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In a well written paragraph, describe what you know about series and why they can be useful.

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Students will verbally explain how to express rational functions as a power series

(using the words:  
error, approximate, series...)

$$\sin x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

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

$$e^x \approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Express the  
following series  
in sigma  
notation

$1 + .1 + .01 + .001$   
 $+ \dots$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 10^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^n}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{1000} + \dots$$

$$1 + .1 + .01 + .001$$

Converge because  $r = \frac{1}{10} < 1$   
(geometric series)

Converge  
to  $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{10}} = \frac{10}{9}$

## Geometric Series:

Geometric series are represented by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(r)^{n-1}$ .

A geometric series converges when  $|r| < 1 \rightarrow -1 < r < 1$

The sum of a geometric series is  $\frac{a}{1-r}$

Generalize the formula by substituting 1 for  $S$  and  $x$  for  $r$ . Write the first 5 terms of the expansion when  $a = 1$  and  $r = x$ .

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1(x)^{n-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots \quad \leftarrow \text{equation 2 in book}$$

$a=1 \quad r=x$

What is the **interval of convergence** for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ ?

$$|x| < 1 \rightarrow -1 < x < 1$$

Interval of  
Convergence  
(I.o.C)

$x$ -values where the series  
"match" with the function

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^{n-1} \quad \text{I.o.C: } -1 < x < 1$$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \text{I.o.C: } -\infty < x < \infty$$

Rational Functions written as a series of polynomials are called **Power Series**.

### Power Series

An expression in the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots$$

Is a **power series centered at  $x = 0$** .

An expression in the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n = c_0 + c_1 (x-a) + c_2 (x-a)^2 + \dots + c_n (x-a)^n + \dots$$

Is a **power series centered at  $x = a$**

The power series we just developed can be used a template to find power series of other functions.

Given that  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ , do the following examples.

Example 7. Write a power series that in both expanded form and sigma notation that represents  $\frac{1}{1+x}$ . What is the interval of convergence?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1+x} &= \frac{1}{1-(-x)} = 1 + (-x) + (-x)^2 + (-x)^3 + \dots + (-x)^n + \dots \\ &= 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 + \dots + (-1)^n x^n + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n \end{aligned}$$

**I.o.C**

$$\begin{aligned} | -x | &< 1 \\ -1 &< -x < 1 \\ -1 &< x < 1 \end{aligned}$$

The power series we just developed can be used a template to find power series of other functions.

Given that  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ , do the following examples.

Example 8. Write a power series that in both expanded form and sigma notation that represents  $\frac{x}{1+x}$ . What is the interval of convergence?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{1+x} &= \frac{x}{1-(-x)} = x \left( \frac{1}{1-(-x)} \right) \\ \text{I.o.C} & \quad -1 < x < 1 \\ &= x \left( 1 + (-x) + (-x)^2 + (-x)^3 + \dots + (-x)^n \right) \\ &= x \left( 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots + (-1)^n x^n \right) \\ &= x - x^2 + x^3 - x^4 + \dots + (-1)^n x^{n+1} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-x)^n (x) \end{aligned}$$

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Given that  $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ , do the following examples.

Example 9. Write a power series that in both expanded form and sigma notation that represents  $\frac{1}{1-3x}$ . What is the interval of convergence?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-(3x)} &= 1 + (3x) + (3x)^2 + (3x)^3 + \dots + (3x)^n + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n x^n \\ \text{I.o.C} & \quad |3x| < 1 \\ & \quad -1 < 3x < 1 \\ & \quad \frac{-1}{3} < x < \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$