

Power Series for Elementary Functions

Function

Interval of Convergence

$$\frac{1}{x} = 1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 - (x-1)^3 + (x-1)^4 - \dots + (-1)^n (x-1)^n + \dots \quad 0 < x < 2$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 \dots + (-1)^n x^n + \dots \quad -1 < x < 1$$

$$\ln x = (x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} - \frac{(x-1)^4}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)(x-1)^{n-1}}{n} + \dots \quad 0 < x \leq 2$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + \dots \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\arcsin x = x + \frac{x^3}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3x^5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5x^7}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} + \dots + \frac{(2n)! x^{2n+1}}{(2^n n!)^2 (2n+1)} + \dots \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$(1+x)^k = 1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)x^2}{2!} + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)x^3}{3!} + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)(k-3)x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad -1 < x < 1^*$$

* The convergence at $x = \pm 1$ depends on the value of k .