4 Series of Analytic Functions and Singularities

$$c_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(z_0)}{k!} \qquad (k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots), \tag{4.2.7}$$

with the usual convention: $f^{(0)}(z) = f(z)$ and 0! = 1. This formula relates the coefficients of the power series to the derivatives of f at the center of the series and is known as **the Taylor formula**. A consequence of this formula is the following useful result.

Theorem 4.2.10. (Uniqueness of Power Series Expansions) *Let* R > 0*. If for all* z *satisfying* $|z - z_0| < R$ *we have*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n = f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (z - z_0)^n \,,$$

then $a_n = b_n$ for all *n*. In particular, if $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z - z_0)^n = 0$ for all $|z - z_0| < R$, then $c_n = 0$ for all n = 0, 1, 2, ...

Proof. By Taylor's formula, we have $a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} = b_n$. The second assertion of the theorem follows by setting $b_n = 0$.

Power series can be integrated term-by-term over paths contained in their disk of convergence.

Example 4.2.11. (Term-by-term integration) Start with the geometric series

$$\frac{1}{1+\zeta} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \zeta^n \qquad |\zeta| < 1$$

Since the integral of an analytic function on a disk is independent of path, integrating both sides from 0 to z, where |z| < 1, we obtain

$$\int_{[0,z]} \frac{1}{1+\zeta} d\zeta = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_{[0,z]} \zeta^n d\zeta.$$

Using the independence of paths (Theorem 3.3.4) and the fact that $\frac{d}{dz} \text{Log}(1+z) = \frac{1}{1+z}$ and Log 1 = 0, we obtain

$$Log(1+z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{n+1}}{n+1} \qquad |z| < 1.$$

Example 4.2.12. (Term-by-term differentiation) Find the sum $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nz^n$ and determine its radius of convergence.

Solution. The series looks like the derivative of the geometric series

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