

Power Series (Overview)

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4. Standard way to compute the radius of convergence for many series: Apply the **ratio test**. The power series converges for all x for which $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}x^{n+1}}{c_nx^n} \right| < 1$ and it diverges for all x for which the limit is greater than 1.

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