

THE GEOMETRIC SERIES AND ITS DERIVATIVE

The power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$ converges for $|z| < 1$ and diverges for $|z| \geq 1$.

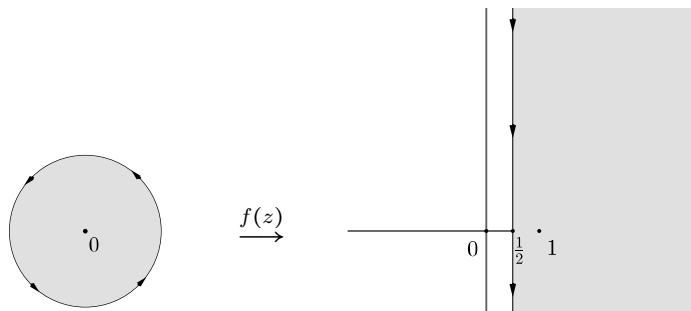
For $|z| < 1$, it represents the holomorphic function $f(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$.

On each subdisk $|z| \leq \rho$, $0 < \rho < 1$, the convergence is absolute and uniform:

$$\left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \right| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \rho^n = \frac{1}{1-\rho} \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \sum_{k=0}^n z^k - \frac{1}{1-z} \right| \leq \frac{\rho^{n+1}}{1-\rho} \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

For $z = e^{i\theta}$, $f(z) = \frac{e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}}}{-2i \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$.

The linear-fractional map $f(z)$ sends the unit disk onto the half-plane $\Re z > 1/2$.



The term-by-term derivative $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n z^{n-1}$ converges for $|z| < 1$ and diverges otherwise.

For $|z| < 1$, it represents the holomorphic function $f'(z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)^2} = f^2(z)$.

For $z = e^{i\theta}$, $f'(z) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$.

So $f'(z)$ maps $|z| < 1$ univalently and conformally onto the region $\Re z > 1/4 - (\Im z)^2$.

