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Topics: singular points, method of Frobenius

3pt **Problem 1** (Ritger & Rose section 7-2 problem 2)

Find all singularities of the following DE's.

a.) $y'' + xy' + 3y = 0$ has analytic coefficients over $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$ no singularities.

b.) $(x^2 - 3x + 2)y'' + \sqrt{x}y' + x^2y = 0$

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

singular pts 1, 2 and 0 $\leftarrow (\sqrt{x}$ not analytic at $x=0$)

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

zero when $x = \pm 1 \Rightarrow y'' - \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)y' + \frac{n(n+1)}{1-x^2}y = 0$

has nonanalytic coeff. at $x = \pm 1$
singular pts.

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

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

These coefficients are singular at $x=0$ and 1
($x=0$ is removable, it corresponds to a hole in the graph)

e.) $(e^x - 1)y'' + xy = 0$

$$\Rightarrow y'' + \frac{x}{e^x - 1}y = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=0 \text{ is singular}}$$

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

$(x+1)^2 + 1 \Rightarrow x=0$ and $x = -1 \pm i$ singular

5pt Problem 2 Find the complete Frobenius solution of

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

(it turns out this one has real exponents)

$$\text{Let } y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}, \quad y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) a_n x^{n+r-1}, \quad y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r-1)(n+r) a_n x^{n+r}.$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r-1)(n+r) x^{n+r} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) a_n x^{n+r+1}}_{n+r+1 = j+r} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+r}{2}\right) a_n x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2} x^{n+r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left((r-1)ra_0 - \frac{1}{2}ra_0 + \frac{1}{2}a_0 \right) x^r + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(a_j (j+r-1)(j+r) + (j+r-1)a_{j-1} \right) x^{j+r} = 0$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}(j+r)a_j + \frac{1}{2}a_j \Big) x^{j+r} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[r^2 - \frac{3}{2}r + \frac{1}{2} \right] a_0 x^r + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(\left[(j+r-1)(j+r) - \frac{1}{2}(j+r) + \frac{1}{2} \right] a_j + (j+r-1)a_{j-1} \right) x^{j+r}$$

$$0 = \left[(j+r - \frac{3}{2})(j+r) + \frac{1}{2} \right] a_j + (j+r-1)a_{j-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_j = \left(\frac{-(j+r-1)}{(j+r - \frac{3}{2})(j+r) + \frac{1}{2}} \right) a_{j-1} \quad (\star)$$

The indicial eqⁿ $r^2 - \frac{3}{2}r + \frac{1}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{r = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } r = 1}$.

Eqⁿ (\star) for $r = \frac{1}{2}$ yields $a_j = \frac{-1}{j} a_{j-1}$. To see this note that:

$$\begin{aligned} (j-1) \left(j + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} &= j^2 + \frac{1}{2}j - j - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= j^2 - \frac{1}{2}j \\ &= j \left(j - \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(cancels with

$$j+r-1 = j + \frac{1}{2} - 1 = j - \frac{1}{2}.$$

PROBLEM 2 continued

* yields, $a_j = \frac{-1}{j} a_{j-1}$. Consider,

$$a_1 = \frac{-1}{1} a_0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-1}{2} a_1 = \frac{(-1)^2}{2!} a_0$$

$$a_3 = \frac{-1}{3} a_2 = \frac{(-1)^3}{3!} a_0 \quad \dots \quad a_j = \frac{(-1)^j}{j!} a_0$$

Hence
$$y_1 = a_0 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j!} x^{j+\frac{1}{2}}$$

Likewise $r=1$ gives (*)

$$\begin{aligned} a_j &= \frac{-j a_{j-1}}{(j+1-\frac{3}{2})(j+1)+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-j a_{j-1}}{(j-\frac{1}{2})(j+1)+\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{-j a_{j-1}}{j^2 - \frac{1}{2}j + j - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{-j a_{j-1}}{j(j+\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{-a_{j-1}}{j+\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Consider,

$$a_1 = \frac{(-1)^1}{3/2} a_0, \quad a_2 = \frac{-a_1}{5/2} = \frac{(-1)^2 a_0}{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2}}, \quad a_3 = \frac{(-1)^3 a_0}{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_j = \frac{(-1)^j 2^j a_0}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \dots (2j+1)} \quad \therefore y_2 = a_0 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j 2^j}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \dots (2j+1)} x^{j+1}$$

In summary, for $x > 0$

$$y = C_1 \sqrt{x} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j!} x^j + C_2 x \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(-1)^j 2^j}{3 \cdot 5 \dots (2j+1)} \right] x^j$$

For $x < 0$ replace \sqrt{x} with $|x|^{1/2}$ and x with $|x|$.

4pts **Problem 3** Find the Frobenius solution near $x = 0$ for $x > 0$ up to terms of order x^2 for

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

Note, $\sin x \approx x - \frac{1}{6}x^3$ and $\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$ for $x \approx 0$.
Hence we have, up to 2nd order,

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

$$\text{Suppose } y = a_0 x^r + a_1 x^{r+1} + a_2 x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$y' = a_0 r x^{r-1} + a_1 (r+1) x^r + a_2 (r+2) x^{r+1}$$

$$y'' = a_0 r(r-1) x^{r-2} + a_1 r(r+1) x^{r-1} + a_2 (r+1)(r+2) x^r$$

Consequently,

$$a_0 r(r-1) x^r + a_1 r(r+1) x^{r+1} + a_2 (r+1)(r+2) x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$+ a_0 r x^r + a_1 (r+1) x^{r+1} + a_2 (r+2) x^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$- a_0 x^r - a_1 x^{r+1} - a_2 x^{r+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2} a_0 x^{r+2} + \dots = 0$$

Hence,

$$x^r: a_0 (r(r-1) + r - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{r = \pm 1}$$

$$x^{r+1}: a_1 r(r+1) + a_1 (r+1) - a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{a_1 = 0}$$

$$x^{r+2}: a_2 (r+1)(r+2) + a_2 (r+2) - a_2 + \frac{1}{2} a_0 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } r = -1 \text{ thus } a_2 [0 + (-1) - 1] + \frac{1}{2} a_0 = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow -2a_2 = -\frac{1}{2} a_0 \Rightarrow \underline{a_2 = \frac{1}{4} a_0}$$

Thus, $y_1 = a_0 \left(x^{-1} + \frac{1}{4} x + \dots \right)$ (the next nontrivial term is at $n=3$ since $a_3 = 0$)

Remark: $r_2 - r_1 = 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ means finding y_2 has some complications. I did not teach that aspect of Frobenius this semester so if you did at least as much as I showed here you earned full credit. See pg. 199 part B. for what to do to complete the solⁿ.

3pts **Problem 4**: (this is Problem 41 of section 8.6 of the 5-th Ed. of Nagle, Saff and Snider) Solve $x^3 y'' - x^2 y' - y = 0$ for $x \gg 0$ by making the substitution $z = 1/x$ and solving the resulting differential equation in z about the regular singular point $z = 0$. Find the first four nonzero terms in the series expansion about infinity.

$$\text{Let } z = \frac{1}{x} \text{ then } \frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{dx}{dz} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{z^2} \frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -z^2 \frac{dy}{dz} \quad *$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} = \frac{d}{dz} \left[\frac{-1}{z^2} \frac{dy}{dz} \right] = \frac{2}{z^3} \frac{dy}{dz} - \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{d}{dz} \left[\frac{dy}{dz} \right] = \frac{2}{z^3} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{z^4} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2}$$

$$\text{Note, } \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} = \frac{2}{z^3} \left(-z^2 \frac{dy}{dz} \right) + \frac{1}{z^4} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} = z^4 \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + 2z^3 \frac{dy}{dz} \quad **$$

Using $*$ & $**$ we obtain,

$$x^3 \left(z^4 \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + 2z^3 \frac{dy}{dz} \right) - x^2 \left(-z^2 \frac{dy}{dz} \right) - y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{dy}{dz} - y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dz} - y = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = a_0 z^r + a_1 z^{r+1} + a_2 z^{r+2} + \dots$$

$$y' = a_0 r z^{r-1} + a_1 (r+1) z^r + a_2 (r+2) z^{r+1} + \dots$$

$$y'' = a_0 r(r-1) z^{r-2} + a_1 r(r+1) z^{r-1} + a_2 (r+1)(r+2) z^r + \dots$$

Hence,

$$a_0 r(r-1) z^{r-1} + a_1 r(r+1) z^r + a_2 (r+1)(r+2) z^{r+1} + \dots$$

$$+ 3a_0 r z^{r-1} + 3a_1 (r+1) z^r + 3a_2 (r+2) z^{r+1} + \dots$$

$$- a_0 z^r - a_1 z^{r+1} - \dots = 0$$

We find,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} z^{r-1} \\ z^r \end{array} \right\} a_0 [r(r-1) + 3r] = 0 \Rightarrow r(r+2) = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} z^r \end{array} \right\} a_1 r(r+1) + 3a_1 (r+1) - a_0 = 0$$

$$(r+1)(r+3)a_1 = a_0 \hookrightarrow a_1 = \frac{a_0}{(r+1)(r+3)}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} z^{r+1} \end{array} \right\} a_2 (r+1)(r+2) + 3a_2 (r+2) - a_1 = 0$$

$$(r+2)(r+4)a_2 = a_1 \hookrightarrow a_2 = \frac{a_1}{(r+2)(r+4)}$$

PROBLEM 4 continued

We found,

$$a_1 = \frac{a_0}{(r+1)(r+3)} \quad \text{and} \quad a_2 = \frac{a_1}{(r+2)(r+4)}$$
$$\Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{a_0}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)(r+4)}$$

The indicial eqⁿ was found from coeff. *

of z^{r-1} : $r(r+2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow r = 0$ or $r = -2$

Context: $z = \frac{1}{x}$ and $y = a_0 z^r + a_1 z^{r+1} + \dots$

or $y = a_0 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^r + a_1 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{r+1} + \dots$ if $r = -2$ then

the solⁿ has form $y = \underbrace{a_0 x^2 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 + a_3/x + \dots}$

blow-up at ∞ and
the ~~is~~ ~~not~~ force coupling
of a_0, a_1 to a_j for $j \geq 2$.

The solⁿ at ∞ must stem from $r = 0$.

$$a_1 = \frac{a_0}{3}, \quad a_2 = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = \frac{a_0}{24}$$

Thus

$$y = a_0 \left(1 + \frac{1}{3x} + \frac{1}{24x^2} + \frac{1}{360x^3} + \dots \right)$$

I leave the 4th term to the reader 😊.

However, the pattern is clear

$$a_3 = \frac{a_2}{(r+3)(r+5)} = \frac{a_0}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)^2(r+4)(r+5)} = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 9 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}$$

$$r = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a_0}{360}$$

(this is the answer in Nagle, Saff & Snider)

these should be a welcome relief from the trouble of Frobenius

in any event,

2pts Problem 5 Suppose $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$. Calculate A^2 .

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+8+21 & 2+10+24 & 3+12+27 \\ 4+20+42 & 8+25+48 & 12+30+45 \\ 7+32+63 & 14+40+72 & 21+48+81 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 36 & 42 \\ 66 & 81 & 96 \\ 102 & 126 & 150 \end{bmatrix}$$

2pts Problem 6 Let A be as in the previous problem. Suppose $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a.) calculate Av_1 $Av_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 14 \\ 23 \end{bmatrix}$

(b.) calculate Av_2

$$Av_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 14 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c.) calculate $A[v_1|v_2]$ (here $[v_1|v_2]$ is the 3×2 matrix made from gluing (aka concatenating) the column vectors v_1 and v_2)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 14 & 14 \\ 23 & 20 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2}$$

(d.) Does $A[v_1|v_2] = [Av_1|Av_2]$?

YES!

Problem 7 (2pts) A square matrix X is invertible iff there exists Y such that $XY = YX = I$ where I is the identity matrix. Moreover, linear algebra reveals that X is invertible iff $\det(X) \neq 0$. For a 2×2 matrix $X = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ we define $\det(X) = ad - bc$. Suppose X is invertible and show $X^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$. This formula is worth memorizing for future use in two-dimensional problems. Please understand, all I'm asking here is for you to multiply X and my proposed formula for X^{-1} to obtain $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} ad-bc & db-bd \\ \hline -ca+ac & -bc+ad \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus $X^{-1}X = I$, I was also happy if you showed $XX^{-1} = I$.

Problem 8 (2pts) Differentiation of matrices of functions is not hard. Let $X(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t & t \\ 1/t & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$.

Calculate:

(a.) calculate $\frac{dX}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t & t \\ 1/t & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 2e^t & 1 \\ \hline -1/t^2 & -e^{-t} \end{array} \right]$.

$\det(X(t)) = 1$.
So $X^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & -t \\ -1/t & 2e^t \end{bmatrix}$

(b.) calculate $\frac{dX^{-1}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & -t \\ -1/t & 2e^t \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} -e^{-t} & -1 \\ \hline 1/t^2 & 2e^t \end{array} \right]$.

(c.) simplify $\frac{dX}{dt} X^{-1} + X \frac{dX^{-1}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (X X^{-1}) = \frac{d}{dt} (I) = 0$. - (easy way) -

- (hard way) -

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dX}{dt} X^{-1} + X \frac{dX^{-1}}{dt} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t & 1 \\ -1/t^2 & -e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & -t \\ -1/t & 2e^t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t & t \\ 1/t & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} & -1 \\ 1/t^2 & 2e^t \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 1/t & -2te^t + 2e^t \\ -\frac{e^{-t}}{t^2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{t} & \frac{1}{t} - 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 + 1/t & -2e^t + 2te^t \\ -\frac{e^{-t}}{t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{t^2} & -\frac{1}{t} + 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(d.) explain the previous part by differentiating $X(t)X^{-1}(t) = I$. Note: the product rule for matrix products is simply $\frac{d}{dt}(AB) = \frac{dA}{dt}B + A\frac{dB}{dt}$.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\underbrace{X X^{-1}}_I \right) = \frac{dX}{dt} X^{-1} + X \frac{dX^{-1}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (I) = 0.$$

Problem 9 (2pts) Reformulate the system of differential equations $y'' + z = 0$ and $z'' - y = 0$ as a system of four first order linear differential equations via the substitution $y = x_1, y' = x_2, z = x_3$ and $z' = x_4$. Write the system of first order differential equations in matrix form.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y'' = -z &\Rightarrow x_1'' = -x_3 \\
 z'' = y &\Rightarrow x_3'' = x_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1' &= y' = x_2 \\
 x_2' &= y'' = -z = -x_3 \\
 x_3' &= z' = x_4 \\
 x_4' &= z'' = y = x_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can solve this via various methods.
(this was not req^d here, but,

$$y'' = -z \quad \text{and} \quad z'' = y$$

$$\Rightarrow z'''' = -z$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^4 + 1)[z] = 0$$

$$(D^2 - i)(D^2 + i)[z] = 0$$

$$(D - \sqrt{i})(D + \sqrt{i})(D - \sqrt{-i})(D + \sqrt{-i})[z] = 0$$

Anyway... by some nontrivial algebra \rightarrow

$$\lambda^4 + 1 = (\lambda^2 + \sqrt{2}\lambda + 1)(\lambda^2 - \sqrt{2}\lambda + 1)$$

$$= \left[\left(\lambda + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \left[\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{z(t) = A_1 \exp(-t/\sqrt{2}) \sin(t/\sqrt{2} + \phi_1) + A_2 \exp(t/\sqrt{2}) \sin(t/\sqrt{2} + \phi_2)}$$

then $y = z''$, but, I spare us the details.