

## TAYLORS AND LAURENTS SERIES

### Taylor's Series

If  $f(z)$  is analytic inside and on a circle  $C$  with centre at point 'a' and radius 'R' then at each point  $Z$  inside  $C$ ,

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

(OR)

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z-a)^n}{n!} f^n(a)$$

This is known as Taylor's series of  $f(z)$  about  $z = a$ .

**Note: 1** Putting  $a = 0$  in the Taylor's series we get

$$f(z) = f(0) + (z-0)\frac{f'(0)}{1!} + (z-0)^2\frac{f''(0)}{2!} + \dots \text{ this series is called Maclaurin's Series.}$$

**Note: 2** The Maclaurin's for some elementary functions are

- 1)  $(1-z)^{-1} = 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots$ , when  $|z| < 1$
- 2)  $(1+z)^{-1} = 1 - z + z^2 - z^3 + \dots$ , when  $|z| < 1$
- 3)  $(1-z)^{-2} = 1 + 2z + 3z^2 + 4z^3 + \dots$ , when  $|z| < 1$
- 4)  $(1+z)^{-2} = 1 - 2z + 3z^2 - 4z^3 + \dots$ , when  $|z| < 1$
- 5)  $e^z = 1 + \frac{z}{1!} + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots$  when  $|z| < \infty$
- 6)  $e^{-z} = 1 - \frac{z}{1!} + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots$  when  $|z| < \infty$
- 7)  $\sin z = z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots$  when  $|z| < \infty$
- 8)  $\cos z = 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} + \dots$  when  $|z| < \infty$

### LAURENTS SERIES

If  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are two concentric circles with centre at  $z = a$  and radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  ( $r_1 < r_2$ ) and if  $f(z)$  is analytic inside on the circles and within the annulus between  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  then for any  $z$  in the annulus, we have

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-a)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n (z-a)^{-n} \dots (1)$$

Where  $a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}} dz$  and  $b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{1-n}} dz$  and the integration being taken in positive direction. This series (1) is called Laurent series of  $f(z)$  about the point  $z = a$

**Example:** Expand  $f(z) = \cos z$  as a Taylor's series about  $z = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

**Solution:**

Function	Value of function at $z = \frac{\pi}{4}$
$f(z) = \cos z$	$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$f'(z) = -\sin z$	$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$f''(z) = -\cos z$	$f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$f'''(z) = \sin z$	$f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

The Taylor series of  $f(z)$  about  $z = \frac{\pi}{4}$  is  $f(z) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \left(z - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \frac{f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{1!} + \left(z - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 \frac{f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{2!} + \dots$

$$\cos z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \left(z - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{1!} + \left(z - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 \frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{2!} + \dots$$

**Example: Expand  $f(z) = \log(1+z)$  as a Taylor's series about  $z = 0$ .**

**Solution:**

Function	Value of function at $z = 0$
$f(z) = \log(1+z)$	$f(0) = \log(1+0) = 0$
$f'(z) = \frac{1}{1+z}$	$f'(0) = \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$
$f''(z) = \frac{-1}{(1+z)^2}$	$f''(0) = \frac{-1}{(1+0)^2} = -1$
$f'''(z) = \frac{2}{(1+z)^3}$	$f'''(0) = \frac{2}{(1+0)^3} = 2$

The Taylor series of  $f(z)$  about  $z = 0$  is

$$f(z) = f(0) + (z-0) \frac{f'(0)}{1!} + (z-0)^2 \frac{f''(0)}{2!} + \dots$$

$$\log(1+z) = 0 + (z) \frac{1}{1!} + (z)^2 \frac{-1}{2!} + \dots$$

$$\log(1+z) = (z) \frac{1}{1!} - (z)^2 \frac{1}{2!} + \dots$$

**Example: Expand  $f(z) = \frac{z^2-1}{(z+2)(z+3)}$  as a Laurent's series if (i)  $|z| < 2$  (ii)  $|z| > 3$**

**(iii)  $2 < |z| < 3$**

**Solution:**

Given  $f(z) = \frac{z^2-1}{(z+2)(z+3)}$  is an improper fraction. Since degree of numerator and degree of denominator of  $f(z)$  are same

∴ Apply division process

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ z^2 + 5z + 6 \overline{) z^2 - 1} \\ \underline{z^2 + 5z + 6} \\ -5z - 7 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{z^2-1}{(z+2)(z+3)} = 1 - \frac{5z+7}{(z+2)(z+3)} \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{5z+7}{(z+2)(z+3)} = \frac{A}{z+2} + \frac{B}{z+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5z + 7 = A(z + 3) + B(z + 2)$$

Put  $z = -2$ , we get  $-10 + 7 = A(1)$

$$\Rightarrow A = -3$$

Put  $z = -3$ , we get  $-15 + 7 = B(-1)$

$$\Rightarrow B = 8$$

$$\therefore \frac{5z+7}{(z+2)(z+3)} = \frac{-3}{z+2} + \frac{8}{z+3}$$

$$\therefore (1) \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{3}{z+2} - \frac{8}{z+3}$$

(i) Given  $|z| < 2$

$$\therefore f(z) = 1 + \frac{3}{2(1+z/2)} - \frac{8}{3(1+z/3)}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \frac{z}{2}\right)^{-1} - \frac{8}{3} \left(1 + \frac{z}{3}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{2} \left[1 - \frac{z}{2} + \left[\frac{z}{2}\right]^2 + \dots\right] - \frac{8}{3} \left[1 - \frac{z}{3} + \left[\frac{z}{3}\right]^2 + \dots\right]$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[\frac{z}{2}\right]^n - \frac{8}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[\frac{z}{3}\right]^n$$

(ii) Given  $|z| > 3$

$$\therefore f(z) = 1 + \frac{3}{z(1+2/z)} - \frac{8}{z(1+3/z)}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \left(1 + \frac{2}{z}\right)^{-1} - \frac{8}{z} \left(1 + \frac{3}{z}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \left[1 - \frac{2}{z} + \left[\frac{2}{z}\right]^2 + \dots\right] - \frac{8}{z} \left[1 - \frac{3}{z} + \left[\frac{3}{z}\right]^2 + \dots\right]$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[\frac{2}{z}\right]^n - \frac{8}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[\frac{3}{z}\right]^n$$

(iii) Given  $2 < |z| < 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(z) &= 1 + \frac{3}{z(1+2/z)} - \frac{8}{3(1+z/3)} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} (1 + 2/z)^{-1} - \frac{8}{3} (1 + z/3)^{-1} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{z} + \left[ \frac{2}{z} \right]^2 + \dots \right] - \frac{8}{3} \left[ 1 - \frac{z}{3} + \left[ \frac{z}{3} \right]^2 \dots \right] \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[ \frac{2}{z} \right]^n - \frac{8}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[ \frac{z}{3} \right]^n \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Find the Laurent's series expansion of  $f(z) = \frac{7z-2}{z(z-2)(z+1)}$  in  $1 < |z + 1| < 3$ .

Also find the residue of  $f(a)$  at  $z = -1$

**Solution:**

Given  $f(z) = \frac{7z-2}{z(z-2)(z+1)}$

$$\frac{7z-2}{z(z-2)(z+1)} = \frac{A}{z} + \frac{B}{z-2} + \frac{C}{z+1}$$

$$7z - 2 = A(z-2)(z+1) + Bz(z+1) + Cz(z-2)$$

Put  $z = 2$ , we get  $14 - 2 = B(2)(2+1)$

$$\Rightarrow 12 = 6B$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 2$$

Put  $z = -1$ , we get  $-7 - 2 = C(-1)(-1-2)$

$$\Rightarrow -9 = 3C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -3$$

Put  $z = 0$  we get  $-2 = A(-2)$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{2}{z-2} - \frac{3}{z+1}$$

Given region is  $1 < |z + 1| < 3$

Let  $u = z + 1 \Rightarrow z = u - 1$

(i.e)  $1 < |u| < 3$

Now  $f(z) = \frac{1}{u-1} + \frac{2}{u-3} - \frac{3}{u}$

$$= \frac{1}{u(1-1/u)} + \frac{2}{-3(1-u/3)} - \frac{3}{u}$$

$$= \frac{1}{u} (1 - 1/u)^{-1} - \frac{2}{3} (1 - u/3)^{-1} - \frac{3}{u}$$

$$= \frac{1}{u} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{u} + \left[ \frac{1}{u} \right]^2 + \dots \right] - \frac{2}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{u}{3} + \left[ \frac{u}{3} \right]^2 + \dots \right] - \frac{3}{u}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z+1} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{z+1} + \left[ \frac{1}{z+1} \right]^2 + \dots \right] - \frac{2}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{z+1}{3} + \left[ \frac{z+1}{3} \right]^2 + \dots \right] - \frac{3}{z+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{z+1} \right]^n - \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{\frac{z+1}{3}} \right]^n - \frac{3}{z+1}$$

Also  $\text{Res}[f(z), z = -1] = \text{coefficient of } \frac{1}{z+1} = -2$

**Example: Expand  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)}$  in a Laurent's series valid in the region**

**(i)  $|z - 1| > 1$  (ii)  $0 < |z - 2| < 1$  (iii)  $|z| > 2$  (iv)  $0 < |z - 1| < 1$**

**Solution:**

Given  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)}$

Consider  $\frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)} = \frac{A}{z-1} + \frac{B}{z-2}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(z-2) + B(z-1)$$

Put  $z = 2$ , we get  $1 = B(1)$

$$\Rightarrow B = 1$$

Put  $z = 1$  we get  $1 = A(1-2)$

$$\Rightarrow A = -1$$

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{-1}{z-1} + \frac{1}{z-2}$$

(i) Given region is  $|z - 1| > 1$

Let  $u = z - 1 \Rightarrow z = u + 1$

(i.e)  $|u| > 1$

Now  $f(z) = -\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{u-1}$

$$= \frac{-1}{u} + \frac{1}{u(1-1/u)}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{u} + \frac{1}{u} (1 - 1/u)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{u} + \frac{1}{u} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{u} + \left[ \frac{1}{u} \right]^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{z+1} + \frac{1}{z+1} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{z+1} + \left[ \frac{1}{z+1} \right]^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{z+1} + \frac{1}{z+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{z+1} \right]^n$$

(ii) Given  $0 < |z - 2| < 1$

Let  $u = z - 2 \Rightarrow z = u + 2$

(i.e)  $0 < |u| < 1$

Now  $f(z) = -\frac{1}{u+1} + \frac{1}{u}$

$$= -(1+u)^{-1} + \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -[1 - u + [u]^2 + \dots] + \frac{1}{u} \\
 &= -[1 - (z - 2) + [z - 2]^2 + \dots] + \frac{1}{z-2} \\
 &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [-1]^n [z - 2]^n + \frac{1}{z-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Given  $|z| > 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } f(z) &= -\frac{1}{z(1-\frac{1}{z})} + \frac{1}{z(1-\frac{2}{z})} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)^{-1} + \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \frac{2}{z}\right)^{-1} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{z} \left[1 + \frac{1}{z} + \left[\frac{1}{z}\right]^2 + \dots\right] + \frac{1}{z} \left[1 + \frac{2}{z} + \left[\frac{2}{z}\right]^2 + \dots\right] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{z}\right]^n + \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{2}{z}\right]^n
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Given  $0 < |z - 1| < 1$

$$\text{Let } u = z - 1 \Rightarrow z = u + 1$$

$$(i.e) 0 < |u| < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } f(z) &= -\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{u-1} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{-1[1-u]} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{u} - (1-u)^{-1} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{u} - [1 + u + [u]^2 + \dots] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{z-1} - [1 + z - 1 + [z - 1]^2 + \dots] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{z-1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [z - 1]^n
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Expand  $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z+1)(z-2)}$  in a Laurent's series about (i)  $z = -1$  (ii)  $z = 2$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Consider } \frac{z}{(z+1)(z-2)} &= \frac{A}{z+1} + \frac{B}{z-2} \\
 \Rightarrow z &= A(z-2) + B(z+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Put  $z = 2$ , we get  $2 = B(3)$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{2}{3}$$

Put  $z = -1$  we get  $-1 = A(-3)$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{1}{3(z+1)} + \frac{2}{3(z-2)}$$

(i) To expand  $f(z)$  about  $z = -1$

$$(or) |z - 1| < 1$$

Put  $z + 1 = u \Rightarrow z = u - 1$

$$\Rightarrow |z - 1| < 1 \Rightarrow |u| < 1$$

Now  $f(z) = \frac{1}{3u} + \frac{2}{3(u-3)}$

$$= \frac{1}{3u} + \frac{2}{3((-3)(1-u/3))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3u} - \frac{2}{9} (1 - u/3)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3u} - \frac{2}{9} \left[ 1 + \frac{u}{3} + \left[ \frac{u}{3} \right]^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(z+1)} - \frac{2}{9} \left[ 1 + \frac{(z+1)}{3} + \left[ \frac{(z+1)}{3} \right]^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(z+1)} - \frac{2}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(z+1)}{3} \right]^n$$

(ii) To expand  $f(z)$  about  $z = 2$

$$(or) |z - 2| < 1$$

Put  $z - 2 = u \Rightarrow z = u + 2$

$$\Rightarrow |z - 2| < 1 \Rightarrow |u| < 1$$

Now  $f(z) = \frac{1}{3(u+3)} + \frac{2}{3(u)}$

$$= \frac{1}{3(3)(1+u/3)} + \frac{2}{3(u)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} (1 + u/3)^{-1} + \frac{2}{3(u)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left[ 1 - \frac{u}{3} + \left[ \frac{u}{3} \right]^2 + \dots \right] + \frac{2}{3(u)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left[ 1 - \frac{(z-2)}{3} + \left[ \frac{(z-2)}{3} \right]^2 + \dots \right] + \frac{2}{3(z-2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[ \frac{(z-2)}{3} \right]^n + \frac{2}{3(z-2)}$$

**Example:** Expand the Laurent's series about for  $f(z) = \frac{6z+5}{z(z-2)(z+1)}$  in the region  $1 <$

$$|z + 1| < 3$$

**Solution:**

Consider  $\frac{6z+5}{z(z-2)(z+1)} = \frac{A}{z} + \frac{B}{z-2} + \frac{C}{z+1}$

$$\Rightarrow 6z + 5 = A(z - 2)(z + 1) + Bz(z + 1) + Cz(z - 2)$$

Put  $z = 0$ , we get  $5 = A(-2)(1)$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{-5}{2}$$

Put  $z = -1$  we get  $-11 = C(-1)(-3)$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{11}{3}$$

Put  $z = 2$  we get  $17 = B(2)(3)$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{17}{6}$$

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{-5}{2z} + \frac{17}{6(z-2)} - \frac{11}{3(z+1)}$$

Given region  $1 < |z + 1| < 3$

Put  $z + 1 = u \Rightarrow z = u - 1$

(i.e)  $1 < |u| < 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } f(z) &= \frac{-5}{2(u-1)} + \frac{17}{6(u-3)} - \frac{11}{3u} \\ &= \frac{-5}{2u(1-\frac{1}{u})} + \frac{17}{6(-3)(1-\frac{u}{3})} - \frac{11}{3u} \\ &= \frac{-5}{2u} \left[1 - \frac{1}{u}\right]^{-1} - \frac{17}{18} \left[1 - \frac{u}{3}\right]^{-1} - \frac{11}{3u} \\ &= \frac{-5}{2u} \left[1 + \frac{1}{u} + \left[\frac{1}{u}\right]^2 + \dots\right] - \frac{17}{18} \left[1 + \frac{u}{3} + \left[\frac{u}{3}\right]^2 + \dots\right] - \frac{11}{3u} \\ &= \frac{-5}{2(z+1)} \left[1 + \frac{1}{(z+1)} + \left[\frac{1}{(z+1)}\right]^2 + \dots\right] - \frac{17}{18} \left[1 + \frac{(z+1)}{3} + \left[\frac{(z+1)}{3}\right]^2 + \dots\right] - \frac{11}{3(z+1)} \\ &= \frac{-5}{2(z+1)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{(z+1)}\right]^n - \frac{17}{18} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(z+1)}{3}\right]^n - \frac{11}{3(z+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{11}{3(z+1)}$$

