


PROPERTIES OF FUNCTIONS GIVEN BY POWER SERIES



$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(x-a)^n = C_0 + C_1(x-a) + C_2(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$(a-r, a+r)$

Assume the power series converges for $|x-a| < r$.

Then

(1) $f(x)$ is differentiable in $(a-r, a+r)$ and

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x-a)^n = n(x-a)^{n-1} \quad f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n C_n(x-a)^{n-1} = C_1 + 2C_2(x-a) + \dots$$

Also $f''(x)$ exists and

$$f''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n(x-a)^{n-2} = 2C_2 + 6C_3(x-a) + \dots$$

etc... All derivatives exist and

$$\frac{d^k f}{dx^k} = f^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) C_n(x-a)^{n-k}$$
$$= \underbrace{k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(2)(1)}_{k!} C_k + \dots$$

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