

Region of convergence |z| < 1

This series is convergent within a circle of radius 1 and centre (0, 0).

Example 32: Find the radius of convergence of the series

$$\frac{z}{2} + \frac{1.3}{2.5}z^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{2.5.8}z^3 + \dots$$

Soln: The coefficient of z^n of the given power series is given by

$$a_n = \frac{1.3.5...(2n-1)}{2.5.8...(3n-1)}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots (2n-1)(2n+1)}{25 \cdot 8 \cdot \dots (3n-1)(3n+2)}$$

So,
$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{2n+1}{3n+2} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{2}{3n}\right)} \Rightarrow R = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right) \right| = \frac{3}{2}$$

■ Taylor Series Expansion

If a function f(z) is analytic at all points inside the circle C, having center at z = a and radius r, then at each point z inside C, the Taylor series expansion of f(z) about z = a, is

$$f(z) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(z - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(z - a)^{2} + \dots + \frac{f^{n}(a)}{n!}(z - a)^{n} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{n}(z_{0})}{n!}(z - z_{0})^{n}$$
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Example 33: Expand the function $f(x) = \sin x$ about the point $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

Soln:
$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) f'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 f''\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \dots$$

$$= \sin\frac{\pi}{6} + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2}{2!} \left(-\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{4}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^3 + \dots$$