoC} = \text{RoC}(\vec{d}).$$

With  $B := \text{BoC}(\vec{c})$ , moreover,

$$\ddagger: \quad \forall z \in B: \quad F(z) = \int_0^z G.$$

And  $G$  is in  $\mathbf{C}^{\infty}(B \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$ , with  $G' = H$ .  $\diamond$

<sup>5</sup>For the curious, see Wikipedia on Landau's problems.

16c: **Coro.** Suppose PS  $G(x) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j \cdot [x - Q]^j$  has positive RoC. Then this PS is the Taylor series of  $G$ , centered at  $Q$ .  $\diamond$

**Pf of (16b).** We'll establish that  $G' = H$ ; the integral result ( $\ddagger$ ) follows analogously. ISto fix a posreal  $\rho < \text{RoC}$ , let  $U := \text{Bal}_{\rho}(0)$ , and prove  $G' = H$  when *restricted to*  $U$ . We will apply the DUC Thm (Derivative uniform-convergence) from [notes-AdvCalc.pdf](#) to these fncs (defined *only* on  $U$ )

$$f_n(x) := \sum_{j \in [0..n]} c_j x^j.$$

By definition of coeff-sequence  $\vec{d}$  from (16a),

$$f'_n(x) = \sum_{k \in [0..n]} d_k x^k.$$

In order to show that seq  $(f'_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is sup-norm Cauchy, pick a number  $V$  with  $\rho < V < \text{RoC}$ .

Now  $\frac{1}{V} > \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|d_n|}$  since, by (15),  $\text{RoC}(\vec{d})$  equals  $\text{RoC}$ . Thus there is an index  $K$  with

$$\forall n \geq K: \sqrt[n]{|d_n|} < \frac{1}{V}.$$

We henceforth only consider indices  $n$  dominating  $K$ . For each  $k \geq n$ , then,

$$16d: |d_k| \leq 1/V^k.$$

**Sup-norm.** For  $x \in U$  and indices  $\ell > n$ ,

$$f'_\ell(x) - f'_n(x) = \sum_{k \in [n.. \ell]} d_k x^k.$$

From (16d), then,

$$|f'_\ell(x) - f'_n(x)| \leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{|x|^k}{V^k}.$$

Since  $U$  owns  $x$ ,

$$|f'_\ell(x) - f'_n(x)| \leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{\rho^k}{V^k} = \left[ \frac{\rho}{V} \right]^n \cdot C,$$

where  $C$  is the positive constant  $1/[1 - \frac{\rho}{V}]$ .

Taking a supremum over all  $x \in U$  yields

$$16e: \|f'_\ell - f'_n\| \leq \left[ \frac{\rho}{V} \right]^n \cdot C,$$

for each pair  $\ell > n \geq K$ . Sending  $n \nearrow \infty$  sends  $\text{RhS}(16e) \rightarrow 0$ .

The limit  $\lim_n f_n(0)$  exists, equaling  $c_0$ . Now apply the DUC Thm. [Derivative uniform convergence.]  $\spadesuit$

**A power-series with a new center.** We show that a function defined by a PS is analytic in its entire ball-of-convergence.

**17: The setting.** We have a point  $P \in \mathbb{C}$  and a sequence  $\vec{a} \subset \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\alpha \in (0, +\infty]$ , where  $\alpha := \text{RoC}(\vec{a})$ . This engenders a  $\mathbf{C}^\infty$ -fnc from  $\text{Bal}_\alpha(P) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , by

$$17a: \quad \mathcal{F}(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \cdot [z - P]^k.$$

Fix a new center  $Q \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|Q - P| < \alpha$ . Thus

$$17b: \quad \beta \in (0, +\infty], \text{ where } \beta := \alpha - |Q - P|. \quad \square$$

Moreover,  $\text{Bal}_\beta(Q) \subset \text{Bal}_\alpha(P)$ .

**18: New-center theorem.** Take  $P, Q, \alpha, \beta, \vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  from (17). For each natnum  $k$ , this summation is absolutely convergent:

$$18a: \quad b_k := \sum_{N=k}^{\infty} a_N \cdot \binom{N}{k} \cdot Q^{N-k} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Moreover,  $\text{RoC}(\vec{b}) \geq \beta > 0$ . This value

$$18b: \quad \mathcal{G}(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k \cdot [z - Q]^k,$$

18c: agrees with  $\mathcal{F}(z)$ , for each  $z \in \text{Bal}_\beta(Q)$ .

Lastly, for each natnum  $k$ ,

$$18d: \quad b_k = \frac{1}{k!} \cdot \mathcal{F}^{(k)}(Q).$$

In other words, RhS(18b) is the Taylor series for  $\mathcal{F}$ , centered at  $Q$ .  $\diamond$

**Proof.** WLOG  $P = 0$ . Fix a point  $Z \in \text{Bal}_\beta(Q)$ . Writing  $Z = Q + [Z - Q]$ , its  $N^{\text{th}}$ -power is

$$Z^N = \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k} \cdot Q^{N-k} \cdot [Z - Q]^k.$$

Thus, since  $Z \in \text{Bal}_\alpha(P)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(Z) &= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} a_N \cdot Z^N \\ &= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^N a_N \cdot \binom{N}{k} \cdot Q^{N-k} \cdot \underbrace{[Z - Q]^k}_{h_{N,k}}. \end{aligned}$$

This is a sum, in a certain order, over the set  $H := \{(N, k) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \mid N \geq k\}$ . We need this sum to be absolutely convergent. The sum  $\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^N |h_{N,k}|$  equals

$$*: \quad \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^N |a_N| \cdot \binom{N}{k} \cdot |Q|^{N-k} \cdot |Z - Q|^k = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} |a_N| \cdot Y^N,$$

where  $Y := |Q| + |Z - Q|$ . From  $Z \in \text{Bal}_\alpha(0)$  and (17b), we conclude that  $Y < \alpha$ . From the proof of Root-test lemma (11, P.6), the righthand side of (\*) is finite.

Since  $\mathbf{S} := \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^N |h_{N,k}|$  is finite, we can reverse the order of summation and conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N=k}^{\infty} |h_{N,k}| \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{N=k}^{\infty} |a_N| \cdot \binom{N}{k} \cdot |Q|^{N-k} \right] \cdot |Z - Q|^k. \end{aligned}$$

We could have chosen our  $Z \neq Q$ , thus allowing division by  $|Z - Q|^k$ . Hence, each bracketed sum is finite. So each sum in (18a) is *absolutely convergent*, and we have a well-defined number  $b_k$ .

For a general  $Z \in \text{Bal}_\alpha(0)$ , reversing the original sum gives

$$\begin{aligned} f(Z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N=k}^{\infty} h_{N,k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{N=k}^{\infty} a_N \cdot \binom{N}{k} \cdot Q^{N-k} \right] \cdot [Z - Q]^k, \end{aligned}$$

which equals  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k \cdot [Z - Q]^k$ .

**Establishing (18d).** Corollary 16c tells us that

$$k! \cdot b_k \xrightarrow{\text{by (16c)}} \mathcal{G}^{(k)}(Q) \xrightarrow{\text{by (18c)}} \mathcal{F}^{(k)}(Q).$$

Hence (18d).  $\diamond$

## 19: Prop'n. Power-series

$$*: \quad \mathcal{F}(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot [z - Q]^n$$

has positive RoC. Suppose  $\vec{y}$  is a sequence of distinct complex numbers converging to  $Q$ , such that

$$\forall j \in \mathbb{Z}_+: \quad \mathcal{F}(y_j) = 0.$$

Then  $\vec{a}$  is all-zero, and  $\mathcal{F}$  is the zero function.  $\diamond$

**Proof.** WLOG, each  $y_j \neq Q$ . FTSOC, suppose  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ ; let  $L$  be the smallest index with  $a_L \neq 0$ . Formally dividing  $(*)$  by  $[z - Q]^L$  gives PS

$$\mathcal{G}(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k \cdot [z - Q]^k,$$

where each  $b_k := a_{L+k}$ . Each  $y_j - Q \neq 0$ , so

$$\mathcal{G}(y_j) = \mathcal{F}(y_j)/[y_j - Q]^L = 0.$$

But  $\text{RoC}(\vec{b}) = \text{RoC}(\vec{a}) > 0$ , so  $\mathcal{G}$  is cts in a nbhd of  $Q$ , and thus  $\mathcal{G}(Q) = \lim(\mathcal{G}(\vec{y})) = 0$ . This contradicts that  $\mathcal{G}(Q) = b_0 = a_L \neq 0$ .  $\spadesuit$

## 20: PS Uniqueness Thm. Imagine power-series

$$\mathcal{F}(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot [z - P]^n \quad \text{and}$$

$$\mathcal{G}(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \cdot [z - P]^n$$

where  $B := \text{BoC}(\vec{a}) \cap \text{BoC}(\vec{b})$  is non-void. Suppose there is a set  $Y \subset B$  st.  $\mathcal{F}|_Y = \mathcal{G}|_Y$ , and  $Y$  has a cluster point,  $Q_0$ , in  $B$ . Then  $\vec{a} = \vec{b}$ , so  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G}$ .  $\diamond$

**Remark.** It does not suffice for  $Y$  to have a cluster-point on the *boundary* of  $B$ : Distinct functions  $\mathcal{F}(z) := \sin(\frac{1}{z-7})$  and  $\mathcal{G} := -\mathcal{F}$  have Taylor series with  $\text{RoC} = 7$ . Yet

$$\mathcal{F}(y_k) = 0 = \mathcal{G}(y_k), \quad \text{for each posint } k,$$

$$\text{where } y_k := 7 + \frac{1}{2\pi k}.$$

□

**Proof of (20).** Subtracting PSes gives us a PS

$$f(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cdot [z - P]^n$$

so that  $f|_Y \equiv 0$ , making  $\vec{c} \stackrel{?}{=} \vec{0}$  our goal.

For each  $q \in B := \text{BoC}(\vec{c})$ , let  $U(q)$  denote the *largest* centered-at- $q$  open ball that fits inside  $B$ . By the **New-center thm**, the Taylor-series for  $f$ , centered at  $q$ , converges to  $f$  on all of  $U(q)$ .

Pick a  $Y$ -cluster-point  $Q_0 \in B$ . By (19),  $f$  is identically zero on  $U(Q_0)$ .

On the line-segment running between  $Q_0$  and  $P$ , we can pick a (finite) list of points

$$Q_0, Q_1, \dots, Q_{K-1}, Q_K := P,$$

such that each  $Q_k \in U(Q_{k-1})$ . Arguing inductively, since  $f$  is identically zero on  $U(Q_{k-1})$ , the Taylor-series at  $Q_k$  has all-zero coeffs. This therefore holds at  $P$ . So  $\vec{c} = (0, 0, 0, \dots)$ .  $\spadesuit$

21: Coro. Suppose  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are analytic functions on some connected open set  $V \subset \mathbb{C}$ . If

$$\{z \in V \mid \mathcal{F}(z) = \mathcal{G}(z)\}$$

has a cluster point in  $V$ , then  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G}$ .  $\diamond$

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## Abel's theorem

We state this for a PS centered at  $Q \in \mathbb{C}$ .

22: Abel's thm. With  $\mathbf{e}_n \in \mathbb{C}$ , consider power-series

$$f(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{e}_n \cdot [z - Q]^n$$

with  $\text{RoC} \in (0, \infty)$ , as well as a point  $z_0$  on the circle-of-convergence,  $|z_0 - Q| = \text{RoC}$ . If  $f(z_0)$  is finite, then

$$\lim_{t \nearrow 1} f(t \cdot z_0 + [1 - t]Q) = f(z_0).$$

I.e.,  $f$  is continuous along radial lines out to points-of-convergence on the boundary of BoC.  $\diamond$

**Reduction.** WLOG  $Q = 0$ . WLOG  $\text{RoC} = 1$  and  $z_0 = 1$ . So

$$22a: \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{e}_n \cdot x^n$$

with  $\text{RoC}(\vec{\mathbf{e}}) = 1$ , and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{e}_n$  finite. Subtract a constant from  $\mathbf{e}_0$  so that, WLOG,

$$22b: \quad 0 = f(1) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{e}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{\ell \nearrow \infty} s_{\ell},$$

where  $s_{\ell} := \sum_{n \in [0.. \ell]} \mathbf{e}_n$  is the  $\ell^{\text{th}}$ -partial-sum. Having fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we will show

$$\forall x \in [\beta, 1): |f(x)| \leq 2\varepsilon,$$

for a posreal  $\beta < 1$  that we will produce.  $\square$

**Pf.** Consider points  $x \in J := [0, 1)$ . Limit (22b) says we can take  $\mathbf{L}$  so large that

$$\forall \ell \geq \mathbf{L}: |s_{\ell}| \leq \varepsilon.$$

And  $\sum_{\ell=\mathbf{L}}^{\infty} s_{\ell} x^{\ell}$  equals  $x^{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_{n+\mathbf{L}} x^n$ . So

$$\left| [1 - x] \cdot \sum_{\ell=\mathbf{L}}^{\infty} s_{\ell} x^{\ell} \right| \leq x^{\mathbf{L}} \cdot [1 - x] \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon x^n = x^{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon,$$

since  $|x| < 1$ . Let's summarize.

$$22c: \quad \forall x \in J: \left| [1 - x] \cdot \sum_{\ell \in [\mathbf{L}.. \infty)} s_{\ell} x^{\ell} \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

**Defining  $\beta$ .** Wanting  $[1 - \beta] \cdot \sum_{\ell \in [0.. \mathbf{L}]} |s_{\ell}| < \varepsilon$ , simply fix a  $\beta < 1$  sufficiently close to 1. Thus

$$22d: \quad \forall x \in [\beta, 1): \left| [1 - x] \cdot \sum_{\ell \in [0.. \mathbf{L}]} s_{\ell} x^{\ell} \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

**Absolute convergence.** At a point  $x \in J$ , series (22a) and  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} x^j = \frac{1}{1-x}$  are each *absolutely convergent*. So we can multiply the series and regroup to conclude:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-x} \cdot f(x) &= \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 1 \cdot x^j \right] \cdot \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{e}_k x^k \right] \\ &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{j+k=\ell} 1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_k \right] x^{\ell} \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} s_{\ell} x^{\ell}. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $x \in [\beta, 1)$ , then, (22d) and (22c) give

$$|f(x)| = \left| [1 - x] \cdot \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} s_{\ell} x^{\ell} \right| \leq \varepsilon + \varepsilon. \quad \diamond$$