## ERG 2012B Advanced Engineering Mathematics II

#### **Part I: Complex Variables**

#### Lecture #9

**Taylor Series and Laurent Series** 

## **Taylor Series**

Every analytic function f(z) can be represented by a power series which is called **Taylor series of f(z)** 

#### **Taylor's formula**

We start with Cauchy's integral formula

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C} \frac{f(z^*)}{z^* - z} dz^*$$

where z lies inside C. Take C to be

a circle of radius r, center

 $z_0$ , then  $z^*$  is on C



## **Taylor Series**

Next we can write:

$$\frac{1}{z^* - z} = \frac{1}{z^* - z_0 - (z - z_0)} = \frac{1}{(z^* - z_0)(1 - (z - z_0)/(z^* - z_0))}$$
  
Since z\* is on C while z is inside C we have:  
$$|(z - z_0)/(z^* - z_0)| < 1$$

And remembering that

$$\frac{1}{1-q} = 1 + q + \dots + q^n + \frac{q^{n+1}}{1-q} \quad \& \text{ letting } q = (z-z_0)/(z^*-z_0)$$

Hence:  $\frac{1}{z^* - z} = \frac{1}{z^* - z_0} \left[ 1 + \frac{z - z_0}{z^* - z_0} + \left(\frac{z - z_0}{z^* - z_0}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{z - z_0}{z^* - z_0}\right)^n \right] + \frac{1}{z^* - z} \left(\frac{z - z_0}{z^* - z_0}\right)^{n+1}$ 

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Hence: 
$$\frac{1}{z^{*}-z} = \frac{1}{z^{*}-z_{0}} \left[1 + \frac{z-z_{0}}{z^{*}-z_{0}} + \left(\frac{z-z_{0}}{z^{*}-z_{0}}\right)^{2} + \dots + \left(\frac{z-z_{0}}{z^{*}-z_{0}}\right)^{n}\right] + \frac{1}{z^{*}-z} \left(\frac{z-z_{0}}{z^{*}-z_{0}}\right)^{n+1}$$

Substituting this into Cauchy's Integral formula we get:

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f(z^*)}{z^* - z_0} dz^* + \frac{z - z_0}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f(z^*)}{(z^* - z_0)^2} dz^* + \dots$$
$$\dots + \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f(z^*)}{(z^* - z_0)^{n+1}} dz^* + R_n(z)$$

Where  $R_n(z)$  is given by:

$$R_{n}(z) = \frac{(z-z_{0})^{n+1}}{2\pi i} \oint_{C} \frac{f(z^{*})}{(z^{*}-z_{0})^{n+1}(z^{*}-z)} dz^{*}$$

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## **Taylor Series**

Using the integral formula for derivatives of analytic functions  $f(z)=f(z_0) + \frac{z-z_0}{1!} f'(z_0) + \frac{(z-z_0)^2}{2!} f''(z_0) + ... + \frac{(z-z_0)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(z_0) + R_n(z_0)$ 

This is known as **Taylor's Formula** and  $R_n(z)$  is called the **remainder** 

If we let n approach infinity, we obtain:

$$f(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(m)}(z_0)}{m!} (z - z_0)^m$$

This is called the **Taylor Series** of f(z) with center  $z_0$ 

The particular case when  $z_0=0$  is called the Maclaurin series

## **Taylor Series**

The Taylor series will converge and represent f(z) iff  $\lim_{n\to\infty} R_n(z) = 0$ 

**Proof:** from the definition of  $R_n(z)$ 

$$R_{n}(z) = \frac{|z - z_{0}|^{n+1}}{2\pi} \int_{C} \frac{f(z^{*})}{(z^{*} - z_{0})^{n+1}(z^{*} - z)} dz^{*}$$

Since z\* is on C, z is inside C we have:

$$|z^*-z_0| = r$$
,  $|z^*-z| > 0$ ,  $|z-z_0|/r < 1$ 

Since f(z) is analytic inside and on C,  $|f(z)/(z^*-z)| \le M$  (bounded)

therefore by the ML inequality  $|R_n(z)| \le [|z-z_0|^{n+1}/2\pi]M2\pi r/r^{n+1} = Mr|(z-z_0)/r|^{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$ 

# Taylor Theorem

**Taylor's Theorem** summarizes the preceding:

Let f(z) be analytic in a domain D and let  $z=z_0$  be any point in D. Then there exists precisely one power series with center  $z_0$  that represents f(z). This series is of the form:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$$
 where  $a_n = (1/n!) f^{(n)}(z_0)$ 

This representation is valid in the largest open disk with center  $z_0$  in which f(z) is analytic. The remainders  $R_n(z)$  can be represented as before.

The coefficients satisfy:  $|a_n| \le M/r^n$ where M is the maximum of |f(z)| on the circle  $|z-z_0|=r$ 

# Taylor Theorem

- The inequality  $|a_n| \le M/r^n$  follows from Cauchy's inequality earlier.
- The formula for derivatives of analytic functions gives the coefficients

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz$$

integrated ccw around a simple closed path containing  $z_0$ 

# Singular Points

**Singular points** of an analytic function f(z) are points at which f(z) ceases to be analytic.

If f(z) is not differentiable at the z=c, but every disk with center c contains points at which f(z) is differentiable then that point is called a **singular point of f(z)** 

We say that f(z) has a singularity at z=c.

E.g 1/(1-z) at z = 1 tan z at  $\pm \pi/2$ ,  $\pm 3\pi/2$ .....

## Important Special Taylor Series

#### **Geometric Series**

Let f(z) = 1/(1-z). Then we have  $f^{(n)}(z)=n!/(1-z)^{n+1}$ ,  $f^{(n)}(0)=n!$ Taylor's Theorem:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$$
 where  $a_n = (1/n!) f^{(n)}(z_0)$ 

For  $z_0 = 0$   $a_n = (1/n!)n! = 1$ 

So the Maclaurin expansion of 1/(1-z) is the geometric series  $1/(1-z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n = 1 + z + z^2 + \dots$  (|z| < 1) f(z) is singular at z=1; which lies on the circle of convergence.

## Important Special Taylor Series II

#### **Exponential Function**

 $e^{z}$  is analytic for all z and  $(e^{z})^{/} = e^{z}$ . Taylor's Theorem:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \text{ where } a_n = (1/n!) f^{(n)}(z_0)$$

For  $z_0 = 0$   $a_n = (1/n!)$ 

So the Maclaurin expansion of e<sup>z</sup> is the geometric series

$$e^{z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{n}/n! = 1 + z + z^{2}/2! + \dots$$

If we let z = iy and separate the series into real and imaginary

 $e^{iy} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (iy)^n / n! = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k y^{2k} / (2k)! + i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k y^{2k+1} / (2k+1)!$ The two series are simply the series for sin and cos and we rediscover the Euler formula  $e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y$ 

### Important Special Taylor Series III

#### **Trigonometric & Hyperbolic Functions**

By substituting series for e<sup>z</sup> in formula for cos and sin

$$\cos z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n} z^{2n} / (2n)! = 1 - z^{2} / 2 + z^{4} / 4! \frac{\cos z = \frac{1}{2}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz})}{\sin z = \frac{1}{2}(e^{iz} - e^{-iz})}$$
  
$$\sin z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n} z^{2n+1} / (2n+1)! = z - \frac{z^{3}}{3!} + \frac{z^{5}}{5!} - \dots$$

Similarly for the hyperbolic functions:  $\cosh z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^4}{4!} + \dots \frac{\cosh z = \frac{1}{2}(e^z + e^{-z})}{\sinh z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}} = z + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots$ 

# Important Special Taylor Series IV

#### Logarithm

From Taylor's Theorem for  $z_0=0$ :

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$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z)^n$$
 where  $a_n = (1/n!) f^{(n)}(0)$ 

$$Ln(1+z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n z^{n+1} / (n+1) = z - z^2 / 2 + z^3 / 3 - \dots (|z| < 1)$$

Replacing z by -z and multiply both sides by -1  

$$Ln(1/(1-z)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n+1}}{(n+1)} = z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{3} + \dots \qquad (|z|<1)$$

adding both series:

$$\operatorname{Ln}((1+z)/(1-z)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)} = 2(z + \frac{z^3}{3} + \frac{z^5}{5} + \dots)$$
(|z|<1)

## Theorem 2

Every power series with a nonzero radius of convergence is the Taylor series of the function represented by that series *or to put it another way* is the Taylor series of its sum **Proof:** Consider any power series with positive radius of convergence R and call its sum f(z); thus

$$f(z) = a_0 + a_1(z - z_0) + a_2(z - z_0)^2 + \dots$$

And  $f'(z) = a_1 + 2a_2(z-z_0) + \dots$ 

More generally

 $f^{(n)}(z) = n!a_n + (n+1)n....3 \times 2 \times 1 a_{n+1}(z-z_0) + ....$ if we set  $z=z_0$  we obtain:

$$f(z_0) = a_0, f'(z_0) = a_1, \dots, f^{(n)}(z_0) = n!a_n$$

This is identical to the terms in the Taylor Theorem.....

Finding Taylor Series of Functions Example 1 Find the Maclaurin series of  $f(z)=1/(1+z^2)$ Solution: by substitution into  $1/(1-z) = \Sigma z^n$   $1/(1+z^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1/(1-(-z^2)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-z^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n z^{2n}$  $= 1 - z^2 + z^4 - z^6 + \dots |z| < 1$ 

**Example 2** Find the Maclaurin series of  $f(z) = tan^{-1}z$ 

**Solution:** by integration of previous example term by term  $f'(z) = 1/(1+z^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n z^{2n}$ 

Integrating term by term and using f(0)=0

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(-1)^n / (2n+1)] z^{2n+1} = z - z^3 / 3 + z^5 / 5 - \dots |z| < 1$$

Develop 1/(c-bz) in powers of z-a where c-ab≠0 and b ≠0 **Solution:**  1/(c-bz) = 1/(c-ab-b(z-a)) = 1/[(c-ab)(1-b(z-a)/(c-ab))] $= 1/(c-ab)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [b(z-a)/(c-ab)]^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (b^n/(c-ab)^{n+1})(z-a)^n$ 

$$= 1/(c-ab) + b(z-a)/(c-ab)^2 + b^2(z-a)^2/(c-ab)^3 + ....$$

which converges for |b(z-a)/(c-ab)| < 1, i.e. |z-a| < |(c-ab)/b| = |(c/b)-a|

Find the Taylor series of f(z) with center  $z_0=1$ , where

$$f(z) = \frac{2z^2 + 9z + 5}{z^3 + z^2 - 8z - 12}$$
Solution:  

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+2)^2} + \frac{2}{(z-3)} = \frac{1}{[3+(z-1)]^2} - \frac{2}{2-(z-1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \frac{1}{[1+(z-1)/3]^2} - \frac{1}{1-(z-1)/2}$$
expressing f(z) as a sum of partial fractions  

$$= 1 - mz + (-m(-m-1)z^2/2! + -m(-m-1)(-m-2)z^3/3! + ...)$$
so that  $f(z) = 1/9 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {\binom{-2}{n}} ((z-1)/3)^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((z-1)/2)^n$ 
since  ${\binom{-2}{n}} = \frac{(-2)(-3)...(-(n+1))}{1.2.3....n} = (-1)^n (n+1)$ 

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [\frac{(-1)^n(n+1)}{3^{n+2}} - \frac{1}{2^n}] (z-1)^n = -\frac{8}{9} - \frac{31}{54}(z-1) - \frac{23}{108}(z-1)^2$$

Find the Maclaurin series f(z) = tan z

#### **Solution:**

 $\begin{array}{l} f'(z) = \sec^2 z = 1 + \tan^2 z = 1 + f^2(z); \ f(0) = 0, \ f'(0) = 1 \\ f'' = 2 f f', \quad f''(0) = 0 \\ f''' = 2 (f')^2 + 2 f f'', \quad f'''(0) = 2, \quad f'''(0)/3! = 1/3 \\ f^{(4)} = 6 f' f'' + 2 f f''', \quad f^{(4)}(0) = 0 \\ f^{(5)} = 6 (f'')^2 + 8 f' f''' + 2 f f^{(4)}, \quad f^{(5)}(0) = 16, \ f^{(5)}(0)/5! = 2/15 \end{array}$ 

 $\tan z = z + \frac{z^3}{3} + \frac{2z^5}{15} + \frac{17z^7}{315} + \dots + (|z| < \pi/2)$ 

Find the Maclaurin series of tan z by using those of cos & sin **Solution:** 

since tan z is odd, the desired expansion will be of the form

$$\tan z = a_1 z + a_3 z^3 + a_5 z^5 + \dots$$

Using  $\sin z = \tan z \cos z$ 

$$z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \dots = (a_1 z + a_3 z^3 + a_5 z^5 + \dots)(1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \dots)$$

implies  $1 = a_1$ ,  $-1/3! = -a_1/2! + a_3$ ,  $1/5! = a_1/4! - a_3/2! + a_5$ ,....

therefore  $a_1 = 1, a_3 = 1/3, a_5 = 2/15,...$ 

In applications you often need to expand a function around a point at which it is no longer analytic, but is singular.

Taylor's Theorem no longer applies.

We need a new type of series – Laurent Series – which is convergent in an annulus in which f(z) is analytic and outside of which f(z) may have singular points



#### Laurent's Theorem

If f(z) is analytic on two concentric circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  with center  $z_0$  and in the annulus between them, then f(z) can be represented by the **Laurent series** 

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n / (z - z_0)^n$$
  
=  $a_0 + a_1 (z - z_0) + a_2 (z - z_0)^2 + ...$   
....+ $b_1 / (z - z_0) + b_2 / (z - z_0)^2 + ...$ 



The coefficients of this Laurent series are given by the integrals

 $a_{n} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C} \frac{f(z^{*})}{(z^{*}-z_{0})^{n+1}} dz^{*}, \qquad b_{n} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C} (z^{*}-z_{0})^{n-1} f(z^{*}) dz^{*}$ each integral being taken ccw around any simple closed path C that lies in the annulus and encircles the inner circle.

The series converges and represents f(z) in the open annulus obtained from the given annulus by continuously increasing the circle  $C_1$  and decreasing  $C_2$  until each of the two circles reaches a point were f(z) is singular.

In the important special case that  $z_0$  is the only singular point of f(z) inside  $C_2$  this circle can be shrunk to the point  $z_0$ , giving convergence in a disk except at the center.



The Laurent series can also be written (replacing  $b_n$  by  $a_{-n}$ ):

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n, \qquad a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z^*)}{(z^*-z_0)^{n+1}} dz^*$$

Proof: From Cauchy's integral Formula we have:

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C1} \frac{f(z^*)}{(z^*-z)} dz^* - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C2} \frac{f(z^*)}{(z^*-z)} dz^*$$

1<sup>st</sup> integral like Taylor Theorem

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C1} \frac{f(z^*)}{(z^*-z)} dz^* = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n$$
  
with coefficients

$$a_{n} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_{1}} \frac{f(z^{*})}{(z^{*}-z_{0})^{n+1}} dz^{*}$$



C<sub>1</sub> can be replaced by C by the principle of deformation of path

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For the 2nd integral we note that

 $\left|\frac{z^*-z_0}{z-z_0}\right| < 1$   $\left| \begin{array}{c} z \text{ is in the annulus, outside } C_2 \\ z^* \text{ is on } C_2 \end{array} \right|$ 

°z<sub>0</sub>

$$\frac{1}{z^*-z} = \frac{1}{(z^*-z_0)-(z-z_0)} = \frac{-1}{(z-z_0)(1-(z^*-z_0)/(z-z_0))}$$

 $= \frac{-1}{(z-z_0)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{z^* - z_0}{z - z_0} + \left(\frac{z^* - z_0}{z^* - z_0}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{z^* - z_0}{z - z_0}\right)^n \right\} - \frac{1}{z - z^*} \left(\frac{(z^* - z_0)}{z - z_0}\right)^{n+1}$ Multiply by  $-f(z^*)/2\pi i$  and integrate over  $C_2$  on both sides gives  $2^{nd}$  integral and series of  $b_n$  coefficients as required plus a remainder  $R_n^*(z)$  which we can show =0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (skipped)  $1 \qquad f (z^* - z_0)^{n+1}$ 

$$R_{n}^{*}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i (z-z_{0})^{n+1}} \oint_{C2} \frac{(z^{*}-z_{0})^{n+1}}{(z-z^{*})} f(z^{*}) dz^{*}$$

## Uniqueness

The Laurent series of a given analytic function f(z) in its annulus of convergence is unique. However, f(z) may have different Laurent series in two annuli with the same center.

**Example 1**. Find the Laurent series of  $z^{-5}sin z$  with center 0

#### Solution

since 
$$\sin z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - (|z| > 0)$$
  
 $z^{-5} \sin z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n-4}}{(2n+1)!} = z^{-4} - \frac{z^{-2}}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} - \frac{z^2}{7!} (|z| > 0)$ 

Here the "annulus" of convergence is the whole complex plane without the origin.

 $f(z) = z^2 e^{1/z}$ , find the Laurent series with center 0.

#### **Solution**

since 
$$e^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{Z^n}{n!}$$

replace z by 1/z and multiply by  $z^2$  $f(z) = z^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n n!} = z^2 + z + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3!z} + \frac{1}{4!z^2} \qquad (|z| > 0)$ 

Here the "annulus" of convergence is the whole complex plane without the origin.

Develop 1/(1-z) a) in non-negative powers of z and b) in negative powers of z

#### Solution

a) 
$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$$
 (|z|<1)

b) 
$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{-1}{z(1-z^{-1})} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^{n+1}} = -\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z^2} - (|z| > 1)$$

Here the annulus of convergence for a) is different from that of b)



Find all Laurent series of  $1/(z^3-z^4)$  with center 0

**Solution** (similar to previous example, multiply by  $1/z^3$ )

a) 
$$\frac{1}{z^3 - z^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{n-3} = z^{-3} + z^{-2} + z + 1 + z + (0 < |z| < 1)$$

b) 
$$\frac{1}{z^3 - z^4} = \frac{-1}{z^4(1 - z^{-1})} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^{n+4}} = -\frac{1}{z^4} - \frac{1}{z^5} - (|z| > 1)$$

Here the annulus of convergence for a) is different from that of b)



Find all Taylor and Laurent series of  $(3-2z)/(z^2-3z+2)$  with center 0 **Solution** partial fractions give:

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

(a) & (b) in example 3 take care of the 1<sup>st</sup> fraction. 2<sup>nd</sup> given by

c) 
$$\frac{-1}{z-2} = \frac{1}{2(1-z/2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} z^n$$
 (|z|<2)  
d)  $\frac{-1}{z-2} = \frac{1}{z(1-2/z)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{z^{n+1}}$  (|z|>2)

(I) from (a) & (c) for (|z|<1)  
$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}) z^n = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{4} z + \frac{9}{8} z^2 + \frac{5}{4} z^2 + \frac{9}{8} z^2 + \frac{5}{4} z^2 + \frac{9}{8} z^2 + \frac{3}{4} z^2 +$$

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(II) from (b) & (c) for 
$$(1 < |z| < 2)$$
  

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{2^{n+1}} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{z}{4} + \frac{z^2}{8} + \dots - \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z^2}$$

(III) from (d) & (b) for (|z|>2)  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1+2^n) \frac{1}{z^{n+1}} = -\frac{2}{z} - \frac{3}{z^2} - \frac{5}{z^3} - \frac{9}{z^4}$ 

Find the Laurent series of  $1/(1-z^2)$  that converges in the annulus 1/4 < |z-1| < 1/2 and determine the precise region of convergence.

**Solution** The annulus has center 1, so that we must develop  $f(z) = \frac{-1}{(z-1)(z+1)}$  in powers of z-1. Since

$$\frac{1}{z+1} = \frac{1}{2+(z-1)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{[1-(-(z-1)/2)]}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{z-1}{2}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} (z-1)^n \qquad (|(z-1)/2| < 1)$$
$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(z-1)^{n-1}}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2(z-1)} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{(z-1)}{8} - \frac{(z-1)^2}{16} - \dots$$

The precise region of convergence is 0 < |z-1| < 2