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Physics

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It is proposed that a power series may be summed (analytically continued outside its radius of convergence) by converting it to a continued square root of the form $a_0\sqrt{1+a_{1Z}\sqrt{1+a_{2Z}\sqrt{\cdots}}}$. The continued square root coefficients a_i for a given function f(z)) are determined by equating the Taylor coefficients of the continued square root with those of f(z). For most power scries, the continued square root has a region of convergence much smaller than that of the Taylor series, continued exponential, or continued fraction. However, when the power series is of the form

$$d_0 + d_1 \mathbf{z} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2}) Cos(\frac{n\pi}{2}) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i^{g_i^n}}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{n+2}{2})} \mathbf{z}^n$$

for $Re(d_n) \ge 0$, $Re(f_i) \ge 0$, and $g_i \in \mathbb{C}$, the Taylor series and continued fraction representations break down and the continued square root converges for all Re(z) > 0 on the complex plane.