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Let $a_n > 0$. The alternating series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} a_n$$

converge if the following two conditions are met.

1. $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$ **2.** $a_{n+1} \le a_n$, for all n

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If a convergent alternating series satisfies the condition $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$, then the absolute value of the remainder R_N involved in approximating the sum S by S_N is less than (or equal to) the first neglected term. That is,

$$|S - S_N| = |R_N| \leq a_{N+1}.$$

Theorem 9.16 Absolute Convergence

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If the series $\Sigma|a_n|$ converges, then the series $\Sigma\, a_n$ also converges.

Theorem 9.17 Ratio Test

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Let $\Sigma\, a_n$ be a series with nonzero terms.

1. $\Sigma\, a_n$ converges absolutely if $\displaystyle\lim_{n\to\infty}\left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right| < 1.$

2. $\Sigma\, a_n$ diverges if $\displaystyle\lim_{n\to\infty}\left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right| > 1$ or $\displaystyle\lim_{n\to\infty}\left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right| = \infty.$

3. The Ratio Test is inconclusive if $\displaystyle\lim_{n\to\infty}\left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right| = 1.$

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$$P_n(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x - c)^2 + \cdot \cdot \cdot + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n$$

is called the ***n*th Taylor polynomial for f at c.** If $c = 0$, then

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \cdot \cdot \cdot + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n$$

is also called the ***n*th Maclaurin polynomial for f.**

Theorem 9.19 Taylor's Theorem

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If a function f is differentiable through order $n + 1$ in an interval I containing c, then, for each x in I, there exists z between x and c such that

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x - c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x - c)^2 + \cdot \cdot \cdot + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x - c)^n + R_n(x)$$

where

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n + 1)!}(x - c)^{n+1}.$$

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If x is a variable, then an infinite series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \cdot \cdot \cdot + a_n x^n + \cdot \cdot \cdot$$

is called a **power series.** More generally, an infinite series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - c)^n = a_0 + a_1 (x - c) + a_2 (x - c)^2 + \cdot \cdot \cdot + a_n (x - c)^n + \cdot \cdot \cdot$$

is called a **power series centered at c,** where c is a constant.

Theorem 9.20 Convergence of a Power Series

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For a power series centered at c, precisely one of the following is true.

1. The series converges only at c.
2. There exists a real number $R > 0$ such that the series converges absolutely for $|x - c| < R$, and diverges for $|x - c| > R$.
3. The series converges absolutely for all x.

The number R is the **radius of convergence** of the power series. If the series converges only at c, the radius of convergence is $R = 0$, and if the series converges for all x, the radius of convergence is $R = \infty$. The set of all values of x for which the power series converges is the **interval of convergence** of the power series.

Theorem 9.21 Properties of Functions Defined by Power Series

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If the function given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$$
$$= a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + a_3(x-c)^3 + \cdots$$

has a radius of convergence of $R > 0$, then, on the interval $(c - R, c + R)$, f is differentiable (and therefore continuous). Moreover, the derivative and antiderivative of f are as follows.

1. $$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n(x-c)^{n-1}$$
$$= a_1 + 2a_2(x-c) + 3a_3(x-c)^2 + \cdots$$

2. $$\int f(x)\,dx = C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{(x-c)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$
$$= C + a_0(x-c) + a_1\frac{(x-c)^2}{2} + a_2\frac{(x-c)^3}{3} + \cdots$$

The *radius of convergence* of the series obtained by differentiating or integrating a power series is the same as that of the original power series. The *interval of convergence*, however, may differ as a result of the behavior at the endpoints.

Operations with Power Series

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Let $f(x) = \Sigma\, a_n x^n$ and $g(x) = \Sigma\, b_n x^n$.

1. $f(kx) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n k^n x^n$

2. $f(x^N) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{nN}$

3. $f(x) \pm g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n \pm b_n)x^n$