

# On Properly Divergent Series \*

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**Abstract** In this paper , the classical concept of properly divergent is generalized , thereby a theorem of power series is extended into a very general case , and its applications in various series of complex functions are discussed.

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In [ 1 ,p215 ] there is a known result as follows<sup>[1]</sup>

Let a power series of real variable  $\sum_0 a_n x^n$  have a radius of convergence equal to 1. If  $a_n$  is real for all values of n and  $\sum_0 a_n$  is properly divergent , i.e.  $S_n = \sum_0^n a_k + \dots$ , then for its sum function  $f(x)$  ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = +\infty$ .

We shall give a generalization of this theorem.

Let  $D$  denote the domain  $-\frac{\pi}{2} + \arg z < \arg z < \frac{\pi}{2} - \pi (0 < \arg z < 0)$ . The bounds of the terms "  $O$  " are the absolute constants , the bounds of the terms "  $O_z$  " are the constants which are only dependent of  $z$ .

**Definition** Let  $\sum_0 t_n$  be a complex series and  $\{T_n\}$  its partial sums. If the sequence  $\{T_n\}$  satisfies

$$T_n \quad ; \quad T_n = O(n^{2+}) \quad (0 < < 1) ; \\ T_n \in D \quad (n \geq N),$$

then the series  $\sum_0 t_n$  is said to be properly divergent with a parameter  $\alpha$ .

Based on this definition , we give the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** Let a series of complex functions  $f(x) = \sum_0 t_n(z)$  be convergent in a domain  $G$  and a point set  $S \subset G$ . Again let a point  $z_0$  on boundary  $\partial G$  be a limit point of the set  $S$ . Suppose that the functions  $t_n(z)$  satisfy the following three conditions :

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S}} t_n(z) = t_n(z_0) , \\ \frac{t_n(z)}{t_n(z_0)} = O_z(\frac{1}{n^3}) , \quad z \in S ,$$

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$$\left( \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)} \right) = \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)} - \frac{\frac{n+1}{n+1}(z)}{n+1(z_0)} = P_n(z) Q_n(z) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right), \quad z \in S, \quad (5)$$

with the double limit

$$\lim_{\substack{n \\ z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S}} Q_n(z) = 1 \text{ and } P_n(z) > 0, \quad z \in S, \quad (6)$$

then if at this point  $z_0$ , the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(z_0)$  is properly divergent with a parameter  $\gamma > 0$ , we have  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S} f(z) = \infty$ .

**Proof** Write

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n(z_0) = S_n(z_0) = e^{i\pi n}, \quad S_{-1}(z_0) = 0. \quad (7)$$

Because the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(z_0)$  is properly divergent with a parameter  $\gamma > 0$ , from (1), (2) we know for a given  $G > 0$ , there exists  $N_1$  such that when  $n > N_1 > \bar{N}$ ,

$$n > G, \quad n = O(n^{2-\gamma}) (0 < \gamma < 1), \quad / \quad n / \sqrt{2} > (\gamma > 0).$$

Combining (7), (8) with (4), we see easily that

$$S_n(z_0) \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)} = O_z\left(\frac{1}{n^{1+\gamma}}\right) \quad (n > N_1, z \in S),$$

so the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n(z_0) \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)}$  is convergent on  $S$ . Using Abel transformation, we get

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (S_n(z_0) - S_{n-1}(z_0)) \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n(z_0) \left( \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)} - \frac{\frac{n+1}{n+1}(z)}{n+1(z_0)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} S_n(z_0) \left( \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)} \right) + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} S_n(z_0) \left( \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)} \right), \quad z \in S, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

here  $N$  is a natural number to be determined later.

Let  $f_N(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N S_n(z_0) \frac{\frac{n}{n}(z)}{n(z_0)}$ . From (5), (7) and (8) it follows that

$$|f_N(z)| = |\sum_{n=0}^N S_n(z_0) P_n(z) Q_n(z)| + O(1), \quad z \in S. \quad (11)$$

However by the known condition (6), we can get  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S} \operatorname{Re}(Q_n(z)) = 1$  and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S} \operatorname{Im}(Q_n(z)) = 0$ , so there exist  $N_2 > N_1$  and  $\gamma$  such that when  $n > N_2$ ,  $|z - z_0| < |z - S|$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re}(Q_n(z)) > 0; \quad / \quad \operatorname{Im}(Q_n(z)) / \frac{\sin}{2} \operatorname{Re}(Q_n(z)),$$

here is stated as above. From this and (7), (8). It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}\{S_n(z_0)Q_n(z)\} &= n\{\cos_{-n}\} \operatorname{Re}(Q_n(z)) - / \operatorname{Im}(Q_n(z)) / \\ &\quad + n\{\sin_{-n}\} \operatorname{Re}(Q_n(z)) - \frac{\sin}{2}\} \operatorname{Re}(Q_n(z)) \\ &\quad + \frac{\sin}{2} G\operatorname{Re}(Q_n(z)) > 0 \quad (n = N_2, |z - z_0| < , z \in S). \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with (6), we get from (10) when  $N = N_2$

$$\begin{aligned} |f_N(z)| &= P_n(z)\} \operatorname{Re}\{S_n(z_0)Q_n(z)\} + O(1) \\ &\quad + \frac{\sin}{2} G\operatorname{Re}\{P_n(z)Q_n(z)\} + O(1) \quad (|z - z_0| < , z \in S). \end{aligned}$$

From this and (5),

$$|f_N(z)| = \frac{\sin}{2} G\{\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{-n(z)}{n(z_0)}\right) + O(\frac{1}{N^2})\} + O(1) \quad (N = N_2, |z - z_0| < , z \in S). \quad (12)$$

But by (4) - (5),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-n(z)}{n(z_0)} &= \frac{-n(z)}{N(z_0)} - \lim_n \frac{-n(z)}{n(z_0)} \\ &= \frac{-N(z)}{N(z_0)} \quad (z \in S). \end{aligned}$$

Again by (3),

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S} \left(\frac{-n(z)}{n(z_0)}\right) = 1.$$

Furthermore, by (11) we have

$$\liminf_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S} |f_N(z)| = \frac{\sin}{2} G\{1 + O(\frac{1}{N^2})\} + O(1).$$

If we choose a fixed  $N(N > N_2)$  so large that the expression in the curly brackets  $> \frac{1}{2}$ , we get finally

$$\liminf_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S} |f_N(z)| > \frac{\sin}{4} G + O(1) \quad (G \text{ is an arbitrarily large number}).$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \in S} f_N(z) = . \quad (13)$$

On the other hand, for this fixed  $N$ , by (3), we also have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} S_n(z_0) \left(\frac{-n(z)}{n(z_0)}\right) = o(1) \quad (z \neq z_0, z \in S).$$

From this and (12), (9), we obtain that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \neq z_0} s f(z) = \dots$ . Theorem 1 is proved.

Next, we shall give the applications of Theorem 1 in various series below.

Let a power series of complex variable  $f(z) = \sum_0^\infty a_n z^n$  have a radius of convergence equal to 1 and let  $z_0 = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $S = \{z; z = re^{i\theta}, r < 1\}$ . We easily prove that if at  $z_0$  series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n z^n$  is properly divergent with a parameter  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \neq z_0} s f(z) = \dots$ .

Consider a counterexample: the point  $z_0 = e^{i\theta}$  and the series

$$\sum_0^\infty (-1)^n (n+1) \left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)^n = i(1 + \frac{z}{z_0})^{-2} \quad (|z| < 1),$$

we can see the condition  $\gamma > 0$  can't be improved into  $\gamma = 0$ .

For a trigonometric series of complex variable:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_0^\infty (c_n \cos nz + d_n \sin nz) &= \sum_0^\infty f_n e^{inz} \\ (f_0 = c_0, f_n = \frac{1}{2}(c_n - id_n), f_{-n} = \frac{1}{2}(c_n + id_n), n = 1, 2, \dots), \end{aligned}$$

if  $\limsup_n \sqrt[n]{|f_n|} = (\gamma > 0)$ , it is convergent on the half plane  $\operatorname{Im} z > \ln \gamma$ .

Now take  $z_0 = x_0 + i\ln \gamma$ ,  $S = \{z; z = x_0 + iy, y > \ln \gamma\}$  and write  $f_n(z) = f_n e^{inz}$ . Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow z_0, z \in S} f_n(z) = f_n(z_0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_n(z)}{f_n(z_0)} &= e^{-n(y - \ln \gamma)} = O_z\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right), \quad z \in S, \\ \left(\frac{f_n(z)}{f_n(z_0)}\right) &= e^{-n(y - \ln \gamma)} (1 - e^{-n(y - \ln \gamma)}) > 0, \quad z \in S \end{aligned}$$

(correspondingly  $P_n(z) = e^{-n(y - \ln \gamma)} (1 - e^{-n(y - \ln \gamma)})$ ,  $Q_n(z) = 1$ ), we see the conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied. Hence if at the point  $z_0$  the series  $\sum_0^\infty (c_n \cos nz + d_n \sin nz)$  is properly divergent with a parameter  $\gamma > 0$ , then for its sum function  $f(z)$ , we have  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \neq z_0} s f(z) = \dots$ .

For a Bessel series

$$\sum_0^\infty a_n J_n(z), \tag{14}$$

where Bessel function  $J_n(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n - z \sin \theta) d\theta$ ,  $z \in C$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . If

$$\overline{\lim}_n \left( \frac{a_n}{2} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \right) = R^{-1}, \tag{15}$$

it can be proved that the series (13) has a circle of convergence  $|z| = R$ .

**Theorem 2** Suppose that  $|z| = 1$  is the circle of convergence of Bessel series (13) and  $f(z) = \sum_0^\infty a_n J_n(z)$ ,  $|z| < 1$ . If at a point  $z_0 = e^{i\theta}$  the series (13) is properly divergent with a parameter  $\gamma > 0$ , then we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} f(re^{i_0}) =$$

and  $r > 0$  can be improved into  $r = 0$ .

**Proof** Take  $G = \{z; |z| < 1\}$ ,  $S = \{z; z = re^{i_0}, \frac{1}{2} < r < 1\}$  and write  $J_n(z) = a_n J_n(z)$ , it is clear that the condition (3) is valid. Using the known formula of Bessel functions<sup>[2], [3]</sup>

$$J_n(z) = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n \left\{ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k n!}{k!(n+k)!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} \right\} \quad (16)$$

and noticing that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k n!}{k!(n+k)!} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2k} / \frac{1}{4(n+1)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} = \frac{3}{4} \quad (z = re^{i_0}, \frac{1}{2} < r < 1, n = 0, 1, \dots),$$

we obtain

$$\frac{r^n}{n!2^{n+2}} / J_n(re^{i_0}) / \frac{r^n}{n!2^{n+1}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad r \rightarrow 1, 0 \quad (2),$$

so  $\left| \frac{J_n(z)}{J_n(z_0)} \right| = \left| \frac{J_n(z)}{J_n(z_0)} \right| = 8r^n (z - S)$ , i.e., (4) is valid.

By (15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{J_n(z)}{J_n(z_0)} &= r^n \left\{ 1 + \frac{e^{2i_0}}{4(n+1)} (1 - r^2) + \frac{e^{4i_0}}{32(n+1)(n+2)} (1 - r^2)^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \right\} \quad (z_0 = e^{i_0}, z - S). \end{aligned}$$

A direct calculation gives

$$\left( \frac{J_n(z)}{J_n(z_0)} \right) = \frac{J_n(z)}{J_n(z_0)} - \frac{J_{n+1}(z)}{J_{n+1}(z_0)} = P_n(z) Q_n(z) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \quad (z_0 = e^{i_0}, z - S),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(z) &= r^n (1 - r), \quad z - S, \\ Q_n(z) &= 1 + \frac{e^{2i_0}}{4(n+1)} (1 - r^2) + \frac{e^{4i_0}}{32(n+1)(n+2)} (1 - r^2)^2 + \\ &\quad \frac{r(1+r)e^{2i_0}}{4(n+1)(n+2)}, \quad z - S, \end{aligned}$$

it is clear that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0, z \neq S} Q_n(z) = 1$  and  $P_n(z) > 0, z - S$ , so the condition (5) is valid. Finally, by

Theorem 1,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} f(re^{i_0}) = \dots$ .

Consider a Bessel series:

$$iO_0(1) J_0(z) + 2i \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} O_k(1) J_k(z), \quad (17)$$

where  $O_k(z)$  are the Neumann polynomials<sup>[2], [3]</sup>

$$O_0(z) = \frac{1}{z}, \quad O_k(z) = \frac{2^{\frac{k}{2}-1} k(k-m-1)!}{m! z^{k-2m+1}} \quad (k \geq 1).$$

By the above formula we can get

$$O_k(1) = 2^{k-1}(k+1)! \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{4(k+1)} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right) \right\} \quad (k \geq 2). \quad (18)$$

Hereafter the terms  $O\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$  are real value. So by (14) the circle of convergence of the series (16) is  $|z| = 1$ .

By  $S_n(z)$  denote the partial sums of the series (16), so

$$S_n(-1) = iO_0(1)J_0(-1) + 2i \sum_{k=1}^n O_k(1)J_k(-1). \quad (19)$$

Again from (15) we have

$$J_k(-1) = \frac{(-1)^k}{k!2^k} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{4(k+1)} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right) \right\} \quad (k \geq 1), \quad (20)$$

Now combining (17) - (19), we have

$$iS_{2m}(-1) = -m - 2 + \sum_{k=2}^{2m} O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) - O_0(1)J_0(-1) - 2O_1(1)J_1(-1)$$

and

$$iS_{2m+1}(-1) = m + \sum_{k=2}^{2m+1} O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) - O_0(1)J_0(-1) - 2O_1(1)J_1(-1),$$

so there exists  $N$  such that  $S_n(-1) \rightarrow D_0(n-N)$  and  $S_n(-1) = O(n)$ . By the definition, at the point  $z_0 = -1$  the series (16) is properly divergent with a parameter  $\gamma = 0$ .

On the other hand, applying a known formula<sup>[21, 23]</sup>:

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = O_0(1)J_0(z) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} O_k(1)J_k(z) \quad (|z| < 1)$$

and the derivative formula of Bessel functions<sup>[21, 23]</sup>

$$J_0(z) = -J_1(z), \quad 2J_k(z) = J_{k-1}(z) - J_{k+1}(z),$$

we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(1-z)^2} &= -O_0(1)J_1(z) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} O_k(1)(J_{k-1}(z) - J_{k+1}(z)) \\ &= O_1(1)J_0(z) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (O_{k+1}(1) - O_{k-1}(1))J_k(z). \end{aligned}$$

From this and  $O_0(z) = -O_1(z)$ ,  $2O_k(z) = O_{k-1}(z) - O_{k+1}(z)$ <sup>[21, 23]</sup>, we know that the sum function of the series (16) is  $-i(1-z)^{-2}$ . Hence the point  $z_0 = -1$  is its regular point.

To sum up , we know that the condition  $|z - a| > 0$  can't be improved into  $|z - a| = 0$ . Theorem 2 is proved.

In this paper , if the above domain  $D$  is replaced by the domain :

$$\arg(z - a) < \theta_2, 0 < \theta_2 - \theta_1 < \pi,$$

where  $a$  is complex number and  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  are real numbers , the above results still hold.

For a number of series , we can also give the corresponding theorem , here not say any longer.

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# 正规发散级数

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## 摘要

本文推广了维数正规发散的古典概念 , 将幂级数的一个定理推广到很一般的情况 , 然后讨论其在各种复函数项级数中的应用 .