

A few more remarks about power series:

We define the **Cauchy product** of $\sum a_k$ and $\sum b_k$ by $\sum c_k$ with $c_k = \sum_{e=0}^k a_e b_{k-e}$.

$$(a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots)(b_0 + b_1 + b_2 + \dots) = a_0 b_0 + (a_1 b_0 + a_0 b_1) + (a_2 b_0 + a_1 b_1 + a_0 b_2) + \dots$$

Result: If $\sum a_k$ conv. to A and $\sum b_k$ conv. to B , and at least one of the series conv. absolutely, then $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{e=0}^k a_e b_{k-e}$ conv. absolutely to AB .

Next, let us consider a (complex) **power series** $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$, with $c_k, z \in \mathbb{C}$.
more generally, we could consider $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (z-c)^k$

From the root test we get that it converges if

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|c_k|} |z| < 1 \quad \text{i.e., if } |z| < \frac{1}{\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|c_k|}} =: \rho.$$

This ρ is called **radius of convergence** (possibly 0 or ∞).

Alternatively: Whenever ratio test applies, then $\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_k}{c_{k+1}} \right|$.

So for all $|z| < \rho$ (i.e., on an open disc with radius ρ), $\sum c_k z^k$ conv. absolutely, and for $|z| > \rho$ it diverges. (For $|z| = \rho$ it might or might not converge.)

In fact: $\sum c_k z^k$ converges uniformly on the set $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq \rho - \varepsilon\}$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$.

For a real power series $f(x) = \sum a_k x^k$, the previous thm. says:

- f is differentiable on $(-\rho, \rho)$ and $f'(x) = \sum k a_k x^{k-1}$,
 - for any $[0, x] \subset (-\rho, \rho)$ we have $\int_0^x f(t) dt = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k+1} x^{k+1} + \text{const.}$
- } we can take derivatives and integrate term-wise

Ex.: $\sum \frac{x^k}{k!}$ has radius of convergence $\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/k!}{1/(k+1)!} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (k+1) = \infty$, so it converges

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ and } \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{x^{k-1}}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} \quad (\text{i.e. } \frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x).$$