

MA 102 (Mathematics II)

Tutorial Sheet No. 11

Ordinary Differential Equations

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1. Classify the singular points of the following differential equations:

(a) $(x-1)^2 y'' + \frac{1}{x^2} y' + 5y = 0$; (b) $(x^2 - 3x)y'' - (x+2)y' + y = 0$.

(c) $(x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2)y'' + 2(x-1)y' + x^2y = 0$; (d) $(x-1)^3 x^2 y'' + 3x(x-1)y' - 5y = 0$.

2. Determine the convergence set of the given power series:

(a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-n}}{n+1} (x-1)^n$; (b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} (x+2)^n$; (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^3} (x-2)^n$.

3. Compute the indicial equation and their roots of the given differential equations:

(a) $(x^2 - x - 2)y'' + (x^2 - 4)y' - 6xy = 0$ at $x = 2$; (b) $x^2 y'' + xy' + x^2 y = 0$.

4. Find a series solution about the regular singular point $x = 0$ of the following equations:

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

5. Prove the following properties of the Legendre polynomials.

(a) $\int_{-1}^1 P_n(x)P_m(x)dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n, \\ \frac{2}{2n+1} & \text{if } m = n. \end{cases}$

(b) If $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n , we have $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k P_k(x)$, where $c_k = \frac{2k+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x)P_k(x)dx$.

(c) Use orthogonality relation to show that $\int_{-1}^1 g(x)P_n(x)dx = 0$ for every polynomial $g(x)$ with $\deg(g(x)) < n$.

6. Show that the value of the integral $\int_{-1}^1 P_n(x)P'_{n+1}(x)dx$ is independent of n .

7. Find a solution of $y''(x) + \left(1 + \frac{1-4k^2}{4x^2}\right)y(x) = 0$, $k > 0$ a real constant, using the Bessel function of the first kind.

8. Using the series definition for J_α , prove the following identities:

(a) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^\alpha J_\alpha(x)) = x^\alpha J_{\alpha-1}(x)$; (b) $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-\alpha} J_\alpha(x)) = -x^{-\alpha} J_{\alpha+1}(x)$.

9. From the relation in Problem 8, deduce the recurrence relations.

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

(c) $J_{\alpha-1}(x) + J_{\alpha+1}(x) = \frac{2\alpha}{x} J_\alpha(x)$; (d) $J_{\alpha-1}(x) - J_{\alpha+1}(x) = 2J'_\alpha(x)$.

10. Show that

$$\int ax^\alpha J_{\alpha-1}(ax) dx = x^\alpha J_\alpha(ax) + C,$$

where $a > 0$ and C is an arbitrary constant.

11. Using the series definition of $J_\alpha(x)$, show that

(a) $J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x$; (b) $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$.

12. Show that between two consecutive positive roots of $J_0(x)$, there is a root of $J_1(x)$.