

A **power series** defines a **function** on its **interval of convergence**.

### Combining Power Series

#### **Theorem Combining Power Series**

Suppose the power series  $\sum c_n x^n$  and  $\sum d_n x^n$  converge absolutely to  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , respectively, on an interval  $I$ .

##### **1. Sum and Difference**

The power series  $\sum (c_n \pm d_n) x^n$  converges absolutely to  $f(x) \pm g(x)$  on  $I$ .

##### **2. Multiplication by a power**

The power series  $x^m \sum c_n x^n = \sum c_n x^{n+m}$  converges absolutely to  $x^m f(x)$  on  $I$ , provided  $m$  is an integer such that  $k + m \geq 0$  for all terms of the series.

##### **3. Composition**

If  $h(x) = bx^m$ , where  $m$  is a positive integer and  $b$  is a real number, the power series

$\sum c_n [h(x)]^n$  converges absolutely to the composite function  $f(h(x))$

for all  $x$  such that  $h(x)$  is in  $I$ .

**Task 1.** (read pages 752-753 and follow the solution from Example 2):

Use the geometric series

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \text{ for } |x| < 1$$

to find a power series representation for  $\frac{1}{x+2}$ .

Specify where the above Theorem (part 3) is used. What are  $f(t)$  and  $h(x)$ ?

Give the interval of convergence of the new series by applying the above Theorem.

**Task 2.** Copy Sec 11.9, Example 1 from page 753. Determine specifically where above Theorem (part 3) is applied. Specify where the above Theorem (part 3) is used. What are  $f(t)$  and  $h(x)$ ? Give the interval of convergence of the series using above Theorem (part 3).

### Differentiating and Integrating Power Series

#### **Theorem Differentiating and Integrating Power Series (Sec 11.9, pg 754)**

Let the function  $f$  be defined by the power series  $\sum c_n(x-a)^n$  on its interval of convergence  $I$ . THEN:

1.  $f$  is a **continuous** function on  $I$ .
2. The power series may be differentiated **term by term**.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n n (x-a)^{n-1}.$$

The resulting power series converges to  $f'(x)$  at all points in the interior of  $I$ .

3. The power series may be integrated **term by term**.

$$\int \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n \right] dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{n+1} (x-a)^{n+1} + C \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant.}$$

The resulting power series converges to  $\int f(x) dx$  at all points in the interior of  $I$ .

**Task 3.** (follow the book's solution for Sec 11.9, Example 5 - try to cover the book):

Apply the first theorem and differentiate the geometric series

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \text{ for } |x| < 1$$

to find a power series representation for  $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$  and give the interval of convergence of the new series.

**Task 4.** (Follow Sec 11.9, Example 8a, pg 756.)

Consider the geometric series  $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  for  $|x| < 1$ .

a. Find a power series representation for  $\frac{1}{1+x^3}$ . (See similar Example 8a, top half).

Specify where the first Theorem (part 3) is used. What are  $f(t)$  and  $h(x)$ ?

b. Evaluate  $\int \frac{1}{1+x^3} dx$  as a power series and give the radius of convergence of the new series. (See the similar solution of Example 8a, bottom half - try to cover the book)

- c. Evaluate  $\int_0^{0.1} \frac{1}{1+x^3} dx$  as a series. (Follow the top-half similar solution of Example 8b, pg 757 - try to cover the book).

- d. Use the Alternating Series Remainder Theorem to find a bound on the error in approximating part (c) by adding up the first 4 terms of the series. (Follow the bottom-half solution of Example 8b, pg 757). Use a calculator/ computing tool.