

3.5.4 Lin Non-Homogeneous Non-Cons Coeff

- Its not easy to get a closed form solution of linear non-homogeneous non-constant coefficients.
- If we know a solution then using reduction order method we may find other solutions.
- If we know the solution of homogeneous system then using variation of constants method we may find other solutions.
- This type of equations may solve through power series solutions.

3.5.5 The Cauchy-Euler's Equation of Order n

- Cauchy-Euler differential equation of order n is $a_n x^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_2 x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1 x \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0 y = b(x)$.
- We use the transformation $z = \ln(x) \Rightarrow x = e^z$ to solve Cauchy-Euler's Equation.
- $z = \ln(x)$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dz} \Rightarrow \boxed{x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz}}$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dz} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dz} \right) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \Rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz}$ i.e. $\boxed{x^2 D^2 y = D_1(D_1 - 1)y}$, where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$, $D_1 \equiv \frac{d}{dz}$.
- In a similar way, $\boxed{x^3 D^3 y = D_1(D_1 - 1)(D_1 - 2)y}$, $\boxed{x^4 D^4 y = D_1(D_1 - 1)(D_1 - 2)(D_1 - 3)y}$ so on.

Example 3.14. Solve the Ode: $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 3y = 0$.

\Rightarrow It is a Cauchy-Euler's Equation of Order 2.

Let $z = \ln(x) \Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz}$, $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz}$.

So the given equation transforms to $\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} - 2 \frac{dy}{dz} + 3y = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - 3 \frac{dy}{dz} + 3y = 0$.

Let $y = e^{mz}$ be a trial solution of the equation.

So the auxiliary equation is: $m^2 - 3m + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{3 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

Therefore the general solution is $y = e^{3z/2} [c_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}z}{2} + c_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}z}{2}]$ i.e. $y = x^{3/2} [c_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{3} \ln(x)}{2} + c_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{3} \ln(x)}{2}]$, where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

[Do It Yourself] 3.71. Find the general solution of: $4x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 3y = 0$, $x^3 y''' - x^2 y'' - 6xy' + 18y = 0$, $x^4 y^{(iv)} - 4x^2 y'' + 8xy' - 8y = 0$, $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 4x - 6$, $x^2 y'' - 5xy' + 8y = 2x^3$, $x^2 y'' + 4xy' + 2y = 4 \ln(x)$.

3.6 Series Solution of Linear Ode

Consider the second-order homogeneous linear DE $\boxed{a_0(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0}$, and suppose that this equation has no solution that is expressible as a finite linear combination of known elementary functions. Let us assume that it has a solution in the form of an infinite series.

We assume that it has a solution expressible in the form

$$c_0 + c_1(x - x_0) + c_2(x - x_0)^2 + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - x_0)^n$$

c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots are constants. The above expression is called a power series in $(x - x_0)$ and the differential equation has a power series solution.

- The equation $a_0(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$ can be written as $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$.
- We will study the conditions under which the differential equation has a series solution. For this we will go through some ideas first.

3.6.1 Ordinary & Singular Point

- Analytic at a point: A function $f(x)$ is analytic at $x = x_0$ if its Taylor series

$$\sum \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n \text{ exists and converges to } f(x).$$

- Example: e^x , *polynomials*, $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$, $\sinh(x)$ are analytic everywhere, rational function are analytic everywhere except the points where denominator is zero i.e. $\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)}$ is analytic everywhere except $x = 1, 2$.

- Ordinary Point: For an ode: $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$, a point $x = x_0$ is an ordinary point $\Rightarrow p, q$ are analytic at $x = x_0$. If the point is not ordinary then it is a singular point.

- Singular point mainly two types : Regular and Irregular.

- A point $x = x_0$ is a regular point if $(x - x_0)p(x)$, $(x - x_0)^2q(x)$ are analytic. Otherwise it is called an irregular point.

- Regular singular points at infinity: Put $t = 1/x$ and check singularity at $t = 0$. Here $x = 1/t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{dx} = -t^2 \frac{dy}{dt}$ and so on.

Example 3.15. Consider the Ode's: $y'' + (x+1)y' + (x^2 - 3x + 4)y = 0$, $(x-3)y'' + x^2y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$, $(x^2 - 1)y'' + 3xy' + (x+1)y = 0$, Bessel Equation : $x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0$. Discuss the analytic properties of $p(x), q(x)$.

$\Rightarrow p(x) = x + 1$, $q(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$. Both of the functions p, q are polynomial functions and so they are analytic everywhere. Thus all points are ordinary points of this differential equation.

□ $p(x) = \frac{x^2}{x-3}$, $q(x) = \frac{1}{x(x-3)}$. Here $x = 0, 3$ are singular points (regular) of the Ode.

□ $p(x) = \frac{3x}{x^2-1}$, $q(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$. Here $x = -1, 1$ are singular points (regular) of the Ode.

Note that: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x-1)p(x) = \text{finite}$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x-1)^2q(x) = \text{finite}$.

□ $p(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $q(x) = \frac{x^2 - n^2}{x^2}$. Here $x = 0$ is a singular point (regular) of the Ode.

[Do It Yourself] 3.72. Discuss the singularities of the Ode: $x^2(1 - x^2)y'' + \frac{2}{x}y' + 3y = 0$.

[Do It Yourself] 3.73. Discuss the regular singular points of the Ode: $x^2y'' + 2xy' + 3y = 0$. [Ans : $0, \infty$]

[Do It Yourself] 3.74. Show that infinity is not a regular singular point for the Bessel equation: $x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0$.

Theorem 3.5. Suppose x_0 is an ordinary point of the differential equation $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ then it has two nontrivial linearly independent power series solutions of the form $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - x_0)^n$ with $|x - x_0| < R$. [We are not going to detail in the convergence of the series].

■ Note that: $(x - 3)y'' + x^2y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$ has singular points $x = 0, 3$. Therefore it has two linearly independent solutions of the form $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - x_0)^n$ about any point except $x_0 = 0, 3$ i.e. we can't assure that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ or, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - 3)^n$ are solutions of the Ode.

Example 3.16. Find a power series solution of the IVP: $(1 - x^2)y'' + xy' - y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 1$.

⇒ We first observe that all points except $x = \pm 1$ are ordinary points for the ode. Thus we could assume solutions of the form $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - x_0)^n$ for any $x_0 \neq \pm 1$. Here $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 1$, we will choose the solutions in the form $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x - 0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$.
 $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$, $y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n x^{n-1}$, $y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^{n-2}$.
 So, $(1 - x^2)y'' + xy' - y = 0 \Rightarrow (1 - x^2) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^{n-2} - \underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^n}_{\text{}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^{n-2} - \underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^n}_{\text{}} + c_1 x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n c_n x^n - c_0 - c_1 x - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n x^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) c_{n+2} x^n}_{\text{}} + c_1 x - c_0 - c_1 x - \underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n(n-1) c_n - n c_n + c_n] x^n}_{\text{}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c_2 + 6c_3 x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) c_{n+2} x^n - c_0 - \underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n^2 - 2n + 1] c_n x^n}_{\text{}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -c_0 + 2c_2 + 6c_3 x + \underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n^2 + 2n + 2) c_{n+2} - (n^2 - 2n + 1) c_n] x^n}_{\text{}} = 0$$

Equating each term both sides we get,

$$-c_0 + 2c_2 = 0, \quad 6c_3 = 0, \quad (n^2 + 2n + 2) c_{n+2} - (n^2 - 2n + 1) c_n = 0.$$

$$c_0 = 2c_2, \quad c_3 = 0, \quad c_{n+2} = \frac{n^2 - 2n + 1}{n^2 + 3n + 2} c_n.$$

Now, $c_3 = c_5 = c_7 = \dots = 0$ and $c_4 = \frac{1}{12} c_2$, $c_6 = \frac{3}{10} c_4$, $c_8 = \frac{25}{56} c_6$ so on.

So the solution is: $y = c_0 + c_1 x + \frac{c_0}{2} x^2 + \frac{c_0}{24} x^4 + \frac{3c_0}{240} x^6 + \dots$

Now given $y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c_0 = 1$ and $y'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1$.

So the solution is: $y = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{24} x^4 + \frac{3}{240} x^6 + \dots$

★ Note: $c_0 = 2c_2$, $c_3 = 0$, $c_{n+2} = \frac{n^2-2n+1}{n^2+3n+2}c_n$.

Now for two linearly independent solutions (here initial conditions are not given), we can choose the first two terms of the series. The easiest choices are $c_0 = 0, c_1 = 1$ and $c_0 = 1, c_1 = 0$. If any difficulties arise then $c_0 = 1, c_1 = 1$ and $c_0 = 1, c_1 = 0$.

Using the first pair we get the solution: $y = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \frac{3}{240}x^6 + \dots$ Using the second pair we get the solution: $y = 1 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \frac{3}{240}x^6 + \dots$

[Do It Yourself] 3.76. Find by power series methods a particular solution of $y''' + \frac{1}{x}y' - \frac{1}{x^2}y = 0$, $y(1) = 1$, $y'(1) = 0$, $y''(1) = 1$ and $y'' + (\sin x)y' + e^x y = 0$.

[Ans: $y = 1 + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{6} - \frac{(x-1)^4}{8} + \frac{(x-1)^5}{15} + \dots$, [Hint: Put $z = x-1$ and solve], $y = a_0(1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \dots) + a_1(x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \dots)$]