

§ 8.4 #7] Find power series sol<sup>n</sup> to  $y' + 2(x-1)y = 0$  centered at  $x_0 = 1$ .

One method is to use  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (x-1)^n$  and follow same method as in § 8.3, but notationally this would be tiresome since  $(x-1)$ -factors would be everywhere. I'll follow the idea of the text and substitute

$$t = x-1 \quad \text{and} \quad Y(t) = y(x+1)$$

this makes  $Y'(t) = y'(x+1) \frac{d}{dt}(x+1) = y'(x+1)$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & y'(x+1) + 2(x-1)y(x+1) = 0 \\ \rightarrow & Y'(t) + 2tY(t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $Y(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n t^n \rightarrow Y'(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n C_n t^{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore Y'(t) + 2tY(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n C_n t^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2 C_n t^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) C_{k+1} t^k + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2 C_{j-1} t^j \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [(m+1) C_{m+1} + 2 C_{m-1}] t^m + C_1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We find,

$$C_1 = 0, \quad 2C_2 + 2C_0 = 0, \quad 3C_3 + 2C_1 = 0, \quad 4C_4 + 2C_2 = 0, \dots$$

It follows  $C_1 = C_3 = C_5 = \dots = 0$  and  $C_2 = -C_0, C_4 = \frac{-2}{4} C_2 = \frac{1}{2} C_0$

and  $6C_6 + 2C_4 = 0 \Rightarrow C_6 = \frac{-1}{3} (\frac{1}{2}) C_0, \quad 8C_8 + 2C_6 = 0 \Rightarrow C_8 = \frac{-1}{4} (\frac{-1}{3}) (\frac{1}{2}) C_0$  etc...

generally  $Y(t) = C_0 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} t^{2n} \right)$ . To convert back to  $Y, x$

note that  $y(x) = Y(x-1)$ ,

$$y(x) = C_0 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} (x-1)^{2n} \right) = C_0 \left[ 1 - (x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (x-1)^4 - \frac{1}{6} (x-1)^6 + \dots \right]$$

§ 8.4#11  $x^2 y'' - y' + y = 0$ , find sol<sup>n</sup> centered at  $x_0 = 2$

Let  $t = x - 2$  and  $Y(t) = y(t+2)$  then  $Y'(t) = y'(t+2)$  and  $Y''(t) = y''(t+2)$ . Evaluate DE<sup>n</sup> at  $t+2$  to see

$$(t+2)^2 y''(t+2) - y'(t+2) + y(t+2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (t+2)^2 Y'' - Y' + Y = 0$$

Solve this via Maclaurin

Let  $Y(t) = c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + c_3 t^3 + c_4 t^4$  series expansion.

$$\Rightarrow Y'(t) = c_1 + 2c_2 t + 3c_3 t^2 + 4c_4 t^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow Y''(t) = 2c_2 + 6c_3 t + 12c_4 t^2 + \dots$$

Substitute into DE<sup>n</sup>,

$$(t^2 + 4t + 4) [2c_2 + 6c_3 t + 12c_4 t^2 + 20c_5 t^3 + \dots]$$

$$\rightarrow -c_1 - 2c_2 t - 3c_3 t^2 - 4c_4 t^3 + \dots + 2$$

$$+ c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + c_3 t^3 + c_4 t^4 + \dots = 0$$

$$[8c_2 - c_1 + c_0] + t[8c_2 + 24c_3 - 2c_2 + c_1] + 2$$

$$\rightarrow + t^2 [2c_2 + 24c_3 + 48c_4 - 3c_3 + c_2] + t^3 [6c_3 + 48c_4 + 80c_5 - 4c_4 + c_3] = 0$$

$$8c_2 = c_1 - c_0 \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{1}{8}(c_1 - c_0)$$

$$24c_3 = -6c_2 - c_1 = -\frac{3}{4}(c_1 - c_0) - c_1 = \frac{3}{4}c_0 - \frac{7}{4}c_1 \Rightarrow c_3 = \frac{1}{32}c_0 - \frac{7}{96}c_1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 48c_4 &= -21c_3 - 3c_2 \\ 80c_5 &= -44c_4 - 7c_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{don't need these if I only want 4 terms}$$

$$Y(t) = c_0 + c_1 t + \frac{1}{8}(c_1 - c_0)t^2 + \left(\frac{1}{32}c_0 - \frac{7}{96}c_1\right)t^3 + \dots$$

$$= c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{8}t^2 + \frac{1}{32}t^3 + \dots\right) + c_1 \left(t + \frac{1}{8}t^2 - \frac{7}{96}t^3 + \dots\right)$$

Therefore, switching back to  $y, x$  where  $t = x - 2$ ,

$$y(x) = c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{8}(x-2)^2 + \frac{1}{32}(x-2)^3 + \dots\right) + c_1 \left((x-2) + \frac{1}{8}(x-2)^2 - \frac{7}{96}(x-2)^3 + \dots\right)$$

§ 8.4#13 Find first four nontrivial terms in power series

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sol<sup>n</sup> centered about zero for  $x' + (\sin t)x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 1$

Let  $x = c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + c_3 t^3 + \dots$  denote the sol<sup>n</sup> we wish to determine. The initial condition  $x(0) = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{c_0 = 1}$ .

Recall  $\sin t = t - \frac{1}{6}t^3 + \frac{1}{120}t^5 + \dots$  thus,

$$[c_1 + 2c_2 t + 3c_3 t^2 + 4c_4 t^3] + [t - \frac{1}{6}t^3 + \frac{1}{120}t^5] [c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + \dots] = 0$$

$$c_1 + t[2c_2 + c_0] + t^2[3c_3 + c_1] + t^3[4c_4 - \frac{c_0}{6} + c_2] + \dots = 0$$

Thus,

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 = \frac{-c_0}{2} = \underline{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$c_3 = \frac{-c_1}{3} = 0$$

$$c_4 = \frac{1}{4}[\frac{c_0}{6} - c_2] = \frac{1}{4}[\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2}] = \frac{1}{4}[\frac{2}{3}] = \underline{\frac{1}{6}} = c_4$$

Oops, I only have enough terms for three terms.

$$x(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{6}t^4 + \dots$$

I'll let you find the 4<sup>th</sup>, same principles just keep a few more terms.

§ 8.4#17 Solve  $y'' - (\sin(x))y = 0$  with  $y(\pi) = 1$ ,  $y'(\pi) = 0$ .

Initial conditions at  $\pi$  suggest centering our proposed sol<sup>n</sup> at  $\pi$  to keep calculation at a minimum,

$$y = c_0 + c_1(x-\pi) + c_2(x-\pi)^2 + c_3(x-\pi)^3 + \dots$$

$$y' = c_1 + 2c_2(x-\pi) + 3c_3(x-\pi)^2 + \dots$$

$$y'' = 2c_2 + 6c_3(x-\pi) + \dots$$

$$\text{Note } y(\pi) = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{c_0 = 1}.$$

$$\text{Moreover } y'(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{c_1 = 0}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\sin(x) &= \sin(x - \pi + \pi) \\ &= \sin(x - \pi) \underset{-1}{\cos(\pi)} + \sin(\underset{0}{\pi}) \cos(x - \pi) \\ &= -\sin(x - \pi) \\ &= -(x - \pi) + \frac{1}{3!}(x - \pi)^3 - \frac{1}{5!}(x - \pi)^5 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Substitute what we've learned into  $y'' - \sin(x)y = 0$ , remember,  $C_0 = 1, C_1 = 0$ ,

$$2C_2 + 6C_3(x - \pi) + 12C_4(x - \pi)^2 + [(x - \pi) - \frac{1}{6}(x - \pi)^3 + \dots][1 + C_2(x - \pi)^2 + \dots] = 0$$

$$2C_2 + (x - \pi)[6C_3 + 1] + (x - \pi)^2[12C_4] + (x - \pi)^3[20C_5 - \frac{1}{6} + C_2] + \dots = 0$$

We find,

$$2C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{C_2 = 0}$$

$$6C_3 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{C_3 = -1/6}$$

$$12C_4 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{C_4 = 0}$$

$$20C_5 - \frac{1}{6} + C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{C_5 = \frac{1}{120}}$$

Thus,

$$y = 1 - \frac{1}{6}(x - \pi)^3 + \frac{1}{120}(x - \pi)^5 + \dots$$

Remark: in previous problems I switched to  $\nabla$  and  $\star$  and solved the problem via a Maclaurin series then switched back at the end. I figured it would be good to show the  $\nabla, \star$  trick is not absolutely necessary. Conceptually the problem in  $(x - \pi)$  is more transparent (in my opinion).

§ 8.4 # 21 Find first few terms in Maclaurin series

Solution to the nonhomogeneous DE<sup>n</sup>;  $y' - xy = \sin(x)$

Let  $y = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x^3 + \dots$  thus,

$$c_1 + 2c_2 x + 3c_3 x^2 + 4c_4 x^3 - c_0 x - c_1 x^2 - c_2 x^3 = x - \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{120} x^5 + \dots$$

$$c_1 + x[2c_2 - c_0] + x^2[3c_3 - c_1] + x^3[4c_4 - c_2] + \dots = x - \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \dots$$

Equating coefficients,

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$2c_2 - c_0 = 1 \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{1}{2} c_0 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$3c_3 - c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_3 = c_1/3 = 0$$

$$4c_4 - c_2 = -\frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow c_4 = \frac{1}{4} c_2 - \frac{1}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_4 = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} c_0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_4 = \frac{1}{8} c_0 + \frac{1}{12}$$

Thus,  $y = c_0 + \left( \frac{1}{2} c_0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) x^2 + \left( \frac{1}{8} c_0 + \frac{1}{12} \right) x^4 + \dots$

$$\therefore y = \underbrace{c_0 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{8} x^4 + \dots \right)}_{y_h} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{12} x^4 + \dots}_{y_p}$$

Remark: solving nonhomogeneous problems are essentially the same difficulty as the homogeneous case in this context. The particular sol<sup>n</sup> will appear as a series without arbitrary coefficients.

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Spring which weakens with age is described by

$$m x'' + b x' + k e^{-\eta t} x = 0$$

essentially the spring constant  $k e^{-\eta t}$  decreases with time assuming  $\eta > 0$ . Assume  $m = 1$ ,  $k = 1$ ,  $b = 0$  but leave  $\eta$  as fixed but unknown. Find a few terms and analyze the  $\eta = 0$  case. Assume  $x(0) = 1$ ,  $x'(0) = 0$

Solve  $x'' + e^{-\eta t} x = 0$ . Let  $x = c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + c_3 t^3 + \dots$

Notice  $e^{-\eta t} = 1 - \eta t + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 t^2 - \frac{1}{6} \eta^3 t^3 + \dots$ . We

substitute our proposed sol<sup>n</sup> to find conditions on  $c_n$ ,

$$2c_2 + 6c_3 t + 12c_4 t^2 + 20c_5 t^3 + \dots$$

$$+ (1 - \eta t + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 t^2 - \frac{1}{6} \eta^3 t^3 + \dots)(c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + c_3 t^3 + \dots) = 0$$

Notice that  $x(0) = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{c_0 = 1}$ . Also  $x'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{c_1 = 0}$ .

$$[2c_2 + c_0] + t[6c_3 - c_0 \eta + c_1] + t^2[12c_4 + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 c_0 - \eta c_1 + c_2] + \dots$$

$$\leftarrow + t^3[20c_5 + c_3 - \eta c_2 + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 c_1] + \dots = 0$$

We find, using  $c_0 = 1$ ,  $c_1 = 0$  that,

$$2c_2 + 1 = 0 \longrightarrow \underline{c_2 = -1/2}$$

$$6c_3 - \eta = 0 \longrightarrow \underline{c_3 = \eta/6}$$

$$12c_4 + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 + c_2 = 0 \rightarrow c_4 = \frac{1}{12} (-c_2 - \frac{1}{2} \eta^2) = \frac{1}{24} - \frac{\eta^2}{24}$$

$$20c_5 + c_3 - \eta c_2 = 0 \rightarrow c_5 = \frac{1}{20} (-c_3 + \eta c_2) = \frac{-\eta}{120} - \frac{\eta}{40}$$

Consequently,

$$\Rightarrow c_5 = \frac{-4\eta}{120} = \underline{-\eta/30 = c_5}$$

$$x = 1 - \frac{1}{2} t^2 + \frac{1}{6} \eta t^3 + \frac{1}{24} (1 - \eta^2) t^4 - \frac{1}{30} \eta t^5 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \cos t + \frac{1}{6} \eta t^3 - \frac{1}{24} \eta^2 t^4 - \frac{1}{30} \eta t^5 + \dots}$$

Clearly  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  gives  $x \rightarrow \cos t$ .