

Solutions of  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x) = 0$  near the regular singular point  $x=0$  -- (1)

### METHOD OF FROBENIUS

We seek a solution of the form

$$y = x^m (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots) \quad \text{Frobenius Series} \quad (2)$$

$m \rightarrow$  may be -ve integer, a fraction or irrational real no.  $a_0 \neq 0$  &  $m$  is a number we need to find

Why we seek the solution of the form of Frob. series?

□ Consider the Euler's Equation

$$x^2 y'' + b x y' + q y = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 y'' + \frac{b}{x} y') + \frac{q}{x^2} y = 0 \quad (4)$$

$\Rightarrow P(x) = \frac{b}{x}$  &  $Q(x) = \frac{q}{x^2}$  Thus  $x=0$  is a regular singular point whenever const.  $b \neq 2$  are not both zero.

Change the independent variable from  $x$  to  $z = \ln x$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\& y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{dy}{dz} \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dz} \right) \frac{dz}{dx}$$

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

Substituting  $y'$  &  $y''$  in (4) we get

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (b-1) \frac{dy}{dx} + qy = 0 \quad \dots \dots (5)$$

A D.E. with constt. coefficients  
has two linearly independent solutions

$$\Rightarrow A.E. \text{ is } m^2 + (b-1)m + q = 0 \quad (\text{CONT'D})$$

If roots are  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  then (5) has

the following independent solutions

$$x^{m_1} \text{ & } x^{m_2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } m_1 \neq m_2 \\ \text{and } e^{m_1 x} \neq e^{m_2 x} \end{array} \right\} \quad (m_1 \neq m_2)$$

$$x^{m_1} \text{ & } x^{m_1} \ln x \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } m_1 = m_2 \\ \text{and } e^{m_1 x} = e^{m_1 x} \end{array} \right\} \quad (m_1 = m_2)$$

But  $x^z = x$  then the corresponding

solutions for eqn (3) will be

$$x^{m_1} \text{ & } x^{m_2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } m_1 \neq m_2 \\ \text{and } e^{m_1 x} \neq e^{m_2 x} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$x^{m_1} \text{ & } x^{m_1} \ln x \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } m_1 = m_2 \\ \text{and } e^{m_1 x} = e^{m_1 x} \end{array} \right\}$$

— Equation (3) in most general form will be

$$y'' + \left( \frac{p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + \dots}{x} \right) y' + \left( \frac{q_0 + q_1 x + q_2 x^2 + \dots}{x^2} \right) y = 0$$

(the most general D.E. with a regular singular pt. at  $x=0$ )

Now since we can go from (3) to (8) by replacing constt. by power series it is natural to guess that the solutions from (7) to the solutions of (8) can be obtained by replacing  $x^m$  by ~~by~~ <sup>in</sup> Frob. series (2)  
 $\therefore$  (8) will have independent solutions as  $e^{m_1 x}$  (2)  
 and  $y = x^{m_1} \ln x (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots)$   $x > 0$

Why  $a_0 \neq 0$ ?

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Example

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

$$\Rightarrow y'' + \frac{(12+x)}{x} y' + \frac{-12}{x^2} y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow xP(x) = \frac{1}{2} + x \quad \& \quad x^2Q(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow x=0$  is a regular singular pt.

$\Rightarrow$  we seek a solution of the form of Frobenius series

$$y = x^m(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots)$$

$$y = a_0x^m + a_1x^{m+1} + a_2x^{m+2} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = a_0m x^{m-1} + a_1(m+1)x^m + a_2(m+2)x^{m+1} + \dots$$

$$\& y'' = a_0m(m-1)x^{m-2} + a_1(m+1)m x^{m-1} + a_2(m+2)(m+1)x^m$$

Now substitute these in (a) & the method is similar except we also need to find the value of  $m$ .

After ~~cancel~~ the common factor  $x^{m-2}$  is canceled we get

$$a_0m(m-1) + a_1(m+1)m x + a_2(m+2)(m+1)x^2 + \dots$$

$$+ \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2} + x\right) \left[ a_0m + a_1(m+1)x + a_2(m+2)x^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 \left[ m(m-1) + \frac{1}{2}m - \frac{1}{2} (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots) \right] = 0$$

$$a_1 \left[ (m+1)m + \frac{1}{2}(m+1) - \frac{1}{2} \right] + a_0m = 0 \quad \dots \quad (b)$$

$$a_2 \left[ (m+2)(m+1) + \frac{1}{2}(m+2) - \frac{1}{2} \right] + a_1(m+1) = 0$$

$$a_0 \neq 0$$

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

--- (11)

indicial eqn

roots are  $m_1 = 1$  &  $m_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$

For  $m_1 = 1$  we get 2 multiples of  $x^m$  in eqn

$$a_1 = -\frac{a_0}{(2 \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{2})} = -\frac{2}{5} a_0$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{2a_1}{(3 \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 - \frac{1}{2})} = -\frac{2}{7} a_1 = -\frac{4}{35} a_0$$

2. for  $m_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$  we get

$$a_1 = \frac{1/2 a_0}{\frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{a_0}{a_0}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1/2 a_1}{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{2} a_1 = \frac{1}{2} a_0$$

$\Rightarrow$  we get two Frobenius series solving  
in each case we have put  $a_0 = 1$

$$y_1 = x \left( 1 - \frac{2}{5}x + \frac{4}{35}x^2 + \dots \right) \quad \dots (12)$$

$$y_2 = x^{1/2} \left( 1 - x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots \right) \quad \dots (13)$$

Both  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  are s.s. for  $x > 0$  (Verify!)

So a general soln. is

$$y = c_1 x \left( 1 - \frac{2}{5}x^5 + \frac{4}{35}x^{10} + \dots \right)$$
$$+ c_2 x^{-1/2} \left( 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots \right)$$

In more general case the indicial eqn will be  $m(m-1) + m\beta_0 + \gamma_0 = 0$  (1\*)

The more general result is given below.

### THEOREM

Assume that  $x=0$  is a regular singular pt. of the D.E.  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$  and the power series ~~solutions~~ expansions

$$xP(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n x^n \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 Q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n x^n$$

are valid on an interval  $0 < x < R$ ,  $R > 0$ .

Let the indicial eqn

$m(m-1) + m\beta_0 + \gamma_0 = 0$  have real roots  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  with  $m_2 \leq m_1$ . Then the eqn (15) has at least one soln.

$y_1 = x^{m_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  ( $a_0 \neq 0$ ) on the interval  $0 < x < R$ , where the  $a_n$  are determined in terms of  $a_0$  by the recursion formula

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n} [ (m+n)(m+n-1) + (m+n)\beta_0 + \gamma_0 ] + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_k [ (m+k)\beta_{n-k} + \gamma_{n-k} ]$$

with  $m$  is replaced by  $m_1$  and the  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}$  series  $= 0$  (16)

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges for  $|x| < R$ .

Further if  $m_1 - m_2 \neq 0$  or a +ve integer  
then eqn (15) has a 2nd secong independent  
soln.

$$y_2 = x^{m_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad (a_0 \neq 0)$$

on the same interval, where in this case  
the  $a_n$  are determined by formula (16)  
with  $m$  replaced by  $m_2$  and again the  
series  $\sum a_n x^n$  conv. for  $|x| < R$ .

**Remark** How to find second soln. when  
 $m_1 - m_2 = 0$  or a +ve integer.

**CASE A** If  $m_1 = m_2$  there can not exist a second  
Frobenius series soln.

When  $m_1 - m_2 (> 0) \in \mathbb{Z}$

Put  $m = m_2$  in (16) and write it as

$$a_n f(m_2 + n) = -a_0 (m_2 b_1 + q_0) - \dots - a_{n-1} [(m_2 + n - 1) b_1 + q_1]$$

where  $f(m) = m(m-1) + m b_1 + q_0$

Since  $f(m_2 + n) = 0$  for certain +ve integer  $n$   
there is a difficulty in calculating  $a_n$ .

**CASE B** If ~~part~~ of R.H.S. of eqn (17) is  $\neq 0$

when  $f(m_2 + n) = 0$  then there is no way  
of continuing the coeff.  $\Rightarrow$  ~~not~~ exist a second  
Frobenius series soln.

CASE C If R.H.S. of eqn (17) is = 0 when

$f(m_2 + n) = 0$ , then  $a_n$  can be assigned any value.

In particular, we can put  $a_n = 0$  and continue.  $\Rightarrow$  In this case there does exist a second Frobenius series soln. (3)

Question: What form second soln. takes when

$$m_1 - m_2 = 0 \text{ or } (0) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

□ Define a new integer  $K$  by  $K = m_1 - m_2 + 1$ . Then indicial eqn (4) can be written as

$$(m - m_1)(m - m_2) = m^2 - (m_1 + m_2)m + m_1 m_2 = \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow k_0 - 1 = -(m_1 + m_2)$$

$$\text{or } m_2 = 1 - k_0 - m_1 \quad 2 \Rightarrow K = 2m_1 + k_0$$

now we can find second soln.  $y_2$

from the known soln.  $y_1$  by writing

$$y_2 = x^{m_1} (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots)$$

$$y_2 = \vartheta y_1, \text{ where } \vartheta = \frac{1}{y_1} \int e^{-\int (p_0(x) + p_1 x + \dots) dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^{2m_1} (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots)} e^{-\int ((p_0(x) + p_1 x + \dots) dx)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^{2m_1} (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots)} e^{(-p_0 \ln x - p_1 x - \dots)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^K (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots)} e^{-(b_1 x - \dots)} = \frac{1}{x^K g(x)} \quad (\text{say})$$

$y_1(x)$  is analytic at  $x=0$

with  $y_1(0) = \frac{1}{a_0^2}$  so in some

interval about the pt.  $x=0$ , we have

$$y_1(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots, b_0 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1' = b_0 \bar{x}^{k+1} + b_1 \bar{x}^{k+1} + \dots + b_{k-1} \bar{x}^1 + b_k + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{b_0 \bar{x}^{k+1}}{-k+1} + \frac{b_1 \bar{x}^{k+2}}{-k+2} + \dots + \frac{b_{k-1} \bar{x}^k}{-k+1} + b_k x + \dots$$

$$y_2 = y_1, y_2 = y_1 \left( \frac{b_0 \bar{x}^{k+1}}{-k+1} + \dots + b_{k-1} \bar{x}^k \right)$$

$$= b_{k-1} y_1 \ln x + x^{m_1} (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots) \left( \frac{b_0 \bar{x}^{k+1}}{-k+1} + \dots \right)$$

now factor  $\bar{x}^{k+1}$  & multiplying the 2 power series we get

$$y_2 = b_{k-1} y_1 \ln x + x^{m_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n - (18)$$

$\Rightarrow$  our second soln.

The general form of the second soln. is

$$y_2 = y_1 \ln x + x^{m_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n - (19)$$

Example

Gauss's Hypergeometric eqn

$$x(1-x)y'' + [c - (a+b+1)x]y' - aby = 0$$

$\frac{a}{c}$   
 $\frac{b}{c}$   
 $\frac{c}{c}$ } constt.

(1) true

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = \frac{c - (a+b+1)x}{x(1-x)} + Q(x) = -\frac{ab}{x(1-x)}$$

$\Rightarrow x=0$  &  $x=1$  are the only singular pt. on the  $x$ -axis.

$$\text{Now } xcP(x) = c + [c - (a+b+1)]x + \dots$$

$$\text{& } xc^2 Q(x) = -\frac{abx}{(1-x)(1-x+1)\dots} = -abx(1+x+x^2+\dots)$$

$$= -abx - abx^2 - \dots$$

$\Rightarrow x=0$  (and similarly  $x=1$ ) is a regular singular pt. (R.S.P.)

$$\Rightarrow p_0 = c \text{ & } q_0 = 0 \text{ by } (x, a, b, c) \neq$$

so Indicial eqn is

$$m(m-1) + mc = 0 \text{ or } m[m - (1-c)] = 0$$

$\Rightarrow m_1 = 0$  &  $m_2 = 1-c$   
 if  $1-c$  is not an integer i.e. if  
 $c \neq 0$  or a -ve integer then we will have  
 a soln. of the form (Why?)

$$y = x^0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$$

$\Rightarrow$  After substitution,

we get

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{(a+n)(b+n)}{(n+1)(c+n)} a_n \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Put  $a_0 = 1$  & find  $a_n$

$$a_1 = \frac{ab}{1 \cdot c} \quad a_2 = \frac{a(a+1)b(b+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot c(1+c)} \quad (3) \leftarrow$$

$$a_3 = \frac{a(a+1)(a+2)b(b+1)(b+2)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot c(c+1)(c+2)}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$y = 1 + \frac{ab}{1 \cdot c} x + \frac{a(a+1)b(b+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot c \cdot (c+1)} x^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(a+1) \dots (a+n-1)b(b+1) \dots (b+n-1)}{n! c(c+1) \dots (c+n-1)} x^n \quad (4)$$

This is called Hypergeometric series

$F(a, b, c, x)$  denoted by

- If we put  $a = 1$  &  $c = b$  we get

$$F(1, b, b, x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

(geometric series)

- If  $a$  or  $b = n$  or  $n -$  re-integer the series  
(ii) breaks off and is a polynomial otherwise  
ratio test shows that it converges for  $|x| < 1$   
Since (3) gives

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1} x^n}{a_n x^n} \right| = \left| \frac{(a+n)(b+n)}{(n+1)(c+n)} \right| |x| \rightarrow |x| \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $c \neq 0$  or  $\neq -\text{re-integer}$   $F(a, b, c, x)$  is analytic  
on  $|x| < 1$ .

Note  $F(a, b, c, x) = F(b, a, c, x)$   
 - if  $1-c \neq 0$  or  $\neq -n$  integer  $\Rightarrow c \neq$  integer  
 then  $\exists$  a second independent soln. of  
 (1) near  $x=0$  with exponent  $m_2 = 1-c$   
 $\Rightarrow y = x^{1-c} (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  put & solve in (1)

More instructive manner would be

put  $y = x^{1-c} z$  & (1) becomes

$$x(-\infty) z'' + [(2-c) - (a-c+1) + (b-c+1)] z' - (a-c+1)(b-c+1) z = 0$$

which is hypergeometric eqn (5)

constt.  $a, b, c$  replaced by  $a-c+1, b-c+1$   
 we know what soln &  $2-c$

: (5) has soln.  $\emptyset$ .

we get  $z = F(a-c+1, b-c+1, 2-c, x)$

$$\Rightarrow y = x^{1-c} F(a-c+1, b-c+1, 2-c, x)$$

$\Rightarrow$  when  $c$  is not an integer we have

$$y = c_1 F(a, b, c, x) + c_2 x^{1-c} F(a-c+1, b-c+1, 2-c, x)$$

as a general soln of the hypergeometric eqn near the singular pt.  $x=0$ . 

Solve the eqn (1) near the pt.  $x=1$

by introducing  $t = 1-x$   $\emptyset$

$$\Rightarrow -t(1-t) y'' + [c(a+b-c+1) - (a+b+c)t] y'$$

we get  $y = c_1 F(a, b, a+b-c+1, 1-x) + c_2 (1-x)^{c-a-b} F(c-b, c-a, c-a-b+1, 1-x)$   $-aby \approx$