

§11.9 Representations of Functions as Power Series

- 源頭函數： $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, |x| < 1.$

(i). 直系函數：

Example 1 :

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{1-(-x^2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}, |x^2| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |x| < 1.$$

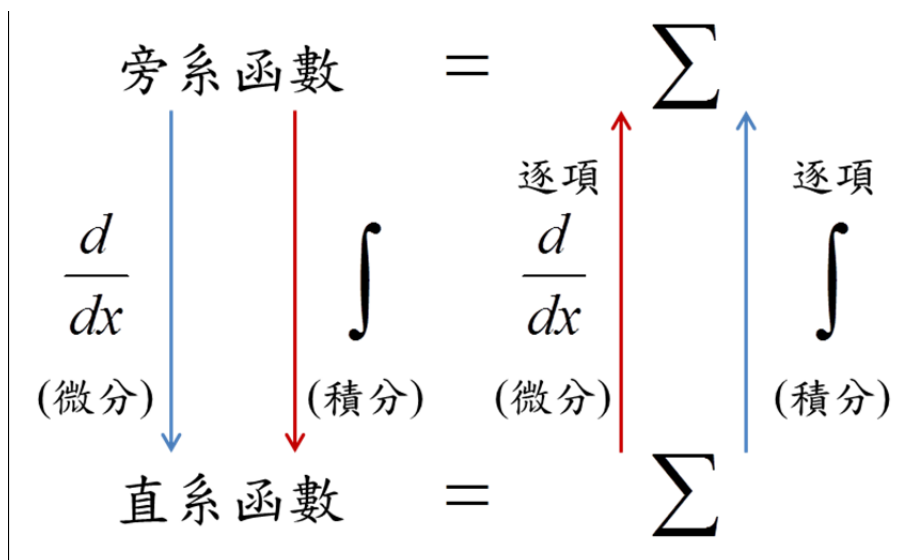
Example 2 :

$$\frac{1}{2-x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^{n+1}}, |x| < 2.$$

Example 3 :

$$\frac{x^3}{x+2} = \frac{x^3}{2} \frac{1}{1-\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)} = \frac{x^3}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{n+3}}{2^{n+1}}, |x| < 2.$$

(ii). 旁系函數：(related to 直系函數 by 微分和積分)



* 註記：

1. Power series 在絕對收斂的範圍(即收斂區間)可作逐項微分或積分的動作。
2. 有時須微分或積分不只一次才到直系。

Example 4 :

- (i). Find the power series representation of $\ln(1-x)$.
(ii). Express $\ln 2$ as a convergent infinite series with all positive terms.

Solution :

$$\underbrace{\ln(1-x)}_{\downarrow \frac{d}{dx}} = c - \underbrace{x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots}_{\uparrow \int} = c - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$\frac{-1}{1-x} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = -1 - x - x^2 - \dots, |x| < 1.$$

Let $x = 0 \Rightarrow \ln 1 = 0 = c$.

$$\ln(1-x) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}, |x| < 1$$

$$= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}, |x| < 1.$$

Example 5 :

- (i). Find the power series representation of $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$.
(ii). Let $f(x) = \int_0^x \tan^{-1} t dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$. Then $a_8 = ?$

Solution :

$$\underbrace{\tan^{-1} x}_{\downarrow \frac{d}{dx}} = c + \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}}_{\uparrow \int} \quad |x| < 1.$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}, |x| < 1.$$

Let $x = 0 \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} 0 = 0 = c + 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}, |x| < 1.$$

Example 6 :

Find the power series representation of $f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$.

Solution :

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}}_{\downarrow \int} = \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}}_{\uparrow \frac{d}{dx}}, |x| < 1.$$
$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, |x| < 1.$$

Example 7 :

Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{1+x^7} dx$ as a power series.

Solution :

$$\int \frac{1}{1+x^7} dx$$
$$= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{7n} dx$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int (-1)^n x^{7n} dx$$
$$= \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{7n+1}}{7n+1} \right) + c \quad |x| < 1.$$

Example 8 :

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1} = ?, |x| < 1.$
- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^n = ?, |x| < 1.$
 - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} = ?$
- $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)x^n = ?, |x| < 1.$
 - $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 - n}{2^n} = ?$
 - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} = ?$

Solution :

1. For $|x| < 1$, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n\right) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}.$$

2. (i) For $|x| < 1$, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^n = x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1} = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \text{ (此例子為旁系+直系)}$$

$$(ii) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} = \frac{1}{\left(1-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = 2.$$

3. (i) For $|x| < 1$, we have $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)x^n$

$$x^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)x^{n-2} = x^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx}(nx^{n-1}) = x^2 \frac{d}{dx}\left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}\right) = \frac{2x^2}{(1-x)^3}.$$

$$(ii) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 - n}{2^n} = \frac{2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3} = 4.$$

$$(iii) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 - n}{2^n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 - n}{2^n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} = 4 + 2 = 6.$$