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Note Title

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Recall the geometric series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = a + ar + ar^2$$

if $|r| < 1$ then $\sum ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}$

We can use this "in reverse" to find a sum for an equation

(ex.) find power series representation for

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+9x^2} \quad a=1 \quad r=-9x^2$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-9x^2)^n = (-1)^n 9^n x^{2n}$$

converges when $|-9x^2| < 1 \Rightarrow 9x^2 < 1$
 $x^2 < 1/9 \Rightarrow -1/3 < x < 1/3$

(ex.) find one for $f(x) = \frac{x}{4x+1} = \frac{x}{1+4x}$ $a=1$ $r=-4x$

have the extra x in numerator so

$$f(x) = x \sum (-4x)^n = \sum (-1)^n \cdot 4^n x^{n+1}$$

converges when $|-4x| < 1 \Rightarrow 4|x| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 1/4$
 $-1/4 < x < 1/4$

What is this good for?

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{\text{ex}} \int \frac{x}{4x+1} dx &= \int \sum (-1)^n \cdot 4^n x^{n+1} dx \\ &= \int x^1 - 4x^2 + 16x^3 - 64x^4 + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{16}{4}x^4 - \frac{64}{5}x^5 - \dots \\ &= \sum \frac{(-1)^n 4^n x^{n+2}}{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \sum (-1)^n \cdot 4^n x^{n+1} dx = \sum \frac{(-1)^n 4^n}{n+2} x^{n+2}$$

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In general,

If power series $\sum c_n (x-a)^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$, then the function $f =$

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$$

has

$$f' = c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + 3c_3(x-a)^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n c_n (x-a)^{n-1}$$

and

$$\int f(x) dx = c_0(x-a) + \frac{c_1}{2}(x-a)^2 + \frac{c_2}{3}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{n+1} (x-a)^{n+1}$$