Exercise Sheet

Series Solutions For Linear DEs



"All the world's a differential equation, and the men and women are merely variables."

-Ben Orlin



[1] Find the series solution of the DE: $(x^2 + 4)y'' + 6xy' + y = 0$, in powers of x. [Final Fall 2015]

[2] Find two linearly independent series solutions in power of x for the following differential equation: $(x-x^2)y'' + (1-5x)y' - 4y = 0$ [Final Summer 2015]

[3] Find and classify all the singularities of the following differential equation, hence, find its general solution in powers of x:

i.
$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 6y = 0$$
 [Midterm 2016] [Midterm 2018]

ii.
$$(1-x^2)y''-2xy'+12y=0$$
 [Midterm 2018] [Midterm Spring 2021]

[4] Find the general solution in powers of x for:

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

ii.
$$(3-x^2)y''-xy'+16y=0$$
 [Midterm 2017]

iii.
$$(2-x^2)y''-xy'+25y=0$$
 [Midterm 2017]

iv.
$$xy'' + y' + xy = 0$$
 [Midterm Spring 2017]

v.
$$y'' + 4y = 0$$
 [Midterm Spring 2017]