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or

$$2a_2 + 6a_3x + a_1x - a_0x +$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n(n+1)a_n + (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + n(a_n - a_{n-1})] x^n = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

as n. (6) is an identity, equating the coefficients of various power of  $x$  to zero (or we get

$$\boxed{a_2 = 0} \quad (6a_3 + a_1 - a_0)x = 0 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$6a_3 + a_1 - a_0 = 0$$

$$a_3 = (a_0 - a_1)/6 \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$\& \quad n(n-1)a_n + (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + n(a_n - a_{n-1}) = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2$$

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{a_{n-1} - n a_n + n(a_n - n^2 a_n)}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$a_{n+2} = \left[ \frac{a_{n-1} - n^2 a_n}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right] + n \geq 2 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

This is called recurrence relation

put  $n=2$

$$a_4 = \frac{a_1 - 4a_2}{12} = \frac{a_1}{12} \quad \text{--- (10)} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{as } a_2 = 0 \\ \text{by (7)} \end{matrix}$$

put  $n=3$

$$a_5 = \frac{a_2 - 9a_3}{20} = -\frac{9}{20}(a_0 - a_1) \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

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putting these values of  $a_i$ 's in (3) we get

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + (a_0 - a_1) \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{a_1}{12} x^4 - \frac{3}{40} (a_0 - a_1) x^5 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{6} x^3 - \frac{3}{40} x^5 \right) + a_1 \left( x - \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{12} x^4 + \frac{3}{40} x^5 \dots \right)$$

which is the required sol<sup>n</sup> near  $x=0$ .

$a_0$  &  $a_1$  are arbitrary constts.

Note :- we can also write

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-1} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

put in eqn. we get

$$(x^2+1) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-1} + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} - x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n - x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0 \\ \text{put } n-1=n \\ \text{then } n=n \\ \text{then } n=n \end{array} \right.$$

$$(n-1)(n-2) a_{n-1} - a_{n-1} + (n-1)n a_{n-1} - a_n = 0$$

$$[(n-1)(n-2)-1] a_{n-1} + (n-1)n a_{n-1} = a_n$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + (1-(n-1)(n-2)) a_{n-1}}{n(n+1)}$$

$$P(10) \# (1-x^2)y'' - 2y' + 4y = 0 \quad (A)$$

$$\text{SOL: Dividing by } 1-x^2, \quad y'' - \frac{2}{1-x^2}y' + \frac{4}{1-x^2}y = 0 \quad (B)$$

$$\text{Compare with } \cdots y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$P = -\frac{2}{1-x^2} = 0 \neq \infty \text{ at } x=0;$$

$$Q = \frac{4}{1-x^2} = 4 \neq \infty \text{ at } x=0;$$

$P$  &  $Q$  are analytic at  $x=0$ , so  $x=0$  is an ordinary point.

Let the soln be of the form

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \cdots + a_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \quad (3)$$

$$y' = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k k x^{k-1} \quad (4)$$

$$y'' = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k k(k-1)x^{k-2} \quad (5)$$

Putting in (A)

$$(1-x^2) \sum a_k k(k-1)x^{k-2} - 2 \sum a_k k x^{k-1} + 4 \sum a_k x^k = 0$$

$$\sum a_k k(k-1)x^{k-2} - \sum a_k k(k-1)x^k \rightarrow \sum a_k x^{k-2} + \sum a_k x^k = 0$$

$$\sum a_k k(k-1)x^{k-2} + \sum [4a_k - a_k k - a_k k(k-1)]x^k = 0$$

$$\sum a_{k+2}(k+2)(k+1)x^k + \sum [4a_k - a_k k - a_k k(k-1)]x^k = 0$$

$$\text{equating the coeff of } x^k \text{ equal to zero} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k+2 = k \\ k = -4 \end{array} \right.$$

$$a_{k+2}(k+2)(k+1) = a_k(k+2)(k-1)$$

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$$a_{k+2} = \frac{(k+2)(k+1)}{k(k-1)} \cdot a_k$$

putting this in (3)

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + \cdots$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + (-2a_0)x^2 - \frac{1}{2}a_1 x^3 + 0 - \frac{1}{8}a_0 x^5 + \cdots$$

$$= a_0(1-2x^2) + a_1 x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{8} + \cdots\right)$$

Ans.

$$k=0: \quad a_2 = -2a_0$$

$$k=1: \quad a_3 = -\frac{1}{2}a_1$$

$$k=2: \quad a_4 = 0$$

$$k=3: \quad a_5 = \frac{1}{4}a_3 = \frac{1}{4}(-\frac{1}{2}a_1) = -\frac{1}{8}a_1$$

$$k=4: \quad a_6 = \frac{2}{5} \times a_4 = 0$$

## Frobenius Method

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This method is named after German mathematician F.G. Frobenius (1849-1917). His contribution was in mathematics but specially in the theory of matrices & groups

This method is employed to find the power series sol<sup>n</sup> of the diff. eqn.

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

When  $x=0$  is the regular singularity.

A power series sol<sup>n</sup> will be of the form

Procedure :

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x^m (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots) \quad \text{--- (II)} \\ y &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{m+k} \end{aligned}$$

where m is real or complex no.

- Substituting the value of  $y, y'$  &  $y''$  in (1)
- find the indicial eqn. (or a quadratic eqn.) by equating to zero the coeffs. of the lowest power of  $x$ .
- find roots  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  of the indicial eqn.
- find the values of  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  in terms of  $a_0$  by equating to zero the coeffs. of other power of  $x$ .
- The complete sol<sup>n</sup> depends on the nature of roots of the indicial eqn.

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### Cases :

(I) When roots  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  are distinct & do not differ by an integer.

(e.g.  $m_1=1$ ,  $m_2=\frac{5}{2}$ )

$$y_1 = x^{m_1} (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$y_2 = x^{m_2} (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

Complete sol<sup>n</sup> is given by

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$$

(II) When roots are equal i.e.  $m_1=m_2$ .

then  $y_2 = \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial m}\right)_{m=m_1}$

∴ Complete sol<sup>n</sup> is given by

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 \left(\frac{\partial y_1}{\partial m}\right)_{m_1}$$

(III) When  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  are distinct & differ by an integer.

(e.g.  $m_1=\frac{1}{2}$  &  $m_2=\frac{9}{2}$  or  $m_1=0$ ,  $m_2=4$ )

In some cases ( $m_1 < m_2$ )

If some of coeffs. of  $y$  series becomes  $\infty$  when  $m=m_1$ , we modify the form of  $y$  replacing

$a_0$  by  $b(m-m_1)$ . Then the complete sol<sup>n</sup> is given by

$$y = C_1 y_{m_2} + C_2 \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial m}\right)_{m_2} \quad \text{or } C_1 y_2 + C_2 \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial m}\right)_{m_1}$$

coeff. becomes  $\infty$  when  $m=m_2$

(II) Roots are distinct & differing by an integer, making some coeffs. otherwise indeterminate

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$$

$\exists \boxed{m_1 \neq m_2 \text{ & different integers}}$

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(I) Soln  $4x^4'' + 2x^1 + y = 0$ ; ( $x=0$  is a regular singular point)

Sol: Given  $4x^4'' + 2x^1 + y = 0$  --- (1)

Dividing by  $4x$ , we get

$$x'' + \frac{2}{4x} x' + \frac{1}{4x} \cdot y = 0 \quad (1)$$

Compare with  $x'' + p(x)x' + q(x)y = 0$  --- (2)

We get  $xP(x) = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$  at  $x=0$

$$\Delta (x-0)^2 Q(x) = 0 \neq 0 \text{ at } x=0$$

So  $xP(x)$  &  $(x-0)^2 Q(x)$  are analytic at  $x=0$ .

So  $x=0$  is a regular singular point.

Let the sol<sup>n</sup> be of the form -

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots + a_m x^m = \sum a_{ik} x^{m+k} \quad (3)$$

$$y' = \sum a_{ik} (m+k) x^{m+k-1} \quad (4)$$

$$y'' = \sum a_{ik} (m+k)(m+k-1) x^{m+k-2} \quad (5)$$

Putting (3), (4) & (5) in (1) we get

$$4x \sum a_{ik} (m+k)(m+k-1) x^{m+k-2} + 2 \sum a_{ik} (m+k) x^{m+k-1} + \sum a_k x^{m+k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \sum a_{ik} (m+k)(m+k-1) x^{m+k-1} + 2 \sum a_{ik} (m+k) x^{m+k-1} + \sum a_k x^{m+k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [4a_k(m+k)(m+k-1) + 2a_k(m+k)] x^{m+k-1} + \sum a_k x^{m+k} = 0 \quad (6)$$

The coeff. of the lowest degree term  $x^{m-1}$  in the identity (6) can be obtained by putting  $k=0$  in the 5<sup>th</sup> summation & equating it to zero. i.e. initial condns.

$$4a_0(m)(m-1) + 2a_0(m) = 0$$

$$2a_0m[1 + 2(m-1)] = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } m=0 \text{ & } m=1$$

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The coeff. of next lowest degree term  $x^m$  in the identity (6) is obtained by putting  $k=1$  in the 1<sup>st</sup> summation &  $k=0$  in the 2<sup>nd</sup> summation & equating it to zero

$$4a_1 m(m+1) + 2a_1(m+1) + a_0 = 0$$

$$2a_1(m+1)[2(m+1)+1] + a_0 = 0$$

$$2a_1(m+1)[2m+1] + a_0 = 0$$

$$\boxed{a_1 = -\frac{a_0}{2(m+1)(2m+1)}}$$

Now equating to zero the coeff. of  $x^{m+k}$  in (6) we get

$$4a_{k+1}(m+k+1)(m+k) + 2a_{k+1}(m+k+1) + a_{k+1} = 0$$

$$2a_{k+1}(m+k+1)[2(m+k)+1] = -a_{k+1}$$

$$\boxed{a_{k+1} = -\frac{a_{k+1}}{2(m+k+1)[1+2(m+k)]}}$$

This is  
recurrence  
relation.

When

$$k=0, \quad a_1 = -\frac{a_0}{2(m+1)(1+2m)}$$

$$k=1, \quad a_2 = -\frac{a_1}{2(m+2)(2m+3)} = +\frac{a_0}{2(m+1)(1+2m)2(m+2)(2m+3)}$$

$$k=2, \quad a_3 = -\frac{a_2}{2(m+3)(2m+5)} = -\frac{a_0}{2(m+3)(2m+5)2(m+1)(1+2m)2(m+2)(2m+3)}$$

⋮

for  $m = 0$

$$a_1 = -\frac{a_0}{2} = -\frac{a_0}{2!}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 3} = \frac{a_0}{4!}$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 3} = -\frac{a_0}{6!}$$

⋮

for  $m = \frac{1}{2}$

$$a_1 = -\frac{a_0}{2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2} = -\frac{a_0}{2 \cdot \underline{\underline{3}}} = -\frac{a_0}{3!}$$

$$a_2 = +\frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot 4} = \frac{a_0}{5!}$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot \frac{7}{2} \cdot 6} = -\frac{a_0}{7!}$$

⋮

Hence the complete sol<sup>n</sup> is given by  $y = c_1 y_{m=0} + c_2 y_{m=\frac{1}{2}}$

~~$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$~~

~~$y_{m=0}$  for  $m=0$ ;  $y_{m=0} = y_1 = x^m (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_m)$~~

$$= a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2!} x + \frac{1}{4!} x^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{(\sqrt{x})^2}{2!} + \frac{(\sqrt{x})^4}{4!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= a_0 \cos \sqrt{x}$$

Likewise for  $m=\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y_{m=\frac{1}{2}} = y_2 = x^{\frac{1}{2}m} (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots)$

$$y_2 = x^{\frac{1}{2}} a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{3!} + \frac{x^2}{5!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= a_0 \left[ \sqrt{x} - \frac{(\sqrt{x})^3}{3!} + \frac{(\sqrt{x})^5}{5!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= a_0 \sin \sqrt{x}$$

Hence complete sol<sup>n</sup> is  $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 = c_1 a_0 \cos \sqrt{x} + c_2 a_0 \sin \sqrt{x}$

$$= c'_1 \cos \sqrt{x} + c'_2 \sin \sqrt{x} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

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Ex:

Det. whether  $x=0$  is an ordinary point or regular singular point of the diff. eqn.  $2x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 7x(x+1) \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 0$

Sol: Dividing the eqn by  $2x^2$ , we get

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{7}{2} \left( \frac{x+1}{x} \right) \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{3}{2x^2} y = 0 \quad \dots \dots \textcircled{1}$$

Comparing \textcircled{1} with standard eqn  $y'' + p(x)y' + qy = 0 \dots \textcircled{2}$

we have:  $p(x) = \frac{7}{2} \left( \frac{x+1}{x} \right)$  and  $q(x) = -\frac{3}{2x^2}$

At  $x=0$ :

$p(x) = \infty$  and  $q(x) = \infty$  i.e. not defined.

so,  $p$  &  $q$  are not analytic.

$\therefore x=0$  is not an ordinary point.

so,  $x=0$  is a singular point.

Now  $(x-0)p(x) = \frac{7}{2}(x+1) = \frac{7}{2} \neq \infty$  at  $x=0$

&  $(x-0)^2 q(x) = -\frac{3}{2} \neq \infty$  at  $x=0$

so at  $x=0$   $(x-0)p(x)$  &  $(x-0)^2 q(x)$  are analytic

$\therefore x=0$  is a regular singular point.

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Ex 2: For diff. eqn.  $(x^2-1)y'' + xy' - y = 0$ ,

$x=0$  is an ordinary point but  $x=1$  is regular singular point.

Sol: - Dividing by  $(x^2-1)$  we get

$$y'' + \frac{x}{x^2-1}y' - \frac{1}{x^2-1}y = 0 \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

Comparing (1) with  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \dots (2)$

we have  $p(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-1}$  and  $q(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2-1}$

At  $x=0$ :  $p(x) = 0$  and  $q(x) = 1$  i.e. they are analytic

$\therefore x=0$  is an ordinary point.

At  $x=1$ :  $p(x) = \infty$  and  $q(x) = \infty$ . So  $p$  &  $q$  are not analytic.  $\therefore x=1$  is not an ordinary point but it is a singular point.

$$\text{Now } (x-1)p(x) = \frac{x}{x+1} = \frac{1}{2} \neq \infty \text{ at } x=1$$

$$(x-1)^2 q(x) = -1 \neq \infty \text{ at } x=1$$

so both  $(x-1)p$  and  $(x-1)^2 q$  are analytic at  $x=1$

$\therefore x=1$  is a regular singular point.

Power Series : Problems

Prob 1 - Find the power series sol<sup>n</sup>. of the eqn.  $(x^2+1)y'' + xy' - xy = 0$  in power of  $x$  (ie about  $x=0$ )

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Dividing above eqn by  $x^2+1$ , we get

$$y'' + \frac{1}{x^2+1}y' - \frac{x}{x^2+1}y = 0 \quad \dots \dots \quad (1)$$

Comparing (1) with  $y'' + py' + qy = 0 \quad \dots \dots \quad (2)$

we get  $p(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1} = 0 \text{ at } x=0 \text{ and } q(x) = -\frac{x^2}{x^2+1} \neq 0 \text{ at } x=0$

so  $p(x)$  &  $q(x)$  are analytic at  $x=0$ .

$\therefore x=0$  is an ordinary point.

Let  $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \dots \dots \quad (3)$   
be the required sol<sup>n</sup>.

Differentiating (3) w.r.t 'x',

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \quad \dots \dots \quad (4)$$

$$\& y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} \quad \dots \dots \quad (5)$$

Substitute (3), (4) & (5) original eqn we get

$$\Rightarrow (x^2+1) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} - x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n = 0$$