SETS OF CONVERGENCE OF TAYLOR SERIES I

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1. Introduction. Let $\sum_{n} a_{n} z^{n}$ be a Taylor series of radius of convergence one, with $\sum_{n} |a_{n}| = \infty$ and $\lim_{n} a_{n} = 0$. We consider the point set M on the unit circle C, on which the series converges. As Landau [2; 13-14] points out, the cardinal number of the set of such Taylor series is c, while the cardinal number of the set of subsets of C is f; hence, there exists a set M on C such that no Taylor series converges on M and diverges on C - M. It follows that if a set M on C is such that some Taylor series converges on M and diverges on C - M, the set must have certain special properties.

Lusin [3] (see also Landau [2; 69-71]) has constructed a Taylor series whose coefficients tend to zero and which diverges on the entire unit circle C. Sierpiński (see Landau [2; 71]) has modified Lusin's example to obtain divergence at all points of C except one. For every closed arc A on C, Neder [5] constructed a Taylor series which converges on C - A and whose partial sums are unbounded at every point of A. Mazurkiewicz [4] used Neder's example to prove the following proposition: If M is a closed set on C, there exists a Taylor series which diverges on M and diverges on C - M, and a Taylor series which diverges on M and converges on C - M.

The present paper is devoted to the extension of these results. Its method is inspired by Lusin's example.

2. Two lemmas. The present section contains all the arithmetic that is needed for proving the theorems of this paper.

LEMMA A. Let β_1 , β_2 , \cdots , β_{m-1} be real numbers subject to the restriction $2\pi - \delta \geq \beta_1 \geq \beta_2 \geq \cdots \geq \beta_{m-1} \geq \delta > 0$, and let ζ_1 , ζ_2 , \cdots , ζ_m be complex numbers of unit modulus, satisfying the condition $\zeta_{\nu+1}/\zeta_{\nu} = e^{i\beta_{\nu}}$ ($\nu = 1, 2, \cdots, m-1$). Then $|\sum_{1}^{m} \zeta_{\nu}| < K/\delta$, where K is a universal constant.

To prove this lemma, let

$$B_{\nu} = 1/(1 - e^{i\beta_{\nu}}) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + i \cot \frac{1}{2}\beta_{\nu}) \qquad (\nu = 1, 2, \cdots, m-1).$$

Then $\zeta_r = (\zeta_r - \zeta_{r+1})/(1 - e^{i\beta r}) = B_r(\zeta_r - \zeta_{r+1})$; therefore

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{m} \zeta_{\nu} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-1} B_{\nu}(\zeta_{\nu} - \zeta_{\nu+1}) + \zeta_{m}$$
$$= B_{1}\zeta_{1} + \sum_{\nu=1}^{m-2} (B_{\nu+1} - B_{\nu})\zeta_{\nu+1} + (1 - B_{m-1})\zeta_{m},$$

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