

## Differential Equations (Math 285)

**H59** For each of the following ODE's, find two linearly independent real solutions.

- a)  $4xy'' + 3y' - 3y = 0, \quad x \leq 0;$
- b)  $x^2y'' - x(1+x)y' + y = 0, \quad x \leq 0;$
- c)  $x^2y'' + xy' + (1+x)y = 0, \quad x > 0.$

**H60** Consider the ODE

$$xy'' + 3y' - 3y = 0, \quad x > 0.$$

- a) Show that the roots of the indicial equation are  $r = 0$  and  $r = -2$ .
- b) Find a solution  $y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ .
- c) Find a second solution  $y_2(x) = a y_1(x) \ln x + x^{-2} (1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n x^n)$ .

**H61** Do Exercises 5, 6, 9 in [BDM17], Ch. 5.7 (Exercises 6, 7, 10 in the 11th US edition). Optionally also show that  $Y'_0(x) = -Y_1(x)$  for  $x > 0$ ; see p. 236 (p. 238 in the 11th US edition) for the definition of  $Y_1(x)$ . The solution  $y_2(x)$  appearing in the definition of  $Y_1(x)$  is the same as that you obtain in Exercise 9 (resp., Exercise 10).

**H62** The  $\Gamma$  function is defined for  $x > 0$  by  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$ , and for non-integral  $x < 0$  by choosing an integer  $n > -x$  and setting

$$\Gamma(x) := \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{x(x+1) \cdots (x+n-1)}.$$

- a) Show that  $\Gamma(x)$  is well-defined for  $x < 0, x \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , and satisfies  $\Gamma(x+1) = x \Gamma(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ .  
*Hint:* Recall from Calculus III that  $\Gamma(x+1) = x \Gamma(x)$  for  $x > 0$ .
- b) Show  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -n} \frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} = 0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .  
This shows that  $1/\Gamma$  can be continuously extended to  $\mathbb{R}$  by defining  $1/\Gamma(-n) := 0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- c) The Bessel function of order  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$  is defined as (cf. the lecture)

$$J_{\nu}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{\nu+2m} m! \Gamma(\nu+m+1)} x^{\nu+2m} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

cf. b) for the definition of  $1/\Gamma(\nu+m+1)$ .

Show  $J_{-\nu} = (-1)^{\nu} J_{\nu}$  for  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Hint:* Show first that the coefficients of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $J_{-\nu}(x)$  are zero for  $n < \nu$ .

**H63** *Optional Exercise*

For  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$  show:

a)  $J_{\nu+1}(x) = \frac{2\nu}{x} J_{\nu}(x) - J_{\nu-1}(x);$

b)  $J'_{\nu}(x) = -J_{\nu+1}(x) + \frac{\nu}{x} J_{\nu}(x).$

*Remark:* a) Provides a recurrence relation to determine  $J_{\nu}$  for  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$  from  $J_0, J_1$ . The Neumann functions  $Y_{\nu}$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfy the same recurrence relation and provide a 2nd solution of  $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - \nu^2)y = 0$ , which is linearly independent of  $J_{\nu}$ . Thus in order to determine  $Y_{\nu}$  for  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$  (the only case of interest) it suffices to know  $Y_0$  and  $Y_1$ .

**H64** *Optional Exercise*

Show  $J_0(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(x \sin \theta) d\theta$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Due on Fri May 5, 4 pm**

The optional exercises can be handed in one week later.

## Solutions (prepared by Li Menglu and TH)

59 a) Rewriting the ODE as

$$y'' + \frac{3}{4x} y' - \frac{3}{4x} y = 0,$$

we see that  $x = 0$  is a regular singular point and

$$p_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \frac{3}{4x} = \frac{3}{4}, \quad q_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \frac{-3}{4x} = 0$$

.  $\implies$  The indicial equation is

$$r^2 + (p_0 - 1)r + q_0 = r^2 - \frac{1}{4}r = 0$$

.  $\implies$  The exponents at the singularity  $x = 0$  are  $r_1 = 0, r_2 = \frac{1}{4}$ . Since  $r_1 - r_2$  is not an integer, there must be solutions  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  on  $(0, \infty)$  of the form

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y_2(x) = x^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right).$$

In terms of the rational functions  $a_n(r)$  defined in the lecture and textbook, the coefficients of  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  are  $a_n = a_n(0)$  and  $a_n = a_n(1/4)$ , respectively. (We use ' $a_n$ ' for both, in order to be compatible with the notation used in [BDM17], Theorem 5.6.1.)

i)  $r_1 = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ y_1' &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n \\ x y_1'' &= x \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_{n+1} x^n \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into the ODE, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_{n+1} x^n + 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n - 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0 \\ \implies &3a_1 - 3a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{[4n(n+1) + 3(n+1)] a_{n+1} - 3a_n\} x^n = 0 \\ \implies &a_1 = a_0 \quad \text{and} \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{3}{(4n+3)(n+1)} a_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $a_0 = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1(x) &= 1 + x + \frac{3}{7 \cdot 2} x^2 + \frac{3^2}{7 \cdot 2 \cdot 11 \cdot 3} x^3 + \cdots \\
&= 1 + x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1}}{7 \cdot 11 \cdots (4n-1) \cdot n!} x^n \\
&= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdots (4n-1) \cdot n!} x^n \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdots (4n-1) \cdot n!} x^n,
\end{aligned}$$

using the convention that  $\prod_{n=1}^0 (4n-1) = 1$  (“empty product”).

ii)  $r_2 = \frac{1}{4}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2 &= x^{\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+\frac{1}{4}} \\
y_2' &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{1}{4}\right) a_n x^{n-\frac{3}{4}} = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{5}{4}\right) a_{n+1} x^{n+\frac{1}{4}} \\
xy_2'' &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{1}{4}\right) \left(n - \frac{3}{4}\right) a_n x^{n-\frac{3}{4}} = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(n + \frac{1}{4}\right) a_{n+1} x^{n+\frac{1}{4}}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into the ODE, the coefficient of  $x^{-3/4}$  vanishes by construction, and we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \left[ 4 \left(n + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(n + \frac{1}{4}\right) + 3 \left(n + \frac{5}{4}\right) \right] a_{n+1} - 3a_n \right\} x^{n+\frac{1}{4}} = 0 \\
\Rightarrow \quad a_{n+1} &= \frac{3a_n}{4 \left(n + \frac{5}{4}\right) \left(n + \frac{1}{4}\right) + 3 \left(n + \frac{5}{4}\right)} = \frac{3a_n}{(4n+5)(n+1)} \quad \text{for } n \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Setting  $a_0 = 1$ , we obtain

$$y_2(x) = x^{\frac{1}{4}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{5 \cdot 9 \cdots (4n+1) \cdot n!} x^{n+\frac{1}{4}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{5 \cdot 9 \cdots (4n+1) \cdot n!} x^{n+\frac{1}{4}}.$$

As shown in the lecture,  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are linearly independent. This is also clear from the fact that  $y_1(x)$  is analytic at  $x = 0$  and  $y_2(x) = x^{1/4} \times$  “nonzero analytic” is not.

As discussed in the lecture (or see Theorem 5.6.1 in [BDM17], p. 227), a fundamental system of solutions on  $(-\infty, 0)$  is obtained by replacing the fractional part  $x^r$  (if any) in the solutions by  $(-x)^r = |x|^r$ . This doesn’t affect  $y_1(x)$  ( $y_1(x)$  is analytic on  $\mathbb{R}$  and hence solves the ODE on  $\mathbb{R}$ ), but  $y_2(x)$  is changed to

$$y_2^-(x) = (-x)^{\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{5 \cdot 9 \cdots (4n+1) \cdot n!} x^n, \quad x \in (-\infty, 0).$$

b) Rewriting the ODE as

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

we see that  $x = 0$  is a regular singular point with  $p_0 = -1$ ,  $q_0 = 1$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The indicial equation is

$$r^2 + (p_0 - 1)r + q_0 = (r - 1)^2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  The exponents at the singularity  $x = 0$  are  $r_1 = r_2 = 1$ . Thus there must be solutions  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$  on  $(0, \infty)$  of the form

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1}, \quad y_2(x) = y_1(x) \ln x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n x^{n+1}.$$

i)  $r_1 = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1}, \\ y_1' &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n x^n, \\ x(1+x)y_1' &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n x^{n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n x^{n+2} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n x^{n+1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_{n-1} x^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+1) a_n + n a_{n-1}] x^{n+1}, \quad (a_{-1} := 0) \\ x^2 y_1'' &= x^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_n x^{n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_n x^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into the ODE, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_n x^{n+1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+1) a_n + n a_{n-1}] x^{n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n^2 a_n - n a_{n-1}) x^{n+1} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{a_{n-1}}{n} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

Setting  $a_0 = 1$ , we obtain  $a_n = 1/n!$  and

$$y_1(x) = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = x e^x.$$

- ii) For the determination of  $y_2(x)$  we use the recurrence relation for  $a_n(r)$  derived in the lecture; cf. also [BDM17], p. 223, Eq. (8). Since  $F(r) = (r-1)^2$ ,  $p_0 = p_1 = -1$ ,  $q_0 = 1$  and all other coefficients  $p_i, q_i$  are zero, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_n(r) &= -\frac{1}{F(r+n)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(r+k)p_{n-k} + q_{n-k}] a_k(r) \\ &= \frac{-1}{(r+n-1)^2} (r+n-1)p_1 a_{n-1}(r) = \frac{a_{n-1}(r)}{r+n-1} \quad (n \geq 1). \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $a_0(r) = 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(r) &= \frac{1}{r}, \\ a_2(r) &= \frac{1}{r(r+1)}, \\ &\vdots \\ a_n(r) &= \frac{1}{r(r+1)(r+2) \cdots (r+n-1)}. \\ \implies b_n(r) &:= a'_n(r) = \frac{a'_n(r)}{a_n(r)} a_n(r) \\ &= -\left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r+1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{r+n-1}\right) \frac{1}{r(r+1)(r+2) \cdots (r+n-1)} \\ \implies b_n &= b_n(1) = -\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{1}{n!} = -\frac{H_n}{n!} \\ \implies y_2(x) &= \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n!}\right) \ln x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n!} x^{n+1} = x e^x \ln x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n!} x^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

The linear independency of  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  was shown in the lecture.

A fundamental system of solutions on  $(-\infty, 0)$  is formed by  $y_1(x)$  and

$$y_2^-(x) = x e^x \ln(-x) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n!} x^{n+1}, \quad x \in (-\infty, 0).$$

*Remark:* The coefficients  $b_n$  can also be determined by substituting the „Ansatz“

for  $y_2(x)$  into the ODE. Writing  $L = x^2 D^2 - x(x+1)D + \text{id}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2(x) &= y_1(x) \ln x + \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n x^n, \\
y_2'(x) &= y_1'(x) \ln x + \frac{y_1(x)}{x} + \sum_{n \geq 1} n b_n x^{n-1}, \\
y_2''(x) &= y_1''(x) \ln x + 2 \frac{y_1'(x)}{x} - \frac{y_1(x)}{x^2} + \sum_{n \geq 2} n(n-1) b_n x^{n-2}, \\
L[y_2(x)] &= L[y_1(x)] \ln x + 2x y_1'(x) - (x+2)y_1(x) + L \left[ \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n x^n \right] \\
&= 0 + \underbrace{2x(x+1)e^x - (x+2)xe^x}_{=x^2 e^x} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n^2 b_n - n b_{n-1}) x^{n+1} \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( n^2 b_n - n b_{n-1} + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right) x^{n+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

$L[y_2(x)] = 0$  is equivalent to an inhomogeneous linear recurrence relation for  $b_n$ , which has the particular solution  $b_0 = 0$ ,  $b_n = -H_n/n!$  for  $n \geq 1$  (as can be seen by introducing  $B_n = n!b_n$ , which satisfies  $B_n - B_{n-1} = -1/n$ ).

c) Rewriting the ODE as

$$y'' + \frac{1}{x}y' + \left( \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} \right) y = 0,$$

we see that  $x = 0$  is a regular singular point and

$$p_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \frac{x}{x^2} = 1, \quad q_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \frac{1+x}{x^2} = 1.$$

$\Rightarrow$  The indicial equation is

$$r^2 + (p_0 - 1)r + q_0 = r^2 + 1 = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$  The exponents at the singularity  $x = 0$  are  $r_1 = i$ ,  $r_2 = -i$ . Thus there must be solutions  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$  on  $(0, \infty)$  of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1(x) &= x^i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = e^{i \ln x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \\
y_2(x) &= x^{-i} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = e^{-i \ln x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n.
\end{aligned}$$

This time we first determine the functions  $a_n(r)$  from the recurrence relation and then substitute  $r = \pm i$ . Since  $p_1 = 0$ ,  $q_1 = 1$ , the recurrence relation for  $a_n(r)$  is

$$a_n(r) = -\frac{a_{n-1}(r)}{F(r+n)} = -\frac{a_{n-1}(r)}{(r+n)^2 + 1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \quad a_1(r) &= -\frac{a_0(r)}{(r+1)^2+1} = -\frac{1}{(r+1)^2+1}, \\
a_2(r) &= \frac{1}{[(r+1)^2+1][(r+2)^2+1]}, \\
&\vdots \\
a_n(r) &= \frac{(-1)^n}{[(r+1)^2+1][(r+2)^2+1]\cdots[(r+n)^2+1]}, \\
\Rightarrow y_1(x) &= e^{i \ln x} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{[(1+i)^2+1][(2+i)^2+1]\cdots[(n+i)^2+1]} \right), \\
y_2(x) &= e^{i \ln x} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{[(1-i)^2+1][(2-i)^2+1]\cdots[(n-i)^2+1]} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Two linearly independent real solutions  $y_1^*(x)$ ,  $y_2^*(x)$  are obtained by extracting real and imaginary part of  $y_1(x)$ , say.

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1^*(x) &= \cos(\ln x) \left( 1 - \frac{x}{5} - \frac{x^2}{40} + \frac{3x^3}{520} \mp \cdots \right) - \sin(\ln x) \left( \frac{2x}{5} - \frac{3x^2}{40} + \frac{7x^3}{1560} \mp \cdots \right), \\
y_2^*(x) &= \sin(\ln x) \left( 1 - \frac{x}{5} - \frac{x^2}{40} + \frac{3x^3}{520} \mp \cdots \right) + \cos(\ln x) \left( \frac{2x}{5} - \frac{3x^2}{40} + \frac{7x^3}{1560} \mp \cdots \right).
\end{aligned}$$

**60** a) Rewriting the ODE as

$$y'' + \frac{3}{x}y' - \frac{3}{x} = 0,$$

we see that  $x = 0$  is a regular singular point and

$$p_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \frac{3}{x} = 3, \quad q_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \frac{-3}{x} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  The indicial equation is

$$r^2 + (p_0 - 1)r + q_0 = r^2 + 2r = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  The exponents at the singularity  $x = 0$  are  $r_1 = 0$ ,  $r_2 = -2$ .

b)  $r_1 = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \\
y_1' &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n, \\
x y_1'' &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_{n+1} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) n a_{n+1} x^n
\end{aligned}$$



Substituting these into the ODE, we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{[n(n+1) + 3(n+1)] a_{n+1} - 3a_n\} x^n = 0.$$

$$\implies a_{n+1} = \frac{3}{(n+1)(n+3)} a_n, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Setting  $a_0 = 1$  gives

$$y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cdot 3^n}{n!(n+2)!} x^n.$$

c)  $r_2 = -2$ :

$$y_2(x) = a y_1(x) \ln x + x^{-2} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n x^n \right)$$

with

$$a = \lim_{r \rightarrow -2} (r+2) a_2(r), \quad c_n = \frac{d}{dr} [(r+2) a_n(r)]|_{r=-2}.$$

Since  $p_1 = 0$ ,  $q_1 = -3$  (and all other relevant  $p_i$ ,  $q_i$  are zero), the recurrence relation for  $a_n(r)$  is

$$a_n(r) = -\frac{3 a_{n-1}(r)}{F(r+n)} = \frac{3 a_{n-1}(r)}{(r+n)(r+n+2)}.$$

Together with  $a_0(r) = 1$  this leads to

$$a_n(r) = \frac{3^n}{[(r+1)(r+2) \cdots (r+n)][(r+3)(r+4) \cdots (r+n+2)]},$$

$$a_N(r) = a_2(r) = \frac{3^2}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)(r+4)},$$

$$a = \lim_{r \rightarrow -2} \frac{3^2}{(r+1)(r+3)(r+4)} = -\frac{9}{2},$$

$$c_1 = \left( \frac{3(r+2)}{(r+1)(r+3)} \right) \Big|_{r=-2} = -3,$$

$$c_n = \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{3^n}{[(r+1)(r+3)(r+4) \cdots (r+n)][(r+3)(r+4) \cdots (r+n+2)]} \right) \Big|_{r=-2}$$

$$= \frac{3^n}{(n-2)!n!} \left( -1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n-2} + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3^n}{(n-2)!n!} (H_n + H_{n-2} - 1) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

Thus

$$y_2(x) = - \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n+2}}{n!(n+2)!} x^n \right) \ln x + x^{-2} - 3x^{-1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3^n (H_n + H_{n-2} - 1)}{n!(n-2)!} x^{n-2}.$$

*Remark:* If  $y(x)$  solves  $xy'' + 3y' - 3y = 0$  then  $z(x) := x y(x/3)$  solves the ODE in H59c). This is suggested by the form of  $y_1(x)$  and can be proved easily. Thus we can save

the computation in c) and obtain directly  $y_2^*(x) = z(3x)/(3x)$ , where  $z$  denotes the 2nd solution of H59c). The coefficient of  $y_2^*(x)$  at  $x^{-2}$  is  $1/9$ , so that  $y_2(x) = 9y_2^*(x) + cy_1(x)$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Although it is not necessary for the solution, one can check that  $c = \frac{9}{2} \ln 3$ .

**61** a) Exercise 5

Using the ratio test, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{a_{m+1}}{a_m} \right| &= \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{m+1} x^{2(m+1)}}{2^{2(m+1)} ((m+1)!)^2}}{\frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m} (m!)^2}} \right| \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{-x^2}{4(m+1)^2} \right| \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2}{4(m+1)^2} \\ &= 0 \\ &< 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \neq 0$ .

So, the series for  $J_0(x)$  converges absolutely for all  $x$ .

b) Exercise 6

Using the ratio test, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{a_{m+1}}{a_m} \right| &= \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{m+1} x^{2(m+1)}}{2^{2(m+1)} (m+2)! (m+1)!}}{\frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m} (m+1)! m!}} \right| \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{-x^2}{4(m+2)(m+1)} \right| \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2}{4(m+2)(m+1)} \\ &= 0 \\ &< 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \neq 0$ .

So, the series for  $J_1(x)$  converges absolutely for all  $x$ .

It follows that we can obtain the derivative of  $J_0(x)$  everywhere by term-wise differentiation:

$$\begin{aligned} J_0'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m} (m!)^2} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m-1}}{2^{2m-1} m! (m-1)!} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} x^{2m+1}}{2^{2m+1} (m+1)! m!} \\ &= -\frac{x}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m} (m+1)! m!} \\ &= -J_1(x), \end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

c) Exercise 9

First, we want to show that  $a_1(-1) = a'_1(-1) = 0$ .

Equation (24) in Ch. 5.7 gives

$$a_1(r)((r+1)^2 - 1)x^{r+1} = 0.$$

Hence  $a_1(r) = 0$  for  $r \notin \{-2, 0\}$ , and in particular  $a_1(-1) = a'_1(-1) = 0$ . (Alternatively, look at the recurrence relation  $a_n(r) = -F(r+n)^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [(r+k)p_{n-k} + q_{n-k}] a_k(r)$ , which for  $n = 1$  reduces to  $a_1(r) = -\frac{1}{r(r+2)} [rp_1 + q_1] a_0(r) = \frac{0}{r(r+2)}$ , since for the Bessel equation  $p_1 = q_1 = 0$ .) Next,

$$c_1(-1) = \frac{d}{dr}[(r+1)a_1(r)] \Big|_{r=-1} = 0.$$

Then, from equation (25) in Ch. 5.7 or using the said general recurrence relation for  $a_n(r)$ , we get

$$a_n(r) = \frac{-a_{n-2}(r)}{(r+n-1)(r+n+1)} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

Since  $a_1(r) = 0$ , this gives  $a_n(r) = 0$  for all odd  $n$  wherever  $a_n(r)$  is defined (i.e.,  $r \notin \{0, -2, -4, \dots, -n-1\}$ ), and hence  $c_n(-1) = \frac{d}{dr}[(r+1)a_n(r)] \Big|_{r=-1} = 0$  for all odd  $n$ . For even  $n$  the recurrence relation gives by induction

$$\begin{aligned} a_2(r) &= \frac{-a_0(r)}{(r+1)(r+3)} = -\frac{1}{(r+1)(r+3)}, \\ a_4(r) &= \frac{-a_2(r)}{(r+3)(r+5)} = \frac{1}{(r+1)(r+3)(r+5)}, \\ &\vdots \\ a_{2m}(r) &= \frac{-1}{(r+2m-1)(r+2m+1)} \cdot \frac{-1}{(r+2m-3)(r+2m-1)} \cdots \frac{-1}{(r+1)(r+3)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^m}{(r+1)(r+3) \cdots (r+2m-1)(r+3)(r+5) \cdots (r+2m+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} c_{2m}(-1) &= \frac{d}{dr}[(r+1)a_{2m}(r)] \Big|_{r=-1} \\ &= \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{(-1)^m}{(r+3)^2(r+5)^2 \cdots (r+2m-1)^2(r+2m+1)} \right) \Big|_{r=-1} \\ &= \left[ \left( -\frac{2}{r+3} - \frac{2}{r+5} - \frac{2}{r+2m-1} - \frac{1}{r+2m+1} \right) (r+1)a_{2m}(r) \right] \Big|_{r=-1} \\ &= \left( -1 - \frac{1}{2} - \cdots - \frac{1}{m-1} - \frac{1}{2m} \right) \frac{(-1)^m}{2^2 4^2 \cdots (2m-2)^2 (2m)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (H_{m-1} + H_m) \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{2m-1} m! (m-1)!} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{m+1} (H_{m-1} + H_m)}{2^{2m} m! (m-1)!} \quad \text{for } m = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we need to compute

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \lim_{r \rightarrow -1} (r+1)a_2(r) \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow -1} \left( \frac{-1}{r+3} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

According to the theory (e.g., Th. 5.6.1 in Ch. 5.6), a 2nd solution of Bessel's equation of order one is

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(x) &= -\frac{1}{2}y_1(x) \ln|x| + \frac{1}{|x|} \left( 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (H_m + H_{m-1})}{2^{2m} m! (m-1)!} x^{2m} \right) \\ &= -J_1(x) \ln|x| + \frac{1}{|x|} \left( 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (H_m + H_{m-1})}{2^{2m} m! (m-1)!} x^{2m} \right), \quad x \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

For this note that  $y_1(x)$  denotes the analytic solution normalized by  $a_0 = y_1'(0) = 1$ , so that  $J_1(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{2m+1} m! (m+1)!} x^{2m+1} = \frac{x}{2} + \dots = \frac{1}{2}y_1(x)$ .

The corresponding Neumann function is then

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1(x) &= \frac{2}{\pi} [-y_2(x) + (\gamma - \ln 2)J_1(x)] \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \left( \ln \frac{x}{2} + \gamma \right) J_1(x) - \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (H_m + H_{m-1})}{2^{2m} m! (m-1)!} x^{2m-1} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Finally we show that  $Y_0'(x) = -Y_1(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \left( \ln \frac{x}{2} + \gamma \right) J_0(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} H_m}{2^{2m} (m!)^2} x^{2m} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{J_0(x)}{x} + \left( \ln \frac{x}{2} + \gamma \right) J_0'(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} H_m}{2^{2m-1} m! (m-1)!} x^{2m-1} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\left( \ln \frac{x}{2} + \gamma \right) J_1(x) + \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{2m} (m!)^2} + \frac{(-1)^{m+1} H_m}{2^{2m-1} m! (m-1)!} \right) x^{2m-1} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\left( \ln \frac{x}{2} + \gamma \right) J_1(x) + \frac{1}{x} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{(-1)^{m-1}}{m} + (-1)^m 2H_m}{2^{2m} m! (m-1)!} x^{2m-1} \right] \\ &= -Y_1(x), \end{aligned}$$

since  $2H_m - \frac{1}{m} = H_m + H_{m-1}$ .

**62** a) To show that  $\Gamma(x)$  is well-defined for  $x < 0$ ,  $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , we only need to show that

different choices of  $n > -x$  don't affect the value of  $\Gamma(x)$  as specified in the exercise.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(x) &= \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{x(x+1)\cdots(x+n-1)} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(x+n+1)}{x(x+1)\cdots(x+n-1)(x+n)} \quad (\text{since } \Gamma(x+n+1) = (x+n)\Gamma(x+n)) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(x+n+2)}{x(x+1)\cdots(x+n-1)(x+n)(x+n+1)} \quad (\text{same reasoning}) \\
&= \dots
\end{aligned}$$

So, as  $n > -x$  varies, the result of  $\Gamma(x)$  remains the same, which means that  $\Gamma(x)$  is well-defined.

Then, we prove that  $\Gamma(x+1) = \Gamma(x)$ . For  $x > 0$  this was shown in Calculus III, so it remains to consider the case  $x < 0$ ,  $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$ . Choose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x+n > 0$ . Then in the definition of  $\Gamma(x+1)$  we can use  $n-1$ , since  $x+1+(n-1) = x+n > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \Gamma(x+1) &= \frac{\Gamma(x+1+n-1)}{(x+1)(x+2)\cdots(x+1+(n-1)-1)} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{(x+1)(x+2)\cdots(x+n-1)} \\
&= x \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{x(x+1)(x+2)\cdots(x+n-1)} \\
&= x \Gamma(x)
\end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 1$ , which is possible only if  $-1 < x < 0$ , the definition of  $\Gamma(x)$  reduces to  $\Gamma(x) = \frac{\Gamma(x+1)}{x}$  and the functional equation holds as well. This case is included in the above computation, provided the first denominator is interpreted as 1 (empty product).

b) For  $x$  close to  $-n$  we have  $x+n+1 > 0$ . Hence a) gives

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -n} \frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -n} \frac{x(x+1)\cdots(x+n)}{\Gamma(x+n+1)}.$$

Since  $\Gamma(1) = 1$ , the limit evaluates to

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -n} \frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} = \frac{(-n)(-n+1)\cdots(0)}{1} = 0.$$

c) First, we have

$$J_{-\nu}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{-\nu+2m} m! \Gamma(-\nu+m+1)} x^{-\nu+2m}.$$

From b), we know that  $1/\Gamma(-n) = 0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So, the coefficients of  $x^{-\nu+2m}$  are zero

for  $m < \nu$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{-\nu}(x) &= \sum_{m=\nu}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{-\nu+2m} m! \Gamma(-\nu + m + 1)} x^{-\nu+2m} \\
&= \sum_{m=\nu}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{\nu+2(m-\nu)} m! \Gamma((m-\nu) + 1)} x^{\nu+2(m-\nu)} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+\nu}}{2^{\nu+2n} (n+\nu)! \Gamma(n+1)} x^{\nu+2n} \quad (\text{let } n = m - \nu) \\
&= (-1)^{\nu} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{\nu+2n} (n+\nu)! n!} x^{\nu+2n} \\
&= (-1)^{\nu} J_{\nu}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

**63** For  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$  the function  $J_{\nu}(x)$  was defined in the lecture as the analytic solution of Bessel's equation of order  $\nu$  normalized by setting the coefficient of  $x^{\nu}$  (first nonzero coefficient) equal to  $\frac{1}{2^{\nu}\nu!}$ . It can also be derived using Frobenius' method as follows (not part of the exercise):

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= x^2 y'' + x y' + (x^2 - \nu^2) y \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (r+n)(r+n-1) x^{r+n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (r+n) x^{r+n} + (x^2 - \nu^2) \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{r+n} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n [(r+n)^2 - \nu^2] x^{r+n} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{r+n} \\
&= a_0 (r^2 - \nu^2) x^r + a_1 [(r+1)^2 - \nu^2] x^{r+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{ [(r+n)^2 - \nu^2] a_n + a_{n-2} \} x^{r+n}
\end{aligned}$$

For  $r = \nu$  there are solutions with arbitrary  $a_0$ . These must satisfy  $a_n = 0$  for all odd  $n$  and  $[(\nu+n)^2 - \nu^2] a_n + a_{n-2} = n(n+2\nu) a_n + a_{n-2} = 0$  for all even  $n \geq 2$ . By induction,

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{2m} &= -\frac{a_{2m-2}}{2m(2m+2\nu)} = \dots = \frac{(-1)^m a_0}{[2m(2m-2) \cdots 2] [(2m+2\nu)(2m-2+2\nu) \cdots (2+2\nu)]} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^m a_0}{2^{2m} m! (\nu+1)(\nu+2) \cdots (\nu+m)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $a_0 = \frac{1}{2^{\nu}\nu!}$ , we get

$$J_{\nu}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{\nu+2m}}{2^{\nu+2m} m! (\nu+m)!}.$$

Then, we solve the exercise:

a)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{2\nu}{x} J_\nu(x) - J_{\nu-1}(x) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{\nu+2m-1} \nu}{2^{\nu+2m-1} m! (\nu+m)!} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{\nu+2m-1}}{2^{\nu+2m-1} m! (\nu+m-1)!} \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{\nu+2m-1}}{2^{\nu+2m-1} m! (\nu+m-1)!} \left( \frac{\nu}{\nu+m} - 1 \right) \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} x^{\nu+2m-1}}{2^{\nu+2m-1} (m-1)! (\nu+m)!} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+2} x^{\nu+2n+1}}{2^{\nu+2n+1} n! (\nu+n+1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{\nu+1+2n}}{2^{\nu+1+2n} n! (\nu+1+n)!} \\
&= J_{\nu+1}(x)
\end{aligned}$$

b) The Bessel functions may be differentiated termwise to yield

$$\begin{aligned}
J'_\nu(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{\nu+2m} m! \Gamma(m+\nu+1)} x^{\nu+2m} \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (\nu+2m)}{2^{\nu+2m} m! \Gamma(m+\nu+1)} x^{\nu+2m-1} \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m \nu}{2^{\nu+2m} m! \Gamma(m+\nu+1)} x^{\nu+2m-1} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{\nu+2m-1} (m-1)! \Gamma(m+\nu+1)} x^{\nu+2m-1} \\
&= \frac{\nu}{x} J_\nu(x) + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{2^{\nu+2m+1} m! \Gamma(m+\nu+2)} x^{\nu+2m+1} \\
&= \frac{\nu}{x} J_\nu(x) - J_{\nu+1}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

**64** First,  $\cos(x \sin \theta)$  can be written as

$$\cos(x \sin(\theta)) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m)!} x^{2m} \sin^{2m} \theta.$$

If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is kept fixed, this represents a function series  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} f_m(\theta)$ , which converges uniformly on  $[0, \pi]$  by Weierstrass' test. Hence the series can be integrated termwise, and we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(x \sin(\theta)) d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m)!} x^{2m} \int_0^\pi \sin^{2m} \theta d\theta \quad (\star)$$

The integral  $\int_0^\pi \sin^{2m} \theta d\theta = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^{2m} \theta d\theta$  has been evaluated in Calculus III (or see our Calculus textbook [Ste12/16], Ch. 7.1, Exercise 50):

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\pi \sin^{2m} \theta d\theta &= \frac{(2m-1)(2m-3) \cdots 1}{2m(2m-2) \cdots 2} \pi \\
&= \frac{(2m)!}{(2m)^2 (2m-2)^2 \cdots 2^2} \pi = \frac{(2m)!}{2^{2m} (m!)^2} \pi.
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into  $(\star)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(x \sin(\theta)) d\theta &= \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m)!} x^{2m} \frac{(2m)!}{2^{2m}(m!)^2} \pi \right] \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m}(m!)^2} \\ &= J_0(x)\end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Alternative solution:*  $J_0$  is the unique solution on  $\mathbb{R}$  of the IVP  $x^2 y'' + xy' + x^2 y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ . This follows from the fact that  $Y_0$  is not defined at  $x = 0$ . The right-hand side  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(x \sin \theta) d\theta$  satisfies  $f(0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(0) d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi 1 d\theta = 1$ . Since  $[0, \pi]$  is compact and the integrand  $g(x, \theta) = \cos(x \sin \theta)$  has continuous partial derivatives up to order two (in fact up to any order), we can differentiate twice under the integral sign to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi -\sin(x \sin \theta) \sin \theta d\theta, \\ f''(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi -\cos(x \sin \theta) \sin^2 \theta d\theta.\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}x^2(f(\theta) + f''(\theta)) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x^2 \cos(x \sin \theta) \cos^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( [(x \cos \theta) \sin(x \sin \theta)]_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi x \sin \theta \sin(x \sin \theta) d\theta \right) \\ &= \frac{x}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin \theta \sin(x \sin \theta) d\theta = -x f'(x).\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f$  solves the same IVP as  $J_0$  and hence must be equal to  $J_0$ .