

Linear equation with singular points

Introduction

consider the linear eqn with variable coefficient

$$a_0(x)y^{(n)} + a_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(x)y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

We shall assume that the coefficients  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are analytic at some point  $x_0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  A point  $x_0$  such that  $a_0(x_0) = 0$  is called a singular point of the  $\textcircled{1}$

$\Rightarrow$  A point  $x_0$  is a regular <sup>singular</sup> point of  $\textcircled{1}$  if the eqn can be written in the form,

$$(x-x_0)^n y^{(n)} + b_1(x)(x-x_0)^{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + b_n(x)y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Near  $x_0$ , where the function  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  can be written

in the form,

$$\Rightarrow b_k(x) = (x-x_0)^k B_k(x) \quad k=1, 2, \dots, n$$

where  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n$  are analytic at  $x_0$ . Then  $\textcircled{2}$  becomes

$$y^{(n)} + B_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + B_n(x)y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Thus  $\textcircled{3}$  is a generalization of the eqn with analytic coefficient

$\Rightarrow$  An eqn of the form,

$$c_0(x)(x-x_0)^n y^{(n)} + c_1(x)(x-x_0)^{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + c_n(x)y = 0$$

has a singular point at  $x_0$ , if  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$  are analytic at  $x_0$  and  $c_0(x_0) \neq 0$ .

This is because we may divide by  $c_0(x)$  for  $x$  near  $x_0$  to obtain an eqn of the form with

$$b_k(x) = \frac{c_k(x)}{c_0(x)}$$

It can be shown that  $b_k$  are analytic at  $x_0$

The Euler eqn:

Theorem: 1

Consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> order Euler equation  $x^2y'' + axy' + by = 0$ .  
(a, b) constants and the polynomial  $q$  given by

$$q(r) = r(r-1) + ar + b$$

[ $q(r) = 0$  is called the individual polynomial for 2<sup>nd</sup> order Euler eqn]

A basis for the soln of the Euler equation on any interval not containing  $x=0$  is given by  $q_1(x) = |x|^r$ ,  $q_2(x) = |x|^r \log |x|$ , if  $r$  is a root of  $q$  of multiplicity two.

Proof:

$$\text{Let } L[y] = x^2y'' + axy' + by = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

where  $a, b$  are constants.

let us derive the soln on any interval not containing point  $x=0$ .

let  $x > 0$

$$\text{let } y = x^r \Rightarrow y' = rx^{r-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^r) = a^x \log a$$

$$L[x^r] = x^2[r(r-1)x^{r-2}] + a[rx^{r-1}] + b[x^r] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r(r-1)x^r + arx^r + bx^r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [r(r-1) + ar + b]x^r = 0$$

$$L[x^r] = q(r) \cdot x^r = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

where  $q(r) = r(r-1) + ar + b = 0$ , but  $x^r \neq 0$ .

let  $r_1, r_2$  be roots of  $q(r)$

If two roots are distinct,

(a) when  $r_1 \neq r_2$  then the soln,

$$q_1 = x^{r_1}, \quad q_2 = x^{r_2}$$

Suppose  $r_1 = r_2$  then  $q'(r_1) = 0, q''(r_1) \neq 0$

Diff ① partially w.r.t 'x' we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int [x^r] &= \int \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^r \right] \\ &= \int [x^r \log x] \\ &= [p'(x) + q(x) \log x]_x \end{aligned}$$

Now, if  $x=r$ ,  $\int [x^r, \log x] = 0$

$\therefore \phi_2(x) = x^r \log x$  is a second soln, associated with the roots  $r$ .

(i) for equal roots the soln are

$$\phi_1 = x^r, \quad \phi_2 = x^r \log x, \quad x > 0$$

In b.s the soln  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are c.I for  $x > 0$

for consider constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  if  $r_1 \neq r_2$  such that for  $x > 0$

$$c_1 x^{r_1} + c_2 x^{r_2} = 0$$

Then  $c_1 + c_2 x^{r_2 - r_1} = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$

Diff we get,

$$0 + c_2 (r_2 - r_1) x^{r_2 - r_1 - 1} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow c_2 = 0$  and  $\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$  also. The soln are linearly

independent.

If  $r_1 = r_2$  and  $c_1, c_2$  are constants  $\neq 0$  for  $x > 0$

$$c_1 x^r + c_2 x^r \log x = 0$$

Then  $c_1 + c_2 \log x = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$

Diff w.r.t  $x$  we get,

$$0 + c_2 \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$c_2 = 0$  since  $x \neq 0$

$\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$

$\rightarrow$  The soln are linearly independent.



Similarly let us consider the soln for  $x < 0$ .

Consider  $y = (-x)^r$  where  $r$  is a constant for  $x < 0$

$$\Rightarrow y' = -r(-x)^{r-1}$$

$$\text{and } y'' = r(r-1)(-x)^{r-2}$$

Sub in  $L[y] = x^2 y'' + a(x)y' + by = 0$

We get,

$$x^2 [r(r-1)(-x)^{r-2}] + ax[-r(-x)^{r-1}] + b(-x)^r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 r(r-1) \frac{(-x)^r}{(-x)^2} + ax(-r) \frac{(-x)^r}{(-x)} + b(-x)^r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r(r-1)(-x)^r + ar(-x)^r + b(-x)^r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow L[y] = q(r)(-x)^r, \quad x < 0$$

where,

$$q(r) = r(r-1) + ar + b$$

$$\text{ii) } L[(-x)^r] = q(r)(-x)^r, \quad x < 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{5}$$

Also we have,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-x)^r = (-x) \log(-x), \quad x < 0$$

where  $q(r) = 0$  has 2 roots of  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ ,  $r_1 \neq r_2$ . Then

The soln are,

$$\phi_1(x) = (-x)^{r_1}, \quad \phi_2(x) = (-x)^{r_2} \log(-x), \quad x < 0$$

Also,  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are linearly for  $x < 0$

Hence combining the soln, we get that on any interval containing the point  $x < 0$  the basis of soln are,

$$\phi_1(x) = |x|^{r_1}, \quad \phi_2(x) = |x|^{r_2}, \quad \text{if } r_1 \neq r_2$$

ii)  $r$  is the distinct,

$$\text{and } \phi_1(x) = |x|^{r_1} \text{ and } \phi_2(x) = |x|^{r_2} \text{ for } x \text{ if } r_1 = r_2$$

Generalized Euler eqn of  $n^{\text{th}}$  order

Extension of the result of Thm (1) of the Euler eqn of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  order]



Theorem: 2

Consider The Euler eqn  $L[y] = x^n y^{(n)} + a_1 x^{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n y = 0$ ,

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are constants.

Now,  $q(r) = r(r-1)(r-2) \dots (r-n+1) + a_1 r(r-1)(r-2) \dots (r-n+1) + \dots + a_n$

is the identical polynomial for ①

Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_s$  be the distinct roots of the identical polynomial  $q$  for ① and suppose  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  has multiplicity  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_i$  then the  $n$  function.

$$\begin{aligned} & |x|^{r_1}, |x|^{r_1} \log x, \dots, |x|^{r_1} \log^{m_1-1} |x| \\ & |x|^{r_2}, |x|^{r_2} \log x, \dots, |x|^{r_2} \log^{m_2-1} |x| \\ & \dots \\ & |x|^{r_s}, |x|^{r_s} \log x, \dots, |x|^{r_s} \log^{m_s-1} |x| \end{aligned}$$

from a basis for the soln of them  $n^{\text{th}}$  order Euler eqn ① on any interval not containing  $x=0$

Proof:

Consider The eqn  $L[y] = x^n y^{(n)} + a_1 x^{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n y = 0$  ①

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are constants.

Let  $y = x^r$  be a soln of ① for any constant  $r$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y' &= r x^{r-1} \Rightarrow y'' = r(r-1) x^{r-2} \\ &\vdots \\ y^n &= r(r-1) \dots (r-n+1) x^{r-n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore L[y] = x^n [r(r-1) \dots (r-n+1) x^{r-n}] + a_1 x^{n-1} [r(r-1) \dots (r-n+1) x^{r-n}] + \dots + a_n x^r = 0$$

$$\therefore L[x^r] = q(r) x^r$$

where  $q(r)$  is (given by ② is statement)

$$q(r) = [r(r-1) \dots (r-n+1)] + a_1 [r(r-1) \dots (r-n+1)] + \dots + a_n$$

This polynomial is called The indicial eqn of the Euler eqn ①

Diff ③ w.r.t  $x$ ,  $k$  times we get,

$$\frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} L[|x|^n] = L\left[\frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} |x|^n\right]$$

$$= L[|x|^n \log^k |x|]$$

$$= \frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} [q(x)x^n]$$

$$\Rightarrow q^{(k)}(x) \cdot x^n + k q^{(k-1)}(x) x^n \log x + \dots + q(x) x^n (\log x)^k$$

$$\Rightarrow L[x^n \log x^k] = 0$$

If  $r$  is a root of multiplicity  $m$ , then  $q(r) = 0, q'(r) = 0, \dots, q^{(m-1)}(r) = 0$

$\Rightarrow |x|^r, |x|^r \log |x|, \dots, |x|^r \log^{m-1} |x|$  are the soln of  $L[y] = 0$ .

Repeating this process for each root of  $q$  we get the remaining soln.

Problem:

1. a) Find all soln of the following eqn for  $x > 0$ .

$$x^2 y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0$$

Soln:

Given eqn is  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0$

The indicial polynomial  $q$  is given by

$$q(r) = r(r-1) + 2r - 6 = (r+3)(r-2)$$

$$q(r) = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2, -3 \quad (\text{both are distinct})$$

$\therefore$  The Euler soln is  $|x|^r$

$$q(x) = C_1 |x|^r_1 + C_2 |x|^r_2 \quad \text{if } r_1 \neq r_2$$

$$\therefore q(x) = C_1 x^{-3} + C_2 x^2, \quad x > 0, \quad C_1, C_2 \text{ are constants}$$

$$(i) \quad y = C_1 x^{-3} + C_2 x^2$$

$$y = \frac{C_1}{x^3} + C_2 x$$

1.b)  $2x^2y'' + xy' - y = 0$

Soln:

Given eqn is  $x^2y'' + \frac{x}{2}y' - \frac{y}{2} = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$q(r) = r(r-1) + ar + b = 0$

$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}, b = -\frac{1}{2}$

$q(r) = r^2 - r + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$

$r^2 - \frac{r}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$

$r = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - 4(-\frac{1}{2})}}{2}$

$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + 2}}{2}$

$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}}}{2}$

$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{3}{2}}{2}$

$= \frac{1+3}{4} = \frac{1+3}{4}, \frac{1-3}{4}$

$r = 1, \frac{-1}{2}$

$\therefore y = \phi(x) = C_1x + C_2x^{-1/2}$

1.c)  $x^3y''' + 2x^2y'' - xy' + y = 0$

Soln:

Given eqn is  $x^3y''' + 2x^2y'' - xy' + y = 0$

$q(r) = r(r-1)(r-2) + ar(r-1) + br + c = 0$

Here,  $a=2, b=-1, c=1$

$q(r) = r(r-1)(r-2) + 2r(r-1) - r + 1$

$= r(r^2 - 2r - r + 2) + 2r^2 - 2r - r + 1$

$= r^3 - 2r^2 - r^2 + 2r + 2r^2 - 2r - r + 1$

$q(r) = r^3 - r^2 - r + 1$

$\Rightarrow r^2(r-1) - r + 1 = 0$

$r^2(r-1) - (r-1) = 0$



$$(r-1)(r^2-1)=0$$

$$r-1=0, \quad r^2-1=0$$

$$r=1, \quad r=\pm 1$$

$$\therefore r=1, 1, -1$$

$$\therefore \varphi(x) = (c_1 + c_2 \log x)x + c_3 x^{-1}$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are constants

$$\Rightarrow y = \varphi(x) = c_1 x + c_2 x \log x + c_3/x$$

1.d)  $x^2 y'' - 5xy' + 9y = x^3, \quad x > 0$

Soln:

Given eqn is  $x^2 y'' - 5xy' + 9y = x^3, \quad x > 0.$

Indical polynomial is

$$f(r) = r(r-1) - 5r + 9 = 0$$

$$r^2 - r - 5r + 9 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$$

$$(r-3)(r-3) = 0$$

$$r = 3, 3$$

$$\varphi_1(x) = x^3, \quad \varphi_2(x) = x^3 \log x$$

$$\therefore y = \varphi(x) = c_1 x^3 + c_2 x^3 \log x$$

Since  $x=3$  is a root of multiplicity two a particular soln

$\psi$  of  $x^2 y' = x^3$  is given by

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{f'(3)} x^3 (\log x)^2 = \frac{x^3}{2} \log^2 x$$

$\therefore$  most general soln is

$$\varphi(x) = c_1 x^3 + c_2 x^3 \log x + \frac{x^3}{2} \log^2 x.$$

1.e)  $x^2 y'' - 3xy' + 5y = 0$

Soln:

Given  $x^2 y'' - 3xy' + 5y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

Now,  $f(r) = r(r-1) + ar + b = 0$

$$a = -3, \quad b = 5$$

$$q(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$$

$$x = 2 \pm i$$

$$\psi = \phi(x) = C_1 |x|^{2+i} + C_2 |x|^{2-i}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-20}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm 2i}{2} = 2 \pm i$$

$$\psi = C_1 |x|^{2+i} + C_2 |x|^{2-i}$$

1. f)  $x^2 y'' + xy' + y = 0$ , for  $x \neq 0$ .

Soln:

The polynomial  $q$  is given by

$$q(x) = x(x-1) + x + 1$$

$$= x^2 - x + x + 1$$

$$q(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$q(x) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$x = \pm i$$

$$\phi_1(x) = |x|^i, \phi_2(x) = |x|^{-i}, x \neq 0$$

where  $|x|^i = e^{i \log |x|}$

Note:

Another basis  $\psi_1, \psi_2$  is

$$\psi_1(x) = \cos[\log |x|]$$

$$\psi_2(x) = \sin[\log |x|], x \neq 0$$

Working rule to find the P.I of  $L[y] = x^k$

Case (i)

$k$  is not a root of indicial eqn

$$q(x) = 0, \text{ i.e. } q(k) \neq 0$$

Then P.I =  $\psi(x) = \frac{x^k}{q(k)}$

Case (ii)

$k$  is a root of multiplicity one for  $q(x) = 0$  Then

$$P.I = \psi(x) = \frac{x^k \log x}{q'(x)}$$

Case (iii)

$k$  is a root of multiplicity two for  $q(x)=0$  Then

$$P.I = y(x) = \frac{x^k (\log x)^2}{q''(k)}$$

Case (iv)

$k$  is a root of multiplicity  $m$  for  $q(x)=0$  Then

$$P.I = y(x) = \frac{x^k (\log x)^m}{q^m(k)} \quad (\text{General case})$$

1.g)  $x^2 y'' - 3x y' + 4y = 0$

Soln:

$$q(x) = x(x-1) + ax + b = 0$$

$$a = -3, b = 4$$

$$x^2 - x - 3x + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = 2, 2$$

$$y(x) = c_1 |x|^2 + c_2 |x|^2 \log x$$

2.a) Find all soln of the following eqn for  $|x| > 0$ .

$$x^2 y'' + x y' + 4y = 0$$

Soln:

Given eqn is  $x^2 y'' + x y' + 4y = 0$

then indicial polynomial is

$$q(x) = x(x-1) + ax + b = 0$$

Here  $a=1, b=4$

$$\Rightarrow q(x) = x^2 - x + x + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -4$$

$$x = \pm 2i$$

$$y_1(x) = |x|^{-2i}, \quad y_2(x) = |x|^{-2i}$$

$$\therefore y(x) = c_1 |x|^{-2i} + c_2 |x|^{-2i}$$



To find particular soln  $\psi$

$$I(y) = 1 = x^0$$

$$\psi = \frac{1}{q(x)} x^k = \frac{1}{q(0)} x^0 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Since  $x^k = 1 = x^0$  and  $q(0) = 4$

$$\therefore \psi = c_1 |x|^{2i} + c_2 |x|^{-2i} + \frac{1}{4}$$

2. b)  $x^2 y'' + x y' - 4\pi y = x$

Soln:

$$q(x) = x(x-1) + x - 4\pi = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4\pi = 0$$

$$x^2 = 4\pi$$

$$x = \pm 2\sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\therefore \phi(x) = c_1 |x|^{2\sqrt{\pi}} + c_2 |x|^{-2\sqrt{\pi}}$$

To find P.I.  $\psi$

let  $\phi(x)$  be any soln of  $L[y] = x$

$$q(x) = q(1) \neq 0$$

$$= \frac{x}{1-4\pi}$$

$$\therefore q(x) = x^2 - 4\pi \Rightarrow q(1) = 1 - 4\pi$$

$\therefore$  General soln is

$$\phi(x) = c_1 |x|^{2\sqrt{\pi}} + c_2 |x|^{-2\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{1}{1-4\pi} x$$

2. c)  $x^2 y'' + x y' - 4y = x$

Soln:

$$q(x) = x(x-1) + x - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 - x + x - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$$\therefore \phi(x) = c_1 |x|^2 + c_2 |x|^{-2}$$

To find P.I.  $\psi$

$$L[y] = x = x^1$$

1 is not a root of indicial eqn

$$q(x) = 0, \quad q(1) \neq 0, \quad q(1) = -3$$

$$\therefore \psi(x) = \frac{x^k}{q(k)} = \frac{x^k}{k-3} = \frac{x^k}{-3}$$

$$\therefore \text{General soln is } y = c_1 |x|^2 + c_2 |x|^{-2} - \frac{|x|}{3}$$

Problem:

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y] = x^2 y'' + ax y' + by$ , where,  $a, b$  are constants and,

let  $q$  be the polynomial  $q(x) = x(x-1) + ax + b$

(a) s.t. The eqn  $\mathcal{L}[y] = x^k$  has a soln  $\psi$  of the form,

$$\psi(x) = cx^k \text{ if } q(k) \neq 0, \text{ compute } c.$$

(b) Suppose  $k$  is a root of  $q$  of multiplicity one s.t. There is a

soln  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{L}[y] = x^k$  of the form,  $\psi(x) = cx^k \log x$ , compute  $c$ .

(c) find a soln of  $\mathcal{L}[y] = x^k$  in case  $k$  is a double root of  $q$ .

Soln:

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = x^2 y'' + ax y' + by$$

$$\text{and } q(x) = x(x-1) + ax + b$$

(a) Let  $\psi(x) = cx^k$  be a soln of  $\mathcal{L}[y] = x^k$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}[cx^k] = x^k$$

$$\mathcal{L}[cx^k] = [cx^k]$$

$$= c[x^2 (cx^k)'' + a x (cx^k)' + b cx^k]$$

$$= c[x^2 k(k-1) x^{k-2} + a x k x^{k-1} + b x^k]$$

$$= c[k(k-1) + ak + b] x^k$$

$$\mathcal{L}[cx^k] = c q(k) x^k$$

$$\text{Since } \mathcal{L}[cx^k] = x^k$$

We have,

$$c q(k) x^k = x^k \text{ since } x \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow c q(k) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{q(k)}$$

$$\psi(x) = c x^k$$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{L}[c x^k \log x] = c [q'(k) + q(k) \log x] x^k = x^k$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\psi] = x^k$$

$$\therefore c q'(k) = 1 \quad \text{since } q(k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{q'(k)}$$

$$\therefore \psi(x) = \frac{1}{q'(k)} x^k \log x$$

c) Now  $k$  is a root of multiplicity two

$$\text{Let } \psi(x) = c x^k (\log x)^2 \quad \text{since } \mathcal{L}[\psi] = x^k$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}[c x^k (\log x)^2] = x^k$$

$$\Rightarrow c [q''(k) + 2q'(k) \log x + q(k) \log^2 x] \log^2 x = 1$$

$$\text{Since } q(k) = 0, \quad q'(k) = 0$$

$$\therefore c q''(k) = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{q''(k)}$$

$$\text{But } q(k) = x^2 - x + a x + b$$

$$q''(k) = 2$$

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1}{q''(k)} x^k \log^2 x$$

$$\psi(x) = \frac{x^k \log^2 x}{2}$$

Method of finding the nature of singular points

Method: 1

Step: 1

$$\text{Let } a_0(x) y^{(n)} + a_1(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(x) y = 0$$

The given eqn

Put  $a_0(x) = 0$  and find its roots. There are the

Singular points of the given eqn.



Step: 2

Let  $x=x_0$  be a singular point,

Rewrite the given eqn in the form,

$$(x-x_0)^n y^{(n)} + b_1(x)(x-x_0)^{(n-1)} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + b_n(x)y = 0$$

If all  $b_1(x) + b_2(x) + \dots + b_n(x)$  are analytic at  $x=x_0$ , then  $x=x_0$  is a regular singular point. Otherwise it is an irregular singular point.

Step: 3

Repeat Step (2) to test the nature of the other singular points given by  $a_0(x)=0$

Method - II

Step: I

As in case method I,

Determine the singular points by setting  $a_0(x)=0$ .

If the difference eqn is given of the form,

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + p_2(x)y^{(n-2)} + \dots + p_n(x)y = 0$$

The singular points are given by

$$P_1(x) = a(x) \frac{1}{P(x)} = 0$$

Step: 2

Rewrite in the given eqn in the form

$$y^{(n)}(x) + P_1(x)y^{(n-1)}(x) + P_2(x)y^{(n-2)}(x) + \dots + P_n(x)$$

are with analytic at  $x=x_0$ .

If this is so then  $x=x_0$  is a regular singular point. Otherwise it is an irregular singular point.

Existence of Power Series Soln.

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Ordinary Point:

If all the coefficients  $a_0(x), a_1(x), \dots, a_n(x)$  of the given D.E are analytic at  $x=x_0$ , then this point is called an ordinary point.

We consider only 2<sup>nd</sup> order eqn of the form,

$$a_0(x) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2(x) y = 0$$

(or)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x) y = 0$$

At an ordinary point this eqn has two linearly independent power series soln.

Regular singular point:

At a regular singular point the given 2<sup>nd</sup> order D.E has at least power series soln. The existence of the second power series soln depends on the nature of the roots of the indicial eqn.

Irregular singular point:

The given D.E does not have any power series soln at an irregular singular point.

Problem:

3.a) Find the singular points of the following eqn and determine those which are regular singular points  $x^2y'' + (x+x^2)y' - y = 0$

Soln:

Given eqn is  $x^2y'' + (x+x^2)y' - y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

writing the eqn of the form,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x) y = 0$$

We get,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{1+x}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2} y = 0$$

We get,

$$p(x) = \frac{1+x}{x}, \quad q(x) = \frac{-1}{x^2}$$

At  $x=0$ ,  $p(x) = \infty \Rightarrow x=0$  is a singular

Now,

$$xp(x) = 1+x, \quad \text{and} \quad x^2q(x) = -1$$

These are analytic at  $x=0$

$\Rightarrow x=0$  is a regular singular point

3.6)  $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$

Soln:

write the eqn in the form,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + p(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + q(x)y = 0$$

We get,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{1-x^2} y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = \frac{-2x}{1-x^2}, \quad q(x) = \frac{2}{1-x^2}$$

Nature of singular point at  $x=1$

$$(x-x_0)p(x) = (x-1)p(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x}$$

$$(x-x_0)^2q(x) = (x-1)^2q(x) = \frac{2(1-x)}{1+x}$$

These are analytic diff at  $x=1$

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

$x=-1$

$$(x-x_0)p(x) = (x+1)p(x) = \frac{2x}{1-x}$$

$$(x-x_0)^2q(x) = (x+1)^2q(x) = \frac{2(1+x)}{1-x}$$

These are analytic at  $x=-1$

$\Rightarrow x=-1$  is a regular singular point.



$$) (x^2+x-2)^2 y'' + 3(x+2)y' + (x-1)y = 0$$

Soln:

Given eqn is  $(x^2+x-2)^2 y'' + 3(x+2)y' + (x-1)y = 0$

Singular points are given by.

$$(x^2+x-2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2+x-2 = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2, 1 \text{ are the singular points}$$

Nature of singular points at  $x = 1$

The given D.E can be written as

$$(x-1)^2(x+2)^2 y'' + 3(x+2)y' + (x-1)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)^2 y'' + \frac{3}{x+2} y' + \frac{x-1}{(x+2)^2} y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)^2 y'' + \frac{3}{(x+2)(x-1)} (x-1)y' + \frac{(x-1)}{(x+2)^2} y = 0$$

Comparing with

$$(x-x_0)^2 y'' + (x-x_0)a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$$

taking  $x_0 = 1$  we get.

$$a_1(x) = \frac{3}{(x+2)(x-1)} \text{ and } a_2(x) = \frac{x-1}{(x+2)^2}$$

$a_1(x)$  is not analytic singular point

$\therefore$  The given D.E is

$$x = -2$$

$$(x-1)^2(x+2)^2 y'' + 3(x+2)y' + (x-1)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2)^2 y'' + \frac{3(x+2)}{(x-1)^2} y' + \frac{1}{x-1} y = 0$$

Comparing with  $(x-x_0)^2 y'' + (x-x_0)a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$  taking  $x_0 = -2$

we get.

$$a_1(x) = \frac{3}{(x-1)^2}, \quad a_2(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$$

There are analytic at  $x = 2$

$\Rightarrow x = -2$  is a regular singular point.

3.d)  $3x^2 y'' + x^2 y' + xy = 0$

3.e)  $x^2 y'' - 5y' + 3xy = 0$

3.f)  $x^2 y'' + 4y = 0$

3.g)  $x^2 y'' + (5 \sin x)y' + (5 \cos x)y = 0$

Step: 1

Assume that soln in the form

$$\phi(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k$$

Find all the derivatives  $\phi'(x), \phi''(x)$  and substitute the given eqn.

Collect the coefficient of lower most power of  $x$  namely  $x^r$ .

That is called the <sup>indicial</sup> ~~indivisual~~ eqn of  $q(r) = 0$ .

Step: 2

Find the roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  of the <sup>indicial</sup> ~~indivisual~~ eqn  $q(r) = 0$ .

Case (i)

If the roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are distinct and do not differ by an integer (i.e)  $r_1 \neq r_2, r_1 - r_2 \neq \text{an integer}$ , then there two I.P power series soln is given by

$$\phi_1(x) = x^{r_1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_2(x) = x^{r_2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k$$

Case (ii)

If the roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are distinct and differ by an integer,

(i)  $r_1 \neq r_2$  and  $r_1 - r_2$  an integer,

(ii) let  $r_1 > r_2$

If none of the coefficients of  $\phi(x)$  become  $\infty$  on the substitution of  $r = r_1$ , then

$$\phi_1(x) = x^{r_2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k$$

This will contain two arbitrary constants. The second soln  $\phi_2(x)$  obtained by putting  $r = r_1$  merely contains a numerical multiple one of the power series contained in the first soln and hence rejected.

Let  $r_1 > r_2$

If some of the coefficients of  $q(x)$  become 0 on substituting  $r=r_2$  in  $q(x)$ . Then we put  $C_0 = d(r-r_2)$  and then put  $r=r_2$  to obtain the first soln of  $q_1(x)$  to get

The second soln  $q_2(x)$ . we put  $r=r_2$  in  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial r}$

$$ii) q_2(x) = \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial r} \right)_{r=r_2}$$

Case (iii)

Roots of the indicial eqn are equal i)  $r_1 = r_2$

In this case the two soln are given by

$$q_1(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \quad \text{and} \quad q_2(x) = \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial r} \right)_{r=r_1}$$

The second soln always consists of the product of the 1<sup>st</sup> soln (or) numerical multiple of it and  $\log x$  added to another series

Result:

The indicial eqn of  $x^2 y'' + a(x) x y' + b(x) y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

can be easily obtained by 1<sup>st</sup> comparing to eqn given in the problem with  $\textcircled{1}$  there by identifying  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  then indicial eqn is given by

$$q(r) = r(r-1) + a(0)r + b(0)$$

Problem:

4.a) compute the indicial polynomial and the roots of the following eqn  $x^2 y'' + (x+x^2) y' - y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

Soln:

$$L[y] = x^2 y'' + (x+x^2) y' - y = 0$$

$x=0$  is a regular singular point

$$\text{let } q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^{r+k}$$

$$q'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (r+k) x^{r+k-1}$$

$$q''(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (r+k)(r+k-1) x^{r+k-2}$$



$$\therefore \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow x^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) x^{r+k-2} + (x+x^2) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k) x^{r+k-1} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{r+k} = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) x^{r+k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k) x^{r+k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k) x^{r+k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{r+k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) x^{r+k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k) x^{r+k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_{k-1} (r+k-1) x^{r+k} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{r+k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_0(r)(r-1)x^r + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) x^{r+k} + C_0 r x^r + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k (r+k) x^{r+k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_{k-1} (r+k-1) x^{r+k} - C_0 x^r + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{r+k} = 0$$

Coefficients of Powers,

$$x^r \rightarrow [C_0 r(r-1) + C_0 r - C_0] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_0 [r^2 - r + r - 1] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 1 = 0$$

since  $C_0 \neq 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow r = \pm 1$$

$\therefore$  the roots are  $r_1 = 1, r_2 = -1$

Sliters:

$$\phi(x) = C_0 x^r + C_1 x^{r+1} + C_2 x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$\phi'(x) = C_0 r x^{r-1} + C_1 (r+1) x^r + C_2 (r+2) x^{r+1} + \dots$$

$$\phi''(x) = C_0 r(r-1) x^{r-2} + C_1 r(r+1) x^{r-1} + C_2 (r+1)(r+2) x^{r+2} + \dots$$

Hence,

$$x^2 \phi''(x) = C_0 r(r-1) x^r + C_1 r(r+1) x^{r+1} + C_2 (r+2)(r+1) x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$(x+x^2) \phi'(x) = C_0 r x^r + C_1 (r+1) x^{r+1} + \dots + C_0 r x^{r+1} + C_1 (r+1) x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$-p(x) = -c_0 x^r - c_1 x^{r+1} - c_2 x^{r+2} \dots \quad (2)$$

Adding we get,

$$L[p(y)] = c_0 [r(r-1) + r - 1] x^r + [(r+1)r + (r+1) - 1] c_1 + c_2 x^{r+1} \dots$$

equating the coefficient of the lower powers of  $x$  (namely coefficient of  $x^r$ ) to zero, we get the individual <sup>val</sup> polynomial for the given eqn as

$$r^2 - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{The roots are } r_1 = 1, r_2 = -1$$

Second order eqn with regular singular points

A second order eqn with regular singular points at  $x_0$  has the form,

$$(x-x_0)^2 y'' + a(x)(x-x_0) y' + b(x)y = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

where  $a, b$  are analytic at  $x_0$ .

Thus  $a, b$  have power series expansion

$$a(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k (x-x_0)^k$$

$$b(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k (x-x_0)^k$$

which are convergent on some interval  $|x-x_0| < r_0$  for some  $r_0 > 0$

If  $x_0 \neq 0$  we can change (1) to an equivalence eqn with a regular singular point at the origin.

Let  $t = x - x_0$  and

$$\bar{a}(t) = a(x_0 + t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k t^k$$

$$\bar{b}(t) = b(x_0 + t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k t^k$$

The power series for  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$  converges on the interval

$|t| < r_0$  about  $t=0$

Let  $\varphi$  be the any soln

Define  $\bar{\varphi}(t) = \varphi(x_0 + t)$

Then  $\frac{d\bar{\varphi}(t)}{dt} = \frac{d\varphi}{dx}(x_0 + t)$

$$\frac{d^2\bar{\varphi}(t)}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2\varphi}{dx^2}(x_0 + t)$$

we see that  $\bar{\varphi}$  satisfies,

$$t^2 u'' + \bar{a}(t)u' + \bar{b}(t)u = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

where  $u' = \frac{du}{dt}$  This is an eqn with a regular singular point at  $t=0$ .

conversely,

If  $\bar{\varphi}$  satisfies  $\textcircled{2}$  The fun  $\varphi$  given by

$$\varphi(x) = \bar{\varphi}(x - x_0) \text{ satisfies } \textcircled{1}$$

In this case  $\textcircled{2}$  is equivalent to  $\textcircled{1}$  with  $x_0 = 0$  in  $\textcircled{1}$ .

we write  $\textcircled{1}$  as

$$L(y) = x^2 y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

where  $a, b$  are analytic at the origin and have

Power series expansions,

$$a(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k x^k$$

$$b(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k x^k$$

which are convergent on  $|x| < r_0, r_0 > 0$

The Euler eqn is a special case of  $\textcircled{3}$ , where  $a, b$  constant.

Note:

The coefficient of the higher order terms (terms with  $x$  as a factor) in the series  $\textcircled{3}$  is to introduce series into the soln of  $\textcircled{3}$



b)  $x^2 y'' + x y' + (x^2 - \frac{1}{4}) y = 0$

Soln:

$I(y) = x^2 y'' + x y' + (x^2 - \frac{1}{4}) y = 0 \rightarrow (1)$

$q(x), q'(x)$  and  $q''(x)$  as above (1)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (\gamma+k-1)(\gamma+k) x^{\gamma+k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (\gamma+k) x^{\gamma+k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{\gamma+k+2} - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{\gamma+k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (\gamma+k-1)(\gamma+k) x^{\gamma+k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (\gamma+k) x^{\gamma+k} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k - 2x^{\gamma+k} - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{\gamma+k} = 0$$

$$C_0(\gamma-1)\gamma x^{\gamma} + C_1 \gamma(\gamma+1) x^{\gamma+1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k (\gamma+k-1)(\gamma+k) x^{\gamma+k} + C_0 \gamma x^{\gamma} + C_1 (\gamma+1) x^{\gamma+1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k (\gamma+k) x^{\gamma+k} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k x^{\gamma+k} - \frac{1}{4} C_0 x^{\gamma} - \frac{1}{4} C_1 x^{\gamma+1} - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C_k x^{\gamma+k} = 0$$

equating coefficient of  $x^{\gamma}$

$C_0(\gamma-1)\gamma + C_0\gamma - \frac{1}{4} C_0 = 0$

$\gamma^2 - \gamma + \gamma - \frac{1}{4} = 0$

$\gamma^2 - \frac{1}{4} = 0$

$4\gamma^2 - 1 = 0$

$\gamma^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

$\gamma = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

The roots are  $\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\gamma_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$

4.c)  $4x^2 y'' + (4x^4 - 5x) y' + (x^2 + 2) y = 0$

4.d)  $x^2 y'' + (x - 3x^2) y' + e^x y = 0$

4.e)  $x^2 y'' + (\sin x) y' + (\cos x) y = 0$

4.f)  $x^2 y'' + (x - x^2) y' + y = 0$

1. Find a soln  $\phi$  of the form  $\phi(x) = x^r, \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^k, (x > 0)$

for the eqn  $x^2 y'' + \frac{3}{2} x y' + x y = 0$

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Soln:

$$L(y) = x^2 y'' + \frac{3}{2} x y' + x y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$\textcircled{1}$  has a regular singular point at the origin,

$$\text{let } \phi(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{rk} = C_0 x^r + C_1 x^{r+1} + C_2 x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$\phi'(x) = C_0 r x^{r-1} + C_1 (r+1) x^r + C_2 (r+2) x^{r+1} + \dots$$

$$\phi''(x) = C_0 r(r-1) x^{r-2} + C_1 (r+1)r x^{r-1} + C_2 (r+2)(r+1) x^r + \dots$$

and hence,

$$x^2 \phi''(x) = C_0 r(r-1) x^r + C_1 (r+1)r x^{r+1} + C_2 (r+2)(r+1) x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$\frac{3}{2} x \phi'(x) = \frac{3}{2} C_0 r x^r + \frac{3}{2} C_1 (r+1) x^{r+1} + \frac{3}{2} C_2 (r+2) x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$x \phi(x) = C_0 x^{r+1} + C_1 x^{r+2} + \dots$$

Adding we obtain,

$$L[\phi(x)] = [r(r-1) + \frac{3}{2}r] C_0 x^r + \left\{ [(r+1)r + \frac{3}{2}(r+1)] C_1 + C_0 \right\} x^{r+1} + \left\{ [(r+2)(r+1) + \frac{3}{2}(r+2)] C_2 + C_1 \right\} x^{r+2} + \dots$$

The indicial polynomial is obtained by equating to zero the coefficients of lowest power of  $x$

$$[r(r-1) + \frac{3}{2}r] + C_0 = 0$$

$$r(r-1) + \frac{3}{2}r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - r + \frac{3}{2}r = 0$$

$$r^2 + \frac{1}{2}r = 0$$

$$r(r + \frac{1}{2}) = 0$$

$$r = 0, r = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The two roots are  $r_1 = 0, r_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow L[\phi(x)] = r(r) C_0 x^r + x^r \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [r(r+k) C_k + C_{k-1}] x^k$$

where  $q(r) = r(r-1) + \frac{3}{2}r$

$= r(r + \frac{1}{2})$

since  $\mathcal{L}\{y(x)\} = q(r)c_0 x^r + [q(r+1)c_1 + c_0]x^{r+1} + [q(r+2)c_2 + c_1]x^{r+2} + \dots$   
 $= q(r)c_0 x^r + x^r \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [q(r+k)c_k + c_{k-1}]x^k$

since  $\mathcal{L}\{y(x)\} = 0$

The above power series variables

$\therefore q(r+k)c_k + c_{k-1} = 0$

$\therefore c_k = \frac{-c_{k-1}}{q(r+k)}, \quad k=1, 2, \dots$

$= \frac{-c_{k-1}}{(r+k)(r+k+\frac{1}{2})}$

Thus we get,

$c_k = \frac{-(-1)^k c_0}{q(r+k)q(r+k-1)\dots q(r+1)}$

if  $r_1 = 0, q(r_1+k) = q(k) \neq 0$  for  $k=1, 2, \dots$

if  $r_2 = \frac{1}{2}, q(r_2+k) = q(\frac{1}{2}+k) \neq 0$ , for  $k=1, 2, \dots$

Let  $c_0 = 1, r = r_1 = 0$ , we obtain a soln  $\phi$  given by

$\phi_1(x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^k}{q(k)q(k-1)\dots q(1)}$

Taking  $c_0 = -1, r = r_2 = \frac{1}{2}$  we get,

another soln  $\phi_2$  given by

$\phi_2(x) = x^{-1/2} + x^{-1/2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^k}{q(k-\frac{1}{2})q(k-\frac{3}{2})\dots q(\frac{1}{2})}$

Thus  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are soln of  $0 \forall x > 0$

Find a soln  $y(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k$  ( $x > 0$ ) for the eqn

$2x^2 y'' + (x^2 - x)y' + y = 0$

Soln:

let  $\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 2x^2 y'' + (x^2 - x)y' + y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$



Let  $\varphi(x) = x^{\gamma} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k$

$\varphi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^{k+\gamma} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$\varphi'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (k+\gamma) x^{k+\gamma-1}$

$\varphi''(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (k+\gamma)(k+\gamma-1) x^{k+\gamma-2}$

$$L(\varphi(x)) = 2x^2 \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (k+\gamma)(k+\gamma-1) x^{k+\gamma-2} \right] + (x^2 - x) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (k+\gamma) x^{k+\gamma-1}$$

= 0

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k 2(k+\gamma)(k+\gamma-1) x^{k+\gamma} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (k+\gamma) x^{k+\gamma+1} \\ &- \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (k+\gamma) x^{k+\gamma} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (k+\gamma) x^{k+\gamma+1} \end{aligned} \right\} = 0$$

a) 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [2(k+\gamma)(k+\gamma-1) - (k+\gamma+1)] c_k x^{k+\gamma} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (k+\gamma) x^{k+\gamma+1} = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

equating the coefficients of lowest power of x namely  $x^{\gamma}$  to zero,

$2\gamma(\gamma-1) - \gamma + 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2\gamma^2 - 3\gamma + 1 = 0$

we get,  $\gamma_1 = 1, \gamma_2 = 1/2$

Now,  $\textcircled{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [2(k+\gamma)(k+\gamma-1) - (k+\gamma+1)] c_k + c_{k-1} (k+\gamma-1) x^{k+\gamma} = 0$$

This is possible when each coefficient of  $x=0$

$[2(k+\gamma)(k+\gamma-1) - (k+\gamma+1)] c_k + c_{k-1} (k+\gamma-1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow [2(k+\gamma)^2 - 3(k+\gamma) + 1] c_k + (k+\gamma-1) c_{k-1} = 0$

$(k+\gamma-1)(2k+2\gamma-1) c_k = -(k+\gamma-1) c_{k-1}$

$c_k = \frac{-1}{2k+2\gamma-1} c_{k-1}, \quad k=1, 2, \dots$

for  $x=x_1=1$ ,  $C_k = \frac{-1}{2k+1} C_{k-1}$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots$  (27)

$k=1, \Rightarrow C_1 = -\frac{1}{3} C_0$

$k=2 \Rightarrow C_2 = -\frac{1}{5} C_1 = \frac{(-1)^2}{3 \cdot 5} C_0$

$k=3 \Rightarrow C_3 = -\frac{1}{7} C_2 = \frac{(-1)^3}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} C_0$  etc.

$\therefore \varphi_1(x) = x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^k C_0}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \dots (2k+1)}$

for  $x=x_2=\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $C_k = \frac{-1}{2k} C_{k-1}$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots$

$k=1, C_1 = -\frac{1}{2} C_0$

$k=2, C_2 = -\frac{1}{4} C_1 = (-1)^2 \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} C_0 = \frac{(-1)^2}{2^2 \cdot 2^2} C_0$

$k=3 \Rightarrow C_3 = -\frac{1}{6} C_2 = (-1)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 2^2} \times \frac{C_0}{6}$

$= \frac{(-1)^3 C_0}{2^2 \times 3!}$

$C_k = \frac{(-1)^k C_0}{2^k \cdot k!}$

$\varphi_2(x) = x^{1/2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k k!} x^k$

$\varphi_2(x) = x^{1/2} e^{-x/2}$  taking  $C_0=1$ .

Find a soln of the form  $\varphi(x) = x^k \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m x^{k+m}$  for the eqn  $x^2 y'' + x y' + (x^2 - 1) y = 0$

Ans:

$1(y) = x^2 y'' + x y' + (x^2 - 1) y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$\varphi(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m x^{k+m} \quad C_0 \neq 0, \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$

$\varphi'(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (k+m) C_m x^{k+m-1}$

$\varphi''(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (k+m)(k+m-1) C_m x^{k+m-2}$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow x^2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (k+m)(k+m-1) C_m x^{k+m-2} + x \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (k+m) C_m x^{k+m-1} + (x^2-1) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m x^{k+m} = 0$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (k+m)(k+m-1) C_m x^{k+m} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (k+m) C_m x^{k+m} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m x^{k+m+2} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m x^{k+m+2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} [(k+m)(k+m-1) + (k+m-1)] C_m x^{k+m} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m x^{k+m+2} = 0$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} [(k+m)^2 - 1] C_m x^{k+m} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} C_m x^{k+m+2} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

equating to zero the coefficient of the smallest powers of  $x$  namely  $x^k$  we get the indicial eqn.

$$\textcircled{e) } C_0 (k^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$C_0 (k-1)(k+1) = 0$$

$$k = 1, -1 \quad \text{as } C_0 \neq 0$$

These are unequal and differ by an integer.

Here the diff in powers of  $x$  in  $\textcircled{3}$  in  $\textcircled{2}$ .

Hence the we equate to zero the coefficient of  $x^{k+1}$  in  $\textcircled{3}$  we obtain  $[(k+1)^2 - 1] C_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow k(k+2) C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0 \quad \text{for both } k=1, -1$$

equating to zero to coefficient of  $x^{k+m}$  in  $\textcircled{3}$

$$\text{we obtain } [(k+m)^2 - 1] C_m = 0$$

$$\text{we obtain } (k+m+1)(k+m-1) C_m + C_{m-2} = 0$$

$$\therefore C_m = \frac{-1}{(k+m-1)(k+m+1)} C_{m-2} \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

Putting  $m=3, 5, 7, \dots$  in  $\textcircled{4}$  and nothing that  $C_1 = 0$  we get  $C_3 = C_5 = C_7 = \dots = 0$



Putting  $m=2,4,6 \dots$  in (5)

$$c_2 = \frac{-1}{(k+1)(k+3)} c_0 \rightarrow (5)$$

$$c_4 = \frac{-1}{(k+3)(k+5)} c_0$$

$$c_6 = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+3)^2(k+5)} c_0 \text{ etc.}$$

$$\therefore y = \varphi(x) = c_0 x^k \left\{ 1 - \frac{x^2}{(k+1)(k+3)} + \frac{x^4}{(k+1)(k+3)^2(k+5)} - \dots + \dots \right\} \rightarrow (6)$$

If we take  $k=-1$  in the above series the coefficient becomes infinite because of the factor  $(k+1)$  in the denominator.

$\therefore$  Put  $c_0 = d_0(k+1)$  in (6)

$$\varphi(x) = d_0 x^k \left\{ (k+1) - \frac{x^2}{k+3} + \frac{x^4}{(k+3)^2(k+5)} - \dots \right\} \rightarrow (7)$$

Diff (7) partially w.r.t  $k$  we get,

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial k} = d_0 x^k \log x \left\{ (k+1) - \frac{x^2}{k+3} + \frac{x^4}{(k+3)^2(k+5)} - \dots \right\} + d_0 x^k \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2}{(k+3)^2} - \left\{ \frac{2}{(k+3)^2(k+5)} + \frac{1}{(k+3)^2(k+5)^2} \right\} x^4 - \dots \right]$$

Putting  $k=-1$ ,  $d_0 = a$  in (7) we get,

$$\varphi = ax^{-1} \left[ -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6} + \dots \right] = a \text{uc (say)} \rightarrow (8)$$

from (8),  $k=-1$  where  $d_0$  is replaced by  $b$ .

we get,

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial k} = b(\log x) x^{-1} \left[ -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6} + \dots \right]$$

$$+ b x^{-1} \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 4} + \left( \frac{2}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \right) x^4 + \dots \right]$$

$$d) \frac{dy}{dx} = b \log x \cdot u + b x^i \left[ 1 + \frac{x^2}{2^2} - \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 4} + \left( \frac{2}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \right) x^4 - 1 \right]$$

$$= bu \text{ (say)} \rightarrow (10)$$

Putting  $k=1$  in (7) we get,

$$y = d_0 x \left[ 2 - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^4}{4^2 \cdot 6} + \dots \right]$$

$$y = -2^2 d_0 x^i \left[ -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4} - \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6} + \dots \right] \rightarrow (11)$$

from (10) and (11) we find all the two soln are linearly dependent

Hence (10) and (11) are the required linearly independent solns.

3. S.T -1 and 1 regular singular

- a) points for the Legendre eqn  $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \alpha(\alpha+1)y = 0$
- b) Find all the indicial polynomial and its roots corresponding to the point  $x=1$ . (After for (2)  $x^2 y'' + \frac{3}{2} x y' + x y = 0$ )

Soln:

Given  $L[y] = x^2 y'' + \frac{3}{2} x y' + x y = 0 \rightarrow (1)$

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{r+k}$$

$$y'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (r+k) C_k x^{r+k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) x^{r+k} + \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k) x^{r+k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{r+k+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) x^{r+k} + \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k (r+k) x^{r+k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_{k-1} x^{r+k} = 0$$

$$C_0 [r(r-1)x^r] + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) x^{r+k} + \frac{3}{2} C_0 r x^r + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k (r+k) x^{r+k} = 0$$

$$C_0 x(x-1) x^r + \frac{3}{2} C_0 r x^r + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) + \frac{3}{2} (C_k (r+k) + C_{k-1}) x^{r+k}] = 0 \quad (31)$$

Equating coefficient of  $x^r$

$$\Rightarrow C_0 (r^2 - r) + \frac{3}{2} r C_0 = 0$$

$$C_0 [r^2 - r + \frac{3}{2} r] = 0$$

$\therefore C_0 \neq 0$

$$r^2 - r + \frac{3}{2} r = 0$$

$$r^2 + \frac{r}{2} = 0$$

$$2r^2 + r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r(2r+1) = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0, r = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Since  $q(r) = 0$

equating  $x^{r+k}$  terms we get,

$$C_k (r+k)(r+k-1) + \frac{3}{2} C_k (r+k) + C_{k-1} = 0$$

$$C_k (r+k) [(r+k-1) + \frac{3}{2}] = -C_{k-1}$$

$$C_k = \frac{-C_{k-1}}{(r+k)(r+k+\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{-C_{k-1}}{q(r+k)} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Case (i) when  $r = 0$

$$C_k = \frac{-C_{k-1}}{q(k)}, \quad k \geq 1$$

$$k=1, C_1 = \frac{-C_0}{q(1)}, \quad k=2, C_2 = \frac{-C_1}{q(2)} = \frac{C_0}{q(1)q(2)}$$

$$q_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^{r+k} = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + C_3 x^3 + \dots$$

$$= C_0 - \frac{C_0}{q(1)} x + \frac{C_0}{q(1)q(2)} x^2 + \dots$$

$$= C_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{q(1)} + \frac{x^2}{q(1)q(2)} - \dots \right]$$

$$q_1(x) = \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^k}{q(1)q(2)\dots q(k)} \right]$$



taking  $c_0 = 0$

Case (ii)

when  $r = -1/2$

$$c_k = \frac{-c_{k-1}}{q(k-1/2)}, \quad k \geq 1$$

$$k=1, \quad c_1 = \frac{-c_0}{q(1/2)} \Rightarrow k=2, \quad c_2 = \frac{-c_1}{q(3/2)} = \frac{c_0}{q(1/2)q(3/2)}$$

$$\phi_2(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k$$

$$= x^{-1/2} [c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots]$$

$$= x^{-1/2} \left[ c_0 - \frac{c_0}{q(1/2)} x + \frac{c_0 x^2}{q(1/2)q(3/2)} + \dots \right]$$

$$= x^{-1/2} c_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{q(1/2)} + \frac{x^2}{q(1/2)q(3/2)} + \dots \right]$$

taking  $c_0 = 1$ .

$$\phi_2(x) = x^{-1/2} \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^k}{q(1) \dots q(k-1/2)} \right]$$

Hence the soln is

$$\phi = A \phi_1(x) + B \phi_2(x)$$

$$\phi = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^k}{q(1)q(2) \dots q(k)} + B x^{-1/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{q(1) \dots q(n-1/2)}$$

Second order eqn with regular singular points

The General Case:

Suppose we have a soln  $\phi$  of the form,

$$\phi(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \quad (c_0 \neq 0) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

for the eqn  $x^2 y'' + a(x) x y' + b(x) y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$

where  $a(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k x^k$

$b(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k x^k$

$\rightarrow \textcircled{3}$

for  $|x| < 0$ .

$$\text{Then } \varphi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+r) C_k x^{k+r-1}$$

$$\varphi'(x) = x^{r-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+r) C_k x^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi''(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+r)(k+r-1) C_k x^{k+r-2} \\ &= x^{r-2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+r)(k+r-1) C_k x^k \end{aligned}$$

and hence,

$$b(x) \varphi(x) = x^r \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^k \right] \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k x^k \right]$$

$$= x^r \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \bar{\beta}_k x^k \right]$$

$$\therefore \bar{\beta}_k = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_k \alpha_j$$

$$x \cdot a(x) \cdot \varphi'(x) = x^r \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+r) C_k x^k \right] \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k x^k \right]$$

$$= x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_k x^k$$

$$\therefore \bar{\alpha}_k = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j+r) C_j \alpha_{k-j}$$

$$x^2 \varphi''(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+r)(k+r-1) C_k x^k$$

Thus (2) becomes,

$$L[\varphi(x)] = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [(k+r)(k+r-1) C_k + \bar{\alpha}_k + \bar{\beta}_k] x^k$$

and we must have,

$$L[\varphi(x)]_k = [(k+r)(k+r-1) C_k + \bar{\alpha}_k + \bar{\beta}_k] = 0, \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

using the defn of  $\bar{\alpha}_k$  and  $\bar{\beta}_k$   $[L[\varphi(x)]_k$  as

$$\begin{aligned} L[\varphi(x)]_k &= (k+r)(k+r-1) C_k + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j+r) C_j \alpha_{k-j} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} C_j \beta_{k-j} \\ &= [(k+r)(k+r-1) + (k+r) \alpha_0 + \beta_0] C_k + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [(j+r) \alpha_{k-j} + \beta_{k-j}] C_j \end{aligned}$$

for  $k=0$  we have  $r(r-1) + r \alpha_0 + \beta_0 = 0 \therefore C_0 \neq 0$ .

The second degree polynomial  $q$  given by,

$$q(r) = r(r-1) + r \alpha_0 + \beta_0 \text{ is called the indicial}$$

Polynomial for (2)

The only admissible values of  $r$  are the roots of  $q(x)$ .  
 we see that,

$$J[q(x)]_k = q(x+1)C_k + d_k = 0, \quad k=1, 2, \dots \rightarrow (5)$$

$$\text{where } d_k = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [(j+r)\alpha_{k-j} + \beta_{k-j}] C_j, \quad k=1, 2, \dots \rightarrow (6)$$

We observe that  $d_k$  is a linear combination of  $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{k-1}$  with the coefficients involving the known functions  $\alpha, \beta$  and

let us solve (5) and (6) successively, in terms of  $C_0$  and

let  $C_k(x)$  denote the solns and the corresponding  $d_k$  by  $D_k(x)$

$$\text{Thus } D_1(x) = (\alpha + \beta) C_0$$

$$C_1(x) = \frac{-D_1(x)}{q(x+1)}$$

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$$D_k(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [(j+r)\alpha_{k-j} + \beta_{k-j}] C_j(x)$$

$$C_k(x) = \frac{-D_k(x)}{q(x+k)}, \quad k=1, 2, \dots \rightarrow (7)$$

The  $C_k$ , thus determined are rational functions of  $x$  and the only points where they does not exist are the points for which  $q(x+k) = 0$  for some  $k=1, 2, \dots$  only two such possible points exist

$$\text{let } \bar{\varphi}(x, r) = C_0 x^r + x^r \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k(x) x^k \rightarrow (8)$$

If the series (8) converges for  $0 < x < r_0$  then clearly

$$L(\bar{\varphi})(x, r) = C_0 q(x) x^r \rightarrow (9)$$



e now have The following

If The  $\phi$  given by (1) is a soln (2) Then  $r$  must be a root of indicial Polynomial  $q$  and The  $c_k (k \geq 1)$  are determined uniquely in terms of  $r$  and  $c_0$  by be the  $c_k(r)$  of (1) provided  $q(r+k) \neq 0, k=1,2$

Conversely,

If  $r$  is a root of  $q$ , and if the  $c_k(r)$  can be determined,

(i)  $q(r+k) \neq 0, k=1,2, \dots$

then the fun  $\phi$  given by

$\phi(x) = \bar{\phi}(x, r)$  is a soln of (2) for any choice of

$c_0$  provided the series (3) converges.

Let,  $r_1, r_2$  be the two roots of  $q(r)$  and let  $\text{Re } r_1 \geq \text{Re } r_2$

Then  $q(r_1+k) \neq 0$  for any  $k=1,2, \dots$

Thus we have  $\phi_1(x) = x^{r_1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k(r_1) x^k$

$c_0(r_1) = 1 \rightarrow$  (10) as a soln of (2)

provided the series is convergent.

If  $r_2$  is a root of  $q$  distinct from  $r_1$  and  $q(r_2+k) \neq 0$

for  $k=1,2, \dots$  then clearly,

$\phi_2(x) = x^{r_2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k(r_2) x^k, c_0(r_2) = 1 \rightarrow$  (11)

is another soln of (2) provided the series is convergent.

Note:

The condition  $q(r_2+k) \neq 0$  for  $k=1,2, \dots$  is the same as  $r_1 \neq r_2+k$  for  $k=1,2, \dots$  (or)  $r_1 - r_2$  is not a positive integer.

Since  $d_0 = a(0), p_0 = b(0)$ . The indicial Polynomial  $q(r)$  can be written as

$q(r) = r(r-1) + a(0) + b(0)$

Theorem:

Consider the eqn  $x^2 y'' + a(x)xy' + b(x)y = 0$ , where  $a, b$  have convergent power series expansion for  $|x| < r_0, r_0 > 0$ .

Let  $r_1, r_2 (R_0 r_1 > R_0 r_2)$  be the roots of the indicial polynomial  $q(x) = x(x-1) + a(0) + b(0)$

for  $0 < |x| < r_0$  there is a soln  $\phi_1$  of the form,

$$\phi_1(x) = |x|^{r_1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \quad (\because c_0 = 1)$$

where the series converges for  $|x| < r_0$ .

If  $r_1 - r_2$  is not zero or a positive integer there is a second soln  $\phi_2$  for  $0 < |x| < r_0$  of the form,

$$\phi_2(x) = |x|^{r_2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \bar{c}_k x^k$$

where the series converges for  $|x| < r_0$  the coeff  $c_k, \bar{c}_k$  can be obtained by substitution of the soln in to the differential eqn.

Remark:

(i) The coefficient  $c_k, \bar{c}_k$  appearing in the soln's  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  of the above theorem are given by

$$c_k = c_k(r_1), \quad \bar{c}_k = c_k(r_2), \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where  $c_k(r) \Rightarrow k=1, 2, \dots$  are soln of the equations (i) and (ii) with  $c_0(r) = 1$ .

(ii) If  $r_1 - r_2$  is either 0 or a positive integer we say that we have an exceptional case.