

Q1) (a) solve the first order ODE

$$y' = \frac{1}{x-a} y + 1 - \frac{x-a}{x},$$

where a is a constant.

(b) What is the solution in part (a) when $a=1$ and $y(\frac{1}{2})=0$? Give the largest possible interval of the solution.

(c) What is the solution in part (a) when $a=3$ and $y(-4)=0$? Give the largest possible interval of the solution.

Solution (a)

$$y' = \frac{1}{x-a} y + 1 - \frac{x-a}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' - \underbrace{\frac{1}{x-a}}_{P(x)} y = 1 - \frac{x-a}{x} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{a linear equation} \\ \Rightarrow \text{integrating} \\ \text{factor method} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Integrating factor} = \exp\left(\int P(x) dx\right)$$

\leftarrow ignore constants of integration and absolute values

(Note $\exp(x) = e^x$)

$$= \exp\left(\int \left(-\frac{1}{x-a}\right) dx\right)$$

$$= \exp(-\log(x-a))$$

$$= \exp(\log((x-a)^{-1})) = (x-a)^{-1} = \frac{1}{x-a}$$

Recall $y' - \frac{1}{x-a} y = 1 - \frac{x-a}{x}$

multiply
 \Rightarrow
 both
 sides
 by $\frac{1}{x-a}$

$$\frac{1}{x-a} y' - \frac{1}{(x-a)^2} y = \frac{1}{x-a} - \frac{1}{x}$$

product
 \Rightarrow
 rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x-a} y \right) = \frac{1}{x-a} - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x-a} y = \int \left(\frac{1}{x-a} - \frac{1}{x} \right) dx + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x-a} y = \log|x-a| - \log|x| + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (x-a) \log|x-a| - (x-a) \log|x| + c(x-a).$$

Check this works :

$$y = (x-a) \log|x-a| - (x-a) \log|x| + c(x-a) \text{ is a solution}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y'(x) = \frac{1}{x-a} y + 1 - \frac{x-a}{x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1)(\log|x-a|) + (x-a) \left(\frac{1}{x-a} \right) - (1)(\log|x|) - \frac{x-a}{x} + c(1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x-a} \left((x-a) \log|x-a| - (x-a) \log|x| + c(x-a) \right) + 1 - \frac{x-a}{x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log|x-a| + 1 - \log|x| - \frac{x-a}{x} + c$$

$$= \log|x-a| - \log|x| + c + 1 - \frac{x-a}{x} \quad \underline{\underline{OK}}$$

$$(b) \quad a=1 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{x-1} y + 1 - \frac{x-1}{x}$$

$$\text{Also } y = (x-1) \log|x-1| - (x-1) \log|x| + C(x-1).$$

$$y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \log\left|-\frac{1}{2}\right| - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \log\left|-\frac{1}{2}\right| + C\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0$$

Thus we have

$$(c) \quad y' = \frac{1}{x-1} y + 1 - \frac{x-1}{x}$$

RHS must be well defined in the interval of solution
 $\Rightarrow x \neq 0$ and $x \neq 1$

$$(c) \quad y = (x-1) \log|x-1| - (x-1) \log|x|, \quad y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

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 interval of solution must contain $x = \frac{1}{2}$

The largest possible interval of the solution is

$$0 < x < 1.$$

$$(c) \quad \underline{a=-3} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{x-(-3)} y + 1 - \frac{x-(-3)}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{x+3} y + 1 - \frac{x+3}{x}.$$

$$\text{Also } y = (x-(-3)) \log|x-(-3)| - (x-(-3)) \log|x| + C(x-(-3))$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (x+3) \log|x+3| - (x+3) \log|x| + C(x+3)$$

$$y(-4) = 0 \Rightarrow (-1) \log|-1| - (-1) \log|-4| + C(-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{-\log(1)}_{=0} + \log(4) - C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \log(4)$$

Thus we have

$$y' = \frac{1}{x+3} y + 1 - \frac{x+3}{x}$$

RHS must be well-defined

in the interval of solution
 $\Rightarrow x \neq -3$ and $x \neq 0$

$$y = (x+3) \log|x+3| - (x+3) \log|x| + \log(4)(x+3), \quad y(-4) = 0$$

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interval of
solution must
contain $x = -4$

Thus the largest possible interval of solution
is $-\infty < x < -3$.

Q2) Find the general solution of

$$y'' + 2y' + 3y = 2 \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - e^{-x} + x^2, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

Solution: First find the general solution of

$$y'' + 2y' + 3y = 0.$$

$y = e^{rx}$ is a solution of this

$$\Leftrightarrow y''(x) + 2y'(x) + 3y(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (r^2 e^{rx}) + 2(re^{rx}) + 3(e^{rx}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r^2 + 2r + 3 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{characteristic equation}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r = r_1 \quad \text{or} \quad r = r_2, \quad \text{where}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{(2)^2 - (4)(1)(3)}}{2}$$

$$\text{and } r_2 = \frac{-2 - \sqrt{(2)^2 - (4)(1)(3)}}{2}$$

$$= -1 + \sqrt{2}i$$

$$= -1 - \sqrt{2}i$$

Thus $y_1(x) = e^{r_1 x} = e^{(-1+\sqrt{2}i)x}$ and $y_2(x) = e^{r_2 x} = e^{(-1-\sqrt{2}i)x}$

are two complex valued solutions of $y'' + 2y' + 3y = 0$.

Moreover they are linearly independent since they are not constant multiples of each other. The general complex solution is therefore

$C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$, where C_1 and C_2 are any complex numbers. Note,

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) &= C_1 e^{(-1+\sqrt{2}i)x} + C_2 e^{(-1-\sqrt{2}i)x} \\ &= C_1 e^{-x} e^{\sqrt{2}ix} + C_2 e^{-x} e^{-\sqrt{2}ix} \end{aligned}$$

Eulers
= formula

$$C_1 e^{-x} (\cos(\sqrt{2}x) + i \sin(\sqrt{2}x)) + C_2 e^{-x} (\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - i \sin(\sqrt{2}x))$$

$$= \underbrace{(C_1 + C_2)}_{C_3} \underbrace{e^{-x} \cos(\sqrt{2}x)}_{y_3(x)} + \underbrace{i(C_1 - C_2)}_{C_4} \underbrace{e^{-x} \sin(\sqrt{2}x)}_{y_4(x)}$$

Note that we can choose C_1 and C_2 such that

C_3 and C_4 take any real values. Thus the

general real solution of $y'' + 2y' + 3y = 0$ is

$C_3 y_3(x) + C_4 y_4(x)$, where C_3 and C_4 are any real numbers.

Next we find a solution, y , of $y'' + 2y' + 3y = e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2e^{-x}$.

First guess $y(x) = ae^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) + be^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x) + ce^{-x}$,
where a, b, c constants.

$$\Rightarrow y'(x) = a[(e^x)(\cos(\sqrt{2}x)) + (e^x)(-\sqrt{2}\sin(\sqrt{2}x))] \\ + b[(e^x)(\sin(\sqrt{2}x)) + (e^x)(\sqrt{2}\cos(\sqrt{2}x))] + c(-e^{-x})$$

$$\Rightarrow y''(x) = a[(e^x)(\cos(\sqrt{2}x)) + 2(e^x)(-\sqrt{2}\sin(\sqrt{2}x)) + (e^x)(-2\cos(\sqrt{2}x))] \\ + b[(e^x)(\sin(\sqrt{2}x)) + 2(e^x)(\sqrt{2}\cos(\sqrt{2}x)) + (e^x)(-2\sin(\sqrt{2}x))] + c(e^{-x}) \\ = a[-e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2\sqrt{2}e^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x)] \\ + b[-e^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x) + 2\sqrt{2}e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x)] + ce^{-x}$$

$y = y(x)$ is a solution of $y'' + 2y' + 3y = e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2e^{-x}$

$$\Leftrightarrow y''(x) + 2y'(x) + 3y(x) = e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2e^{-x} \text{ for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a[e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2\sqrt{2}e^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x)] + b[e^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x) + 2\sqrt{2}e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x)] \\ + 2a[e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - \sqrt{2}e^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x)] + 2b[e^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x) + \sqrt{2}e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x)] - 2ce^{-x} \\ + 3ae^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) + 3be^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x) + 3ce^{-x} = e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2e^{-x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x)[a + 2\sqrt{2}b + 2a + 2\sqrt{2}b + 3a] \\ + e^x \sin(\sqrt{2}x)[-2\sqrt{2}a + b - 2\sqrt{2}a + 2b + 3b] + 2ce^{-x} \\ = e^x \cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2e^{-x} \text{ for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

Next we find a solution, y , of

$$y'' + 2y' + 3y = 2\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - e^{-x} + x^2, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Guess $y(x) = a\cos(\sqrt{2}x) + b\sin(\sqrt{2}x) + ce^{-x} + dx^2 + ex + f$

$$\Rightarrow y'(x) = a(-\sqrt{2}\sin(\sqrt{2}x)) + b(\sqrt{2}\cos(\sqrt{2}x)) + c(-e^{-x}) + d(2x) + e(1) + 0$$

$$= -\sqrt{2}a\sin(\sqrt{2}x) + \sqrt{2}b\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - ce^{-x} + 2dx + e$$

$$\Rightarrow y''(x) = -\sqrt{2}a(\sqrt{2}\cos(\sqrt{2}x)) + \sqrt{2}b(-\sqrt{2}\sin(\sqrt{2}x)) - c(-e^{-x}) + 2d(1) + 0$$

$$= -2a\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2b\sin(\sqrt{2}x) + ce^{-x} + 2d.$$

$y = y(x)$ is a solution

$$\Leftrightarrow y''(x) + 2y'(x) + 3y = 2\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - e^{-x} + x^2 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2a\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - 2b\sin(\sqrt{2}x) + ce^{-x} + 2d$$

$$+ 2(-\sqrt{2}a\sin(\sqrt{2}x) + \sqrt{2}b\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - ce^{-x} + 2dx + e)$$

$$+ 3(a\cos(\sqrt{2}x) + b\sin(\sqrt{2}x) + ce^{-x} + dx^2 + ex + f)$$

$$= 2\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - e^{-x} + x^2 + 1 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (-2a + 2\sqrt{2}b + 3a)\cos(\sqrt{2}x) + (-2b - 2\sqrt{2}a + 3b)\sin(\sqrt{2}x)$$

$$+ 2ce^{-x} + 3dx^2 + (4d + 3e)x + (2d + 2e + 3f)$$

$$= 2\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - e^{-x} + x^2 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} -2a + 2\sqrt{2}b + 3a = 2 \\ -2b - 2\sqrt{2}a + 3b = 0 \end{cases} &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a + 2\sqrt{2}b = 2 \\ -2\sqrt{2}a + b = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a + 2\sqrt{2}(2\sqrt{2}a) = 2 \\ b = 2\sqrt{2}a \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 9a = 2 \\ b = 4\sqrt{2}/9 \end{cases} \\ 2c = -1 &\Rightarrow c = -1/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} 3d = 1 \\ 4d + 3e = 0 \\ 2d + 2e + 3f = 0 \end{cases} &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} d = 1/3 \\ 4(1/3) + 3e = 0 \\ 2(1/3) + 2e + 3f = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d = 1/3 \\ e = -4/9 \\ 2(1/3) + 2(-4/9) + 3f = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d = 1/3 \\ e = -4/9 \\ f = 2/27 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(x) = a \cos(\sqrt{2}x) + b \sin(\sqrt{2}x) + ce^{-x} + dx^2 + ex + 1$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \cos(\sqrt{2}x) + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{9} \sin(\sqrt{2}x) - \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} + \frac{1}{3}x^2 - \frac{4}{9}x + \frac{2}{27}$$

The general solution of $y'' + 2y' + 3y = 2(\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - e^{-x} + x^2)$

is

$$\underbrace{c_3 y_3 + c_4 y_4}_{\substack{\text{general solution} \\ \text{of } y'' + 2y' + 3y = 0}} + \underbrace{Y}_{\substack{\text{a solution of} \\ y'' + 2y' + 3y = 2(\cos(\sqrt{2}x) - e^{-x} + x^2)}}$$

Q3) Find the general solution of

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

Hint: One solution is of the form $y(x) = e^{rx}$ for some constant r .

~~Solution~~ $y(x) = ax + b$ is a solution

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-1)y''(x) + (x-2)y'(x) - y(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Q3) Find the general solution of

$$x(y'' + (2x-1)y' + (x-1)y) = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Hint: One solution is of the form $y(x) = e^{rx}$ for some constant r .

Solution: $y(x) = e^{rx}$ is a solution

$$\Leftrightarrow x y''(x) + (2x-1)y'(x) + (x-1)y(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(r^2 e^{rx}) + (2x-1)(r e^{rx}) + (x-1)(e^{rx}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(r^2) + (2x-1)(r) + (x-1) = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(r^2 + 2r + 1) + (-r-1) = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad -r-1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (r+1)(r+1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad r+1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r = -1.$$

Thus $y_1(x) = e^{-x}$ is one solution. reduction of order
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Guess a second solution of the form,

$$y_2 = y_1 v, \quad \text{where } v = v(x).$$

$y_2 = y_1 v$ is a solution

$$\Leftrightarrow x y_2'' + (2x-1) y_2' + (x-1) y_2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(y_1'' v + 2y_1' v' + y_1 v'') + (2x-1)(y_1' v + y_1 v') + (x-1)(y_1 v) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{(x y_1'' + (2x-1) y_1' + (x-1) y_1)}_{=0} v + (2x y_1' + (2x-1) y_1) v' + x y_1 v'' = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2xy_1' + (2x-1)y_1)V' + xy_1V'' = 0$$

$$y_1(x) = e^{-x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2x(-e^{-x}) + (2x-1)(e^{-x}))V' + x(e^{-x})V'' = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2x(-1) + (2x-1))V' + xV'' = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow xV'' - V' = 0.$$

Note that $V(x) = x^2$ is a solution of the above equation. Thus $y_2(x) = x^2 y_1(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$ is a second solution of $xy'' + (2x-1)y' + (x-1)y = 0$.

Moreover, y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent since they are not constant multiples of each other. The general solution is therefore

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2, \text{ where } C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \text{ are any real values.}$$

Q4) Consider the ODE

$$(x^2 - \frac{1}{4})y'' + 2xy' - 2y = 0.$$

Prove that $x_0 = 0$ is an ordinary point.

Argue that the above ODE has two linearly independent power series solutions which converge on $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$. Find two such independent power series solutions and form the general power series solution.

() Solution: Write as

$$y'' + \underbrace{\left(\frac{2x}{x^2 - \frac{1}{4}}\right)}_{p(x)} y' + \underbrace{\left(\frac{-2}{x^2 - \frac{1}{4}}\right)}_{q(x)} y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 - \frac{1}{4}} = 2x \left(\frac{1}{x^2 - \frac{1}{4}} \right) = (2x)(-4) \left(\frac{1}{1 - 4x^2} \right)$$

() $\frac{1}{1-x}$ has a power series expansion around $x_0 = 0$

() which converges on $-1 < x < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-4x^2}$ has a

power series expansion around $x_0 = 0$ which

converges on $-1 < 4x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{4} < x^2 < \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$.

$\Rightarrow p(x)$ has a power series expansion which converges

on $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$. Similarly for $q(x)$.

Thus $x_0 = 0$ is an ordinary point. Thus the

ODE has two linearly independent power series solutions which converge on the same interval, $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$.

$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j$ is a solution on $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 - \frac{1}{4})y''(x) + 2xy'(x) - 2y(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 - \frac{1}{4}) \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j j(j-1) x^{j-2} \right] + 2x \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j j x^{j-1} \right] - 2 \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j \right] = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j j(j-1) x^j - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j j(j-1) x^{j-2} \right] + 2 \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j j x^j \right] - 2 \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j \right]$$

$j=0,1$ terms equal 0.

$$- 2 \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j \right] = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j j(j-1) x^j - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{j+2} (j+2)(j+1) x^j \right] + 2 \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j j x^j \right] - 2 \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j \right]$$

$$- 2 \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j \right] = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j = 0 \quad \text{for all } -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}, \dots \textcircled{*}$$

Where $b_j = a_j j(j-1) - \frac{1}{4} a_{j+2} (j+2)(j+1) + 2a_j j - 2a_j$

for all $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow b_j = a_j (j(j-1) + 2j - 2) - \frac{1}{4} a_{j+2} (j+2)(j+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_j = a_j (j^2 + j - 2) - \frac{1}{4} a_{j+2} (j+2)(j+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_j = a_j (j+2)(j-1) - \frac{1}{4} a_{j+2} (j+2)(j+1) \quad \text{for } j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Note, $\textcircled{*}$ is true whenever $\boxed{b_j = 0}$ for all $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$b_j = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a_j(j+2)(j-1) - \frac{1}{4} a_{j+2}(j+2)(j+1) = 0 \leftarrow \text{recurrence relation}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a_{j+2} = 4 \frac{j-1}{j+1} a_j \quad \text{for } j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

j	$a_{j+2} = 4 \frac{j-1}{j+1} a_j$
0	$a_2 = 4 \left(\frac{-1}{1}\right) a_0 = -4 a_0$
1	$a_3 = 4 \left(\frac{0}{2}\right) a_1 = 0$
2	$a_4 = 4 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) a_2 = (4)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{1}\right) a_0 = -(4)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) a_0$
3	$a_5 = (4) \left(\frac{2}{4}\right) a_3 = 0$
4	$a_6 = 4 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) a_4 = (4)^3 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{1}\right) a_0 = -(4)^3 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right) a_0$
5	$a_7 = 4 \left(\frac{4}{6}\right) a_5 = 0$
6	$a_8 = 4 \left(\frac{5}{7}\right) a_6 = (4)^4 \left(\frac{5}{7}\right) \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{1}\right) a_0 = -(4)^4 \left(\frac{1}{7}\right) a_0$
\vdots	\vdots

Thus $a_j = 0$ for $j = 3, 5, 7, \dots$

no restrictions on a_0 and a_1

$$a_j = - (4)^{j/2} \frac{1}{j-1} a_0 \quad \text{for } j = 2, 4, 6, \dots$$

$$\text{Thus } y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j x^j = a_0 + a_1 x + \sum_{j=2,4,6,\dots} a_j x^j + \underbrace{\sum_{j=3,5,7,\dots} a_j x^j}_{=0}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \sum_{j=2,4,6,\dots} - (4)^{j/2} \frac{1}{j-1} a_0 x^j$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} - (4)^j \frac{1}{2j-1} a_0 x^{2j}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = a_0 \left[1 - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(4)^j x^{2j}}{2j-1} \right] + a_1 \underbrace{[x]}_{y_2}$$

Note that there are no restrictions on a_0 and a_1 .
Thus y_1 and y_2 are two 'power' series

solutions. Moreover y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent since they are not constant multiples of each other. Finally, since a_0 and a_1 are any real constants, and since y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent, $y = a_0 y_1 + a_1 y_2$ is the general power series solution.

Q5) Find the general solution of

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= 3x - y & x &= x(t) \\ y' &= 6x - 4y & y &= y(t) \end{aligned}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

Plot the phase portrait. Classify the critical point (0).

Solution: $X' = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} X$, where $X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$.

(\because) $X(t) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda t}$ is a solution with $\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(\Leftrightarrow) λ is an eigenvalue of $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ with e-vector $\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 \\ 6 & -4-\lambda \end{vmatrix}}_{\text{characteristic polynomial}} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (3-\lambda)(-4-\lambda) - (6)(-1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -12 - 3\lambda + 4\lambda + \lambda^2 + 6 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda+3)(\lambda-2) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda = \lambda_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \lambda_1 = 2,$$

OR

$$\lambda = \lambda_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \lambda_2 = -3.$$

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = 2} : \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 3v_1 - v_2 = 2v_1 \\ 6v_1 - 4v_2 = 2v_2 \end{matrix} \Leftrightarrow v_1 = v_2.$$

Take $v_2 = 1 \Rightarrow v_1 = 1$. Thus $\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 2$.

Thus $X_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$ is a solution of $X' = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} X$.

$$\underline{\lambda_2 = -3} : \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = -3 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 3v_1 - v_2 = -3v_1 \\ 6v_1 - 4v_2 = -3v_2 \end{matrix} \Leftrightarrow 6v_1 = v_2$$

Take $v_1 = 1 \Rightarrow v_2 = 6$. Thus $\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ with e-value $\lambda_1 = -3$. Thus $X_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_2 t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t}$ is a solution of $X' = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} X$.

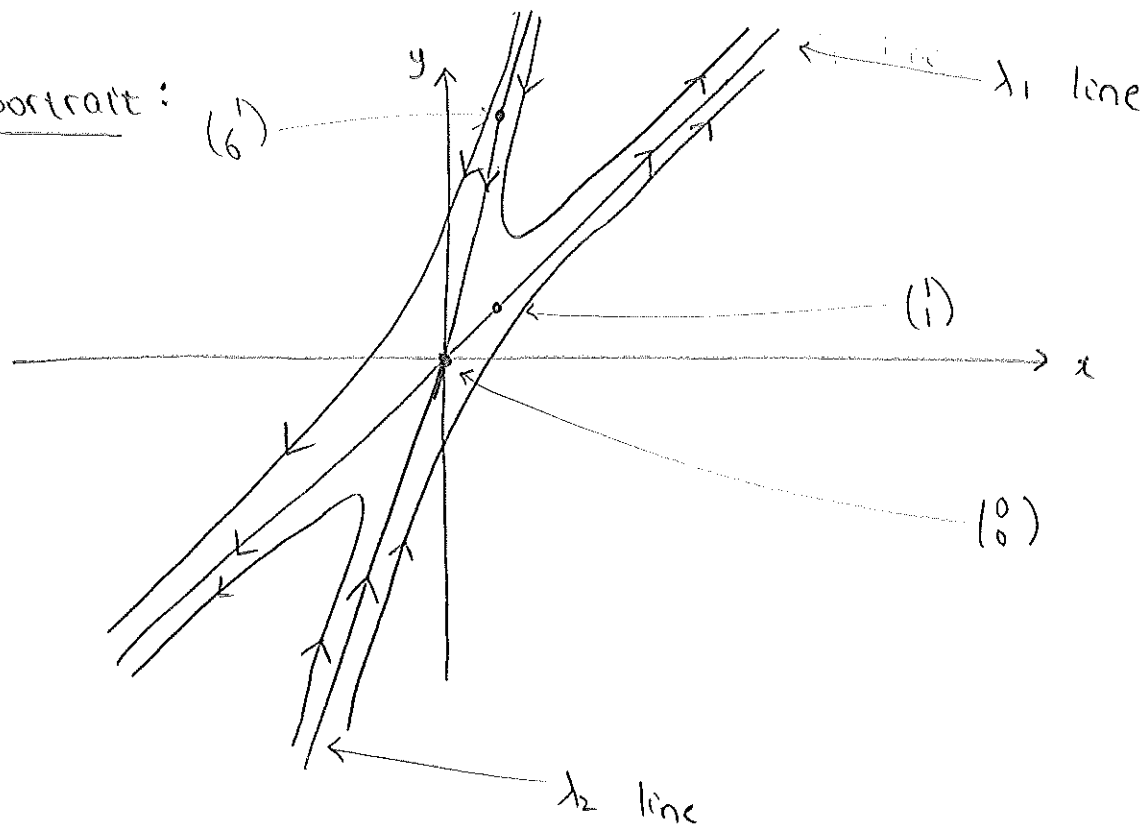
Note that X_1 and X_2 are linearly independent since they are not constant multiples of each other.

The general solution of $X' = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} X$ is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= c_1 X_1(t) + c_2 X_2(t) && \leftarrow \text{where } c_1 \text{ and } c_2 \text{ are any real constants} \\ &= c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{\underset{\lambda_1=2}{2t}} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} e^{\underset{\lambda_2=-3}{-3t}} \\ X(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Note $\underline{\lambda_1 > 0}$ and $\underline{\lambda_2 < 0} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a saddle point.

Phase portrait:



Q6) Consider the system,
$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x - y^2 & x &= x(t), & -\infty < t < \infty, \\ y' &= -2x - 3y + x^2 y & y &= y(t) \end{aligned}$$

Argue that the system is locally linear in a neighbourhood of each of its critical points.

Find and classify the critical points.

Solution:

$$x' = x - y^2 \leftarrow F(x, y)$$

$$y' = -2x - 3y + x^2 y \leftarrow G(x, y)$$

The system is locally linear in the neighbourhood of each critical point since F and G have continuous partial derivatives up to order 2.

$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a critical point

$$\Leftrightarrow F(x_0, y_0) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 - y_0^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 = y_0^2$$

$$G(x_0, y_0) = 0$$

$$-2x_0 - 3y_0 + x_0 y_0 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$-2x_0 - 3y_0 + x_0 y_0 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 = y_0^2$$

$$-2(y_0^2) - 3y_0 + (y_0^2)y_0 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 = y_0^2$$

$$y_0(-2y_0 - 3 + y_0^2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 = y_0^2$$

$$y_0(y_0^2 - 2y_0 - 3) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 = y_0^2$$

$$y_0(y_0 - 3)(y_0 + 1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 = y_0^2$$

$$y_0 = 0$$

OR

$$x_0 = y_0^2$$

$$y_0 = 3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 = y_0^2$$

$$y_0 = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_0 = 0$$

$$y_0 = 0$$

OR

$$x_0 = 9$$

$$y_0 = 3$$

OR

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$y_0 = -1$$

$$\underline{\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} :$$

$$J(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \bigg|_{(0,0)}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2y \\ -2+y & -3+x \end{pmatrix} \bigg|_{(0,0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow J(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} F(x,y) = x - y^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 1 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = -2y \\ G(x,y) = -2x - 3y + xy \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = -2 + y \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = -3 + x \end{cases}$$

$J(0,0)$ has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = -3 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 > 0$ and $\lambda_2 < 0$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a saddle point (unstable).

$$\underline{\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}} :$$

$$J(9,3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2y \\ -2+y & -3+x \end{pmatrix} \bigg|_{(9,3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

λ is an eigenvalue of $J(9,3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -6 \\ 1 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (1-\lambda)(6-\lambda) - (1)(-6) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 12 = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda = \lambda_3 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = \lambda_4 \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda_3 = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_4 = 3.$$

Thus $\lambda_3 > 0$ and $\lambda_4 > 0$ and $\lambda_3 \neq \lambda_4$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ is an unstable node.

$$\underline{\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} : J(1, -1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2y \\ -2+y & -3+x \end{pmatrix} \bigg|_{(1, -1)}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

λ is an eigenvalue of $J(1, -1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ -3 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow (1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - (-3)(2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2 - \lambda + 2\lambda + \lambda^2 + 6 = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda + 4 = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow \lambda = \lambda_5$ or $\lambda = \lambda_6$, where

$$\lambda_5 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{(1)^2 - (4)(1)(4)}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_6 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{(1)^2 - (4)(1)(4)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 + \sqrt{-15}}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} - i \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{15}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{15}$$

Thus $\lambda_5 = \alpha + i\beta$ and $\lambda_6 = \alpha - i\beta$ with $\alpha < 0$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is ^{an} asymptotically stable spiral point.

here one also needs to explain that the portrait and stability types for the original non-linear system is the same as for the linearized system

Q7) Prove that $(0,0)$ is an asymptotically critical point of

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= -2x^5 - 3y \leftarrow F(x,y) & x &= x(t) \\ y' &= 2x^3 - 3y^3 \leftarrow G(x,y) & y &= y(t) \end{aligned}$$

Solution: $(0,0)$ is a critical point since

$$F(0,0) = 0$$

$$G(0,0) = 0$$

We use Liapounovs Second method to examine stability. Guess a Liapounov function of the form

$$V(x,y) = ax^{2k} + by^{2l} \quad \text{where } a, b, \dots \text{ constants} \\ k, l \text{ integers.}$$

Note that $\dot{V}(x,y) = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)F + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)G$

$$= (2ka x^{2k-1})(-2x^5 - 3y) + (2lb y^{2l-1})(2x^3 - 3y^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x,y) = -4Ka x^{2k+4} - 6Ka x^{2k-1}y + 4Lb x^3 y^{2l-1} - 6Lb y^{2l+2}$$

\swarrow even power $\Rightarrow x^{2k+4} \geq 0$
choose a, b, k, l such that this equals 0.
 \swarrow even power $\Rightarrow x^{2l+2} \geq 0$

First choose k, l such that $x^{2k-1}y = x^3y^{2l-1}$

$$\Rightarrow k=2 \text{ and } l=1.$$

$$\Rightarrow -6Ka x^{2k-1}y + 4Lb x^3 y^{2l-1}$$

$$= -12a x^3 y + 4b x^3 y.$$

Then choose $a=1$ and

$b=3$ so that

$$-12a x^3 y + 4b x^3 y$$

$$= -12x^3 y + 12x^3 y = 0$$

Thus, taking $a=1, b=3, k=2$ and $l=1$ gives

$$V(x, y) = ax^{2k} + by^{2l} \\ = x^4 + 3y^2 \leftarrow \text{positive definite in all neighbourhoods of } (0)$$

and

$$\dot{V}(x, y) = -4kax^{2k+1} - 6lby^{2l+1} \\ = -8x^3 - 18y^3 \leftarrow \text{negative definite in all neighbourhoods of } (0).$$

Liapounov's second method thus implies that (0) is an asymptotically stable critical point

Q8) Consider the Euler equation

$$x^2 y'' + 7xy' + 9y = 0.$$

(a) Find the general solution of the equation on the interval $x > 0$. (b) Find the general solution on the interval $x < 0$. (c) Is it possible to find a solution on the interval $-\infty < x < \infty$, other than the trivial solution $y = 0$? Justify your answer.

Solution :

$y(x) = x^r$ is a solution for $x > 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 y''(x) + 7x y'(x) + 9y(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 (r(r-1)x^{r-2}) + 7x(r x^{r-1}) + 9(x^r) = 0$$

for all $x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{indicial equation} \\ \Leftrightarrow r(r-1) + 7r + 9 = 0 & \Leftrightarrow r^2 + 6r + 9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (r+3)(r+3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow r = r_1 \text{ or } r = r_2, \text{ where } r_1 = -3 \text{ and } r_2 = -3.$$

The indicial equation has a real-valued repeated root, $r_1 = r_2 = -3$. Thus $y_1(x) = x^{r_1} = x^{-3}$ is one solution, and $y_2(x) = x^{r_1} \log(x) = x^{-3} \log(x)$ is a second linearly independent solution.

The general solution of $x^2 y'' + 7xy' + 9y = 0$ for $x > 0$ is $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$, where C_1 and C_2 are any real values.

(b) Guess from part (a) that the general solution of $x^2 y'' + 7xy' + 9y = 0$ for $x < 0$ is $y = C_3 y_3 + C_4 y_4$, where $y_3(x) = x^{-3}$ and $y_4(x) = x^{-3} \log|x|$, and C_3 and C_4 take any real values. This is true if and only if y_3 and y_4 are linearly independent solutions for $x < 0$.

Check: $y_3(x) = x^{-3}$ is a solution for $x < 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 y_3''(x) + 7x y_3'(x) + 9y_3(x) = 0 \text{ for } \underline{\text{all}} \ x < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 (12x^{-5}) + 7x (-3x^{-4}) + 9(x^{-3}) = 0 \text{ for } \underline{\text{all}} \ x < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^{-3} (12 - 21 + 9) = 0 \text{ for } \underline{\text{all}} \ x < 0 \quad \underline{\text{OK}}$$

$$\text{Also } y_4(x) = x^{-3} \log|x| \Rightarrow y_4'(x) = -3x^{-4} \log|x| + x^{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_4''(x) = 12x^{-5} \log|x| - 3x^{-5} - 4x^{-5}$$

$y_4(x) = x^{-3} \log|x|$ is a solution for $x < 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 y_4''(x) + 7x y_4'(x) + 9 y_4(x) = 0 \text{ for } \underline{\text{all}} \ x < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2(12x^{-5} \log|x| - 7x^{-5}) + 7x(-3x^{-4} \log|x| + x^{-4}) + 9(x^{-3} \log|x|)$$

for all $x < 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow (12x^{-3} \log|x| - 7x^{-3}) + (-21x^{-3} \log|x| + 7x^{-3}) + 9(x^{-3} \log|x|)$$

for all $x < 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow (12 - 21 + 9)x^{-3} \log|x| + (-7 + 7)x^{-3} = 0 \text{ for all } x < 0$$

OK

(c) No.

We justify this by arguing by contradiction.

Assume that $y \neq 0$ is a solution of

$$x^2 y'' + 7x y' + 9y = 0 \text{ on } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

It follows from part (a) that there exists some constants, C_1 and C_2 , for which $y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$ for all $x > 0$. Also, it follows from part (b) that there exists constants, C_3 and C_4 , for which $y(x) = C_3 y_3(x) + C_4 y_4(x)$ for all $x < 0$.

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \begin{cases} C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) & \text{for } x > 0 \\ C_3 y_3(x) + C_4 y_4(x) & \text{for } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Next note that $y_1(x) = x^{-3}$ is not well-defined at $x=0$.

Similarly $y_2(x), y_3(x), y_4(x)$ are not well-defined at $x=0$
at least

Finally note that, since $y \neq 0$, that ^{at least} one of

c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 must be non-zero. Thus y is not

well-defined at $x=0$. Thus we have a contradiction,

and so our assumption that $x^2 y'' + 7xy' + 9y = 0$

has a solution on $-\infty < x < \infty$ is false.