

A GENERALIZATION OF A THEOREM OF LEROY AND LINDELÖF

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1. **Introduction.** Consider a Taylor series $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ with radius of convergence unity. Let the coefficients a_n be the values taken on by a regular function $a(z)$ for $z = 0, 1, \dots$.

The object of this paper is to study the Taylor series under the assumption that $a(z)$ is regular in certain domains.¹ The results obtained are of the nature of domains in which the function defined by $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is regular and of domains which contain the singularities of the function defined by the series. In terms of $a(z)$ fairly general sufficient conditions are given such that the circle of convergence is not a cut for the function.

The results may be regarded as a generalization of a theorem due to LeRoy and Lindelöf.²

THEOREM (LEROY AND LINDELÖF). *Suppose (a) $a(x+iy)$ is regular in the semiplane $x \geq \alpha$, (b) there is a $\theta < \pi$ such that for every arbitrary small positive ϵ and for sufficiently large ρ*

$$|a(\alpha + \rho \exp(i\psi))| < \exp[\rho(\theta + \epsilon)], \quad -\pi/2 \leq \psi \leq \pi/2.$$

Then

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)z^n, \quad z = r \exp(i\phi)$$

is regular in the angle

$$\theta < \phi < 2\pi - \theta.$$

The generalization of this theorem that we prove consists, under suitable restrictions, in replacing the semiplane $x \geq \alpha$ by an angular opening including the axis of positive reals in its interior.

The singularities of the function $f(z)$ studied in this paper are those of a "principal branch" obtained by immediate continuation of the series.

Consider an angular opening with vertex on the positive real axis which includes the axis of reals in its interior. Suppose $a(z)$ has no singularities in this angular opening with the possible exception of

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¹ By the term domain we mean an open connected set.

² See Dienes [1]. Numbers in brackets refer to the bibliography at the end of the paper.