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Question: Consider the second-order linear differential equation

$$x^{2} \frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0, \ x \ge 1$$

with the initial conditions

$$y(x = 1) = 6$$
, $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{x=1} = 2$.

Then the value of y at x = 2 is _____. GATE ME 2023

Solution:

Symbol	Value	Description
y(x)	?	Function
y(1)	6	-
y'(1)	2	-

TABLE 0 GIVEN INFORMATION

Consider the Mellin transform as the combined operation of substituting x by e^{-x} and subsequently taking the laplace transform:

$$y(x) \stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{s-1} y(x) dx$$
 (1)

Let $Y(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{s-1}y(x)dx$ Properties of the Mellin transform include

$$y'(x) \stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} -(s-1)Y(s-1)$$
 (2)

$$xy'(x) \stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} -sY(s)$$
 (3)

$$(x\frac{d}{dx})^n y \stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} (-s)^n Y(s)$$
 (4)

If the initial conditions are zero. To modify this, consider the definition of Mellin transform.

$$(x\frac{dy}{dx}) \stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{s-1} (x\frac{dy}{dx}) dx, \quad x \ge 1$$
 (5)

$$\stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} \int_{1}^{\infty} x^{s} (\frac{dy}{dx}) dx \tag{6}$$

Integrating by parts,

$$(x\frac{dy}{dx}) \stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} [x^s \int \frac{dy}{dx} dx]\Big|_1^{\infty} - \int_1^{\infty} sx^{s-1} y(x) dx$$
 (7)

$$\stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} x^s y(x) \Big|_1^{\infty} - sY(s) \tag{8}$$

$$\stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} \lim_{x \to \infty} (x^s y(x)) - y(1) - sY(s) \tag{9}$$

Subject to $\lim_{x\to\infty} (x^s y(x)) = 0$ from (23),

$$(x\frac{dy}{dx}) \stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} -y(1) - sY(s)$$
 (10)

Similarly,

$$(x\frac{d}{dx})^2 y \stackrel{\mathcal{M}}{\longleftrightarrow} s^2 Y(s) + sy(1) - y'(1)$$
 (11)

The given differential equation can be written as:

$$x\frac{d}{dx}(x\frac{dy}{dx}) = y, \quad x \ge 1$$
 (12)

$$\implies (x\frac{d}{dx})^2 y = y \tag{13}$$

Taking Mellin transform on both sides, and from (25)

$$s^2Y(s) + sy(1) - y'(1) = Y(s), \quad s < -1$$
 (14)

From Table 0

$$Y(s) = s^2 Y(s) + 6s - 2$$
 (15)

$$\implies Y(s) = \frac{6s - 2}{1 - s^2} \tag{16}$$

$$= -\frac{4}{s+1} - \frac{2}{s-1} \tag{17}$$

Property of Laplace Transform

$$e^{at} \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{1}{s-a}, \quad \Re s > a$$
 (18)

Taking inverse Mellin transform is equivalent to taking an inverse laplace transform and substituting x by $-\ln x$.

$$-\frac{4}{s+1} - \frac{2}{s-1} \stackrel{\mathcal{L}'}{\longleftrightarrow} -4e^{-x} - 2e^x \tag{19}$$

$$\implies L^{-1}\{Y(s)\} = -4e^{-x} - 2e^x \tag{20}$$

Substituting x by $-\ln x$

$$y(x) = -4x - \frac{2}{x} \tag{21}$$

To find ROC of s, substituting y(x) in the limit

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} x^{s} \left(-4x - \frac{2}{x} \right) = 0$$

$$\implies \lim_{x \to \infty} \left(4x^{s+1} + 2x^{s-1} \right) = 0$$
(22)

$$\implies \lim_{x \to \infty} \left(4x^{s+1} + 2x^{s-1} \right) = 0 \tag{23}$$

$$\Longrightarrow \Re s + 1 < 0, \Re s - 1 < 0 \tag{24}$$

$$\Longrightarrow \Re s < -1 \tag{25}$$

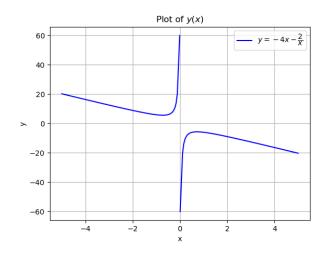


Fig. 0. Plot of y(x) v/s x