

## Solutions #W8

Problem 1: let  $y = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m$

$$y' = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m m x^{m-1}, \quad y'' = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m m(m-1) x^{m-2}$$

Substituting the series in the ODE, we get

$$2a_2 + 6a_3x - (a_1 + 2a_2x) + \sum_{m=4}^{\infty} ((m-1)ma_m - (m-1)a_{m-1} + a_{m-4})x^{m-2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a_2 - a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{a_1}{2}$$

$$6a_3 - 2a_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{a_2}{3} = \frac{a_1}{3!}$$

when  $m=4$

$$12a_4 - 3a_3 + a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_4 = \frac{3a_3 - a_0}{12} = \frac{a_1}{4!} - \frac{a_0}{12}$$

when  $m=5$

$$20a_5 - 4a_4 + a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_5 = -\frac{a_0}{12} - \frac{a_1}{20}$$

The general solution is then

$$y = a_0 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{12} x^4 - \frac{1}{60} x^5 \dots \right) + a_1 \left( x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{1}{4!} x^4 - \frac{1}{5!} x^5 \dots \right)$$

Problem 2: let  $u = \frac{x}{a}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{du} \left( \frac{dy}{du} \frac{1}{a} \right) \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} \frac{1}{a^2}$$

Substituting into the differential equation, we get

$$(a^2 - a^2 u^2) \frac{d^2y}{du^2} \frac{1}{a^2} - 2(au) \frac{dy}{du} \frac{1}{a} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$(1 - u^2) \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - 2u \frac{dy}{du} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

whose general solution is

$$y(u) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$$

$$y(x) = c_1 y_1\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c_2 y_2\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$$

Problem 3 :

If  $z = \sqrt{x}$ , then

$$z' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$$

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dz} z' = \frac{dy}{dz} \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( x^{-2} \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - x^{-3} \frac{dy}{dz} \right)$$

With these, we can rewrite the ODE as

$$\frac{z^2}{4} \left( z^{-2} \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - z^{-3} \frac{dy}{dz} \right) + \frac{1}{2} z^{-1} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{4} y = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{1}{4} z^{-1} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{2} z^{-1} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{4} y = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{4} z^{-1} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{4} y = 0$$

Multiplying by  $4z^2$ , we get

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

which is a Bessel's equation. It's general solution needs Bessel's functions of second kind.

General solution is

$$y = c_1 J_0(z) + c_2 Y_0(z)$$

$$y = c_1 J_0(\sqrt{x}) + c_2 Y_0(\sqrt{x})$$

Problem 4 : If  $z = \sqrt{x}$  then  $z' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2} z^{-1}$

$$y = u\sqrt{x} = uz$$

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx} = \left( \frac{du}{dz} z + u \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} z^{-1} \right)$$

$$y'' = \frac{dy'}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} z^{-1} \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{4} z^{-2} \frac{du}{dz} - \frac{1}{4} z^{-3} u$$

So we can rewrite the ODE as

$$z^4 \left( \frac{1}{4} z^{-1} \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{4} z^{-2} \frac{du}{dz} - \frac{1}{4} z^{-3} u \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( z^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right) u z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} z^3 \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{4} z^2 \frac{du}{dz} + \frac{1}{4} z^3 u - \frac{1}{16} u z = 0$$

Multiplying the whole equation by  $4z^{-1}$ , we get

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + z \frac{du}{dz} + z^2 u - \frac{1}{4} u = 0$$

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + z \frac{du}{dz} + \left( z^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) u = 0$$

That is Bessel's equation.

It's general solution is

$$u = c_1 J_{1/2}(z) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(z) = c_1 J_{1/2}(\sqrt{x}) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(\sqrt{x})$$

$$y = uz = \left( c_1 J_{1/2}(\sqrt{x}) + c_2 J_{-1/2}(\sqrt{x}) \right) \sqrt{x}$$

Problem 5 :

This is Bessel's equation. It's general solution is  $y = c_1 J_4(x) + c_2 Y_4(x)$ .