

1. Solve the differential equation by using Frobenius method  
 $x^4 y''(x) + 2x^2(1+x)y'(x) + y(x) = 0$  at  $x = \infty$ .

→ Set  $x = 1/t \rightarrow$  transform the given eq<sup>n</sup> → Solve the transformed eq<sup>n</sup> around zero ( $t \neq 0$ ) → replace  $t$  by  $1/x$  in the final solution → Also known as Solution in descending power of  $x$ .

2. Solve the following DE:  $x^4 y''(x) + 2x^3 y'(x) - y(x) = 0$  in descending powers of  $x$ .

$$y(x) = A \cosh(1/x) + B \sinh(1/x)$$

3. Solve the following D.E. by the Frobenius method  
 $xy''(x) - (1-2x)y'(x) - (1-x)y(x) = 0$

and show that  $x=0$  is an apparent singularity of the DE.  
 $y(x) = (A+Bx^2)e^x$

4. Solve the following D.E.s by the Frobenius method:

a)  $2xy''(x) + (4x+1)y'(x) + (2x+1)y(x) = 0$

$$y(x) = e^{-x}(A+Bx^{1/2})$$

b)  $xy''(x) + (1+2x)y'(x) + (1+x)y(x) = 0$

$$y(x) = e^x [A + B \ln x]$$

c)  $x^2(x^2-1)y''(x) - (x^2+3)xy'(x) + (x^2+3)y(x) = 0$

$$y(x) = Ax + B \left[ x \ln x + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{4x^3} \right]$$

d)  $x(1+x)y''(x) - (1-3x)y'(x) + y(x) = 0$

$$\begin{cases} y_1(x) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot x^2 - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot x^3 + 3 \cdot 4 \cdot x^4 - \dots \\ y_2(x) = y_1 \ln x - \left[ 1+x - \left(1+\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{2}\right) 1 \cdot 2 \cdot x^2 + \left(1+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{3}\right) 2 \cdot 3 \cdot x^3 \right. \\ \left. - \left(1+\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{4}\right) 3 \cdot 4 \cdot x^4 + \dots \right] \end{cases}$$



5) Consider a differential equation

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \left\{ (1+l)x - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right\} y = 0$$

where  $m$  &  $l$  are constants. Show that  $y = (1-x^2)^{m/2} u$  transforms the above equation to

$$(1-x^2)u'' - 2(m+1)xu' + [l(1+l) - m(m+1)]u = 0$$

→ Long straight forward calculation. Must do!

6) Consider a rectangular plate of length  $a$  and width  $b$ . Its edges at  $x=0$  and  $x=a$  are insulated. The edge at  $y=b$  is kept at zero temperature, and the edge  $y=0$  has a temperature distribution given by  $T = \frac{10}{a}(a-x)$ . Determine the steady state temperature distribution within the plate.

→ Temperature  $T(x, y, t)$  follows  $\nabla^2 T = K \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$ . In  $d=2$ , and steady state  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0$ ,  $\therefore \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0$ . Apply separation of variables technique with B.C.s mentioned. Complete

solution is 
$$T(x, y) = \frac{5}{b}(b-y) + \frac{40}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{a}(b-y)}{(2n-1)^2 \sinh \frac{(2n-1)\pi b}{a}}$$