

The Summation by Parts Formula. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^N$ and $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^N$ be finite sequences of complex numbers. Then for $N > M > 1$

$$\sum_{n=M}^N a_n b_n = a_N B_N - a_M B_{M-1} - \sum_{n=M}^{N-1} (a_{n+1} - a_n) B_n \quad \text{where} \quad B_k = \sum_{l=1}^k b_l. \quad (1)$$

Hint for proof of summation by parts formula: substitute $b_n = B_n - B_{n-1}$ in the sum on the left. You may use, without proving, the *Summation by Parts Formula*.

Exercise. Prove the power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n}$ converges for each $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|z| = 1$ except $z = 1$.

Hint. Use the above summation by parts. Note if $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$ with $|z| = 1$, then for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^k z^n \right| = \left| \frac{z - z^{k+1}}{1 - z} \right| \leq \frac{|z| + |z^{k+1}|}{|1 - z|} = \frac{2}{|1 - z|}.$$