

6.1 Solution about ordinary point.

Power series

An infinite series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (x-a)^n = C_0 + C_1 (x-a) + C_2 (x-a)^2 + \dots$$

is called power series centered at a.

* Convergence

A power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (x-a)^n$ is convergent at a specified value of x , if its sequence of partial sums converges i.e.

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N C_n (x-a)^n$$

exists. If limit does not exist at x , the series is said to be divergent.

Interval of convergence

Every power series has an interval of convergence. The interval of convergence is set of all real numbers x for which the series converges.

Radius of convergence

Every power series has a radius of convergence.

R .

* If $R > 0$, then the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n (x-a)^n$ converges for $|x-a| < R$ & diverges for $|x-a| > R$.

* If the series converges only at center " a " then $R = 0$.

* If series converges for all x , then we write $R = \infty$.

Absolute convergence

Within its interval of convergence, a power series converges absolutely. In other words, if x is a number in the interval of convergence and is not an end point of the interval then the series of absolute values

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n(x-a)^n|$$

converges.

Ratio Test

convergence of a power series can often be determined by the ratio test. Suppose that $c_n \neq 0$, for all n , and that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x-a| \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right| = |x-a| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right| = L$$

* If $L < 1$, the series converges absolutely.

* If $L > 1$, the series diverges.

* If $L = 1$, the test is inconclusive.

* A power series defines a function

A power series defines a function $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n$ whose domain is the interval of convergence of the series.

* If the radius of convergence $R > 0$, then f is continuous, differentiable and integrable on the interval $(a-R, a+R)$.

* $f'(x)$ and $\int f(x) dx$ can be found by term-by-term differentiation and integration.

Identity property

If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n = 0$, $R > 0$ for all number x in the interval of convergence, then $C_n = 0$ for all n .

* Analytic at a point

A function f is analytic at a point ' a ', if it can be represented by a power series in $(x-a)$ with a positive or infinite radius of convergence.

* Arithmetic of power series

Power series can be combined through the operation of addition, multiplication and division.

* The procedure for power series are similar to those by which two polynomials are added, multiplied and divided.

Example

Write $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)C_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+1}$ as a single power series whose general term involves x^k .

Solution

* To add two series, it is necessary that both summation indices start with the same number and the powers of x in each series be "in phase".

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)C_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+1}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 1 \cdot C_2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1)C_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+1}$$

Series starts with x for $n=3$ | Series starts with x for $n=0$.

Now summation index should start with same numbers and should have same exponent for x .

$$\Rightarrow 2c_2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1)c_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+1}$$

\downarrow replace $k=n-2$ \downarrow replace $k=n+1$
 $n=k+2$ $n=k-1$

$$\Rightarrow = 2c_2 + \sum_{k+2=3}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+1)c_{k+2} x^k + \sum_{k-1=0}^{\infty} c_{k-1} x^k$$

$$\Rightarrow = 2c_2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1)(k+2)c_{k+2} x^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k-1} x^k$$

Now we can add the series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)c_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+1} = 2c_2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k+1)(k+2)c_{k+2} + c_{k-1}] x^k$$

Power Series Solution.

Ordinary and singular pts.

Consider the 2nd order differential equation

$$a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = 0$$

dividing by $a_2(x)$

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$$

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* A point x_0 is said to be an **ordinary point** of the differential equation if both $P(x)$ & $Q(x)$ are analytic at x_0 .

* A point that is not an ordinary point is said to be a **singular point** of the equation.

Example

$$y'' + e^x y' + (\sin x) y = 0$$

The pt $x=0$ is the ordinary point of differential equation since both e^x & $\sin x$ are analytic at $x=0$.

$$y'' + e^x y' + \ln x y = 0$$

Here $x=0$ is a singular point because $\ln x$ is discontinuous at $x=0$.

* If $a_2(x)$, $a_1(x)$ and $a_0(x)$ are polynomials with no common factors, then both rational functions $P(x) = \frac{a_1(x)}{a_2(x)}$ and $Q(x) = \frac{a_0(x)}{a_2(x)}$ are analytic except when $a_2(x) = 0$. So we can write

$x=x_0$ is ordinary point of (1) if $a_2(x_0) \neq 0$ whereas

$x=x_0$ is a singular point if $a_2(x_0) = 0$.

e-g- $(x^2-1)y'' + 2xy' + 6y = 0$

has only two singular pts $x = \pm 1$.

Existence of Power Series Solution.

If $x=x_0$ is an ordinary point of differential equation, we can always find two linearly independent solutions in the form of power series centered at x_0 , that is $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-x_0)^n$. A series solution

converges at least on some interval defined by $|x-x_0| < R$, where R is the distance from x_0 to the closest singular points.

Example Solve $y'' + xy = 0$

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Solution

There is no finite singular point, so there are two power series solutions centered at 0, convergent for $|x| < \infty$.

Let $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ (1)

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n x^{n-1}$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^{n-2} \quad (2)$$

using (1) & (2) in (A)

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

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

$$2(2-1)c_2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+1} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \downarrow \\ n-2 = k \\ n = k+2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n+1 = k \\ n = k-1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2c_2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+1) c_{k+2} x^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k-1} x^k = 0$$

$$2c_2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((k+1)(k+2) c_{k+2} + c_{k-1}) x^k = 0$$

Here all the coefficients should be zero individually.

$$2c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$(K+1)(K+2)C_{K+2} + C_{K-1} = 0$$

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Eq. (3) is called **recurrence relation**

$$C_{K+2} = \frac{-C_{K-1}}{(K+1)(K+2)} \quad K=1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4)$$

$$K=1 \quad C_3 = \frac{-C_0}{2 \cdot 3}$$

$$K=2 \quad C_4 = \frac{-C_1}{3 \cdot 4}$$

$$K=3 \quad C_5 = \frac{-C_2}{4 \cdot 5}$$

Since $C_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow C_5 = 0$$

$$K=4 \quad C_6 = \frac{-C_3}{5 \cdot 6} = \frac{+1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} C_0$$

$$K=5 \quad C_7 = \frac{-C_4}{6 \cdot 7} = \frac{C_1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7}$$

$$K=6 \quad C_8 = \frac{-C_5}{7 \cdot 8} = 0 \quad \text{since } C_5 = 0$$

$$K=7 \quad C_9 = \frac{-C_6}{8 \cdot 9} = \frac{-1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 9} C_0$$

$$K=8 \quad C_{10} = \frac{-C_7}{9 \cdot 10} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdot 10} C_1$$

$$K=9 \quad C_{11} = \frac{-C_8}{10 \cdot 11} = 0$$

We have

$$y = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + C_3 x^3 + C_4 x^4 + C_5 x^5 + C_6 x^6 + C_7 x^7 + C_8 x^8 + C_9 x^9 + C_{10} x^{10} + C_{11} x^{11} + \dots$$

$$= C_0 + C_1 x + 0 - \frac{C_0}{2 \cdot 3} x^3 - \frac{C_1}{3 \cdot 4} x^4 + \frac{C_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} x^6 + \frac{C_1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} x^7 + 0 - \frac{C_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 9} x^9 - \frac{C_1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdot 10} x^{10} + 0 + \dots$$

$$= C_0 \left(1 - \frac{x^3}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{x^6}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} - \frac{x^9}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 9} + \dots \right) + C_1 \left(x - \frac{x^4}{3 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^7}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} - \frac{x^{10}}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdot 10} + \dots \right)$$

$$= C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$$

Now consider y_1

$$y_1 = 1 - \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} + \frac{x^6}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 5} - \frac{x^9}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{3k}}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (3k-1) \cdot 3k}$$

$$y_2 = x - \frac{x^4}{3 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^7}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 3 \cdot 6} - \frac{x^{10}}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10 \cdot 3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9} + \dots$$

$$= x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{3k+1}}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (3k)(3k+1)}$$

Example

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

Solution

$$x^2+1=0 \Rightarrow x = \pm i$$

So $x = \pm i$ are singular pts. A solution of differential Equation about $x=0$ will converge for $|x| < 1$ (distance to nearest point).

$$\text{Let } y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n C_n x^{n-1}$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n x^{n-2}$$

$$(x^2+1) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n x^{n-2} + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n C_n x^{n-1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n x^{n-2} \quad \text{opening two terms} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n C_n x^n \quad \text{opening one term} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n = 0$$

opening two terms

$$2(2-1)C_2 x^0 + 3(3-1)C_3 x^1 + 1C_1 x + -C_0 - C_1 x$$

$$+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n x^n + \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n x^{n-2} \quad K=n-2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n C_n x^n \quad K=n$$

$$- \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} C_n x^n = 0 \quad K=n$$

$$2C_2 + 6C_3 x - C_0 + \sum_{K=2}^{\infty} K(K-1) C_K x^K + \sum_{K=2}^{\infty} (K+2)(K+1) C_{K+2} x^K$$

$$+ \sum_{K=2}^{\infty} K C_K x^K - \sum_{K=2}^{\infty} C_K x^K = 0$$

$$2C_2 - C_0 + 6C_3x + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (K(K-1)C_k + (K+2)(K+1)C_{k+2} - KC_k - C_k)x^k = 0$$

$$2C_2 - C_0 + 6C_3x + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} ((K+1)(K-1)C_k + (K+1)(K+2)C_{k+2})x^k = 0$$

Putting all the coefficients of power of x equal to zero

$$\Rightarrow 2C_2 - C_0 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{1}{2}C_0$$

$$6C_3 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow C_3 = 0$$

$$(K+1)(K-1)C_k + (K+1)(K+2)C_{k+2} = 0$$

$$(\cancel{K+1})(K+2)C_{k+2} = -(\cancel{K+1})(K-1)C_k$$

$$C_{k+2} = -\frac{(K-1)}{(K+2)}C_k$$

$$K=2, 3, 4, \dots$$

$$K=2$$

$$C_4 = -\frac{1}{4}C_2 = -\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}C_0 = -\frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 2!}C_0$$

$$K=3$$

$$C_5 = -\frac{2}{5}C_3 = 0$$

$$K=4$$

$$C_6 = -\frac{3}{6}C_4 = \frac{1 \cdot 3}{6 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2!}C_0 = \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2^3 \cdot 3!}C_0$$

$$K=5$$

$$C_7 = -\frac{4}{7}C_5 = 0$$

$$K=6$$

$$C_8 = -\frac{5}{8}C_6 = -\frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 3!}C_0 = -\frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2^4 \cdot 4!}C_0$$

$$K=7$$

$$C_9 = -\frac{6}{9}C_7 = 0$$

$$K=8$$

$$C_{10} = -\frac{7}{10}C_8 = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2^5 \cdot 5!}C_0$$

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So

$$y = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + C_3 x^3 + C_4 x^4 + C_5 x^5 + C_6 x^6 + C_7 x^7 + C_8 x^8 + C_9 x^9 + C_{10} x^{10} + \dots$$

$$= C_0 + \frac{C_0 x^2}{2} - \frac{4 \cdot 0}{2^2 2!} x^4 + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2^3 3!} x^6 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2^3 3!} x^8 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2^5 5!} x^{10} + \dots + C_1 x$$

$$= C_0 \left[1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{2^2 2!} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2^3 3!} x^6 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2^3 3!} x^8 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2^5 5!} x^{10} \right] + \dots + C_1 x$$

$$= C_0 y_1(x) + y_2(x)$$

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{2^2 2!} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2^3 3!} x^6 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2^3 3!} x^8 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2^5 5!} x^{10} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + x^2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \dots (2n-3)}{2^n n!} x^{2n} \quad |x| < 1$$

Example

$$y'' - (1+n)y = 0$$

$$a_0 = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_0 + (n-1) \cdot 2 \\ &= -1 + 2(n-1) \\ &= 2n-3 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n C_n x^{n-1}$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n x^{n-2}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) C_n x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+1} = 0.$$

open series (one term) one term

$$2(2-1)C_2 + -C_0 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1)C_n x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+1} = 0.$$

$n=k+2$ $n=k$ $n=k-1$

$$2C_2 - C_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+1)C_{k+2} x^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k x^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_{k-1} x^k = 0$$

$$2C_2 - C_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((k+2)(k+1)C_{k+2} - C_k - C_{k-1}) x^k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2C_2 - C_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{C_2 = \frac{1}{2}C_0}$$

$$(k+1)(k+2)C_{k+2} = C_k + C_{k-1}$$

$$\boxed{C_{k+2} = \frac{C_k + C_{k-1}}{(k+1)(k+2)}}$$

$$k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Here all coefficients will include both C_0 & C_1 .

For simplicity: Let us first consider $C_0 \neq 0$ & $C_1 = 0$ and then $C_0 = 0$ & $C_1 \neq 0$

Case 1 $C_0 \neq 0$ $C_1 = 0$

$$k=1 \quad C_3 = \frac{C_1 + C_0}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{C_0}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{C_0}{6}$$

$$k=2 \quad C_4 = \frac{C_2 + C_1}{3 \cdot 4} = \frac{C_2}{3 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} C_0 = \frac{C_0}{24}$$

$K=3$

$$C_5 = \frac{C_3 + C_2}{4 \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5} \left[\frac{C_0}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2} C_0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{C_0}{30}$$

So

$$y_1(x) = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + C_3 x^3 + \dots$$

$$= C_0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} C_0 x^2 + \frac{1}{6} C_0 x^3 + \frac{1}{24} C_0 x^4 + \frac{1}{30} C_0 x^5 + \dots$$

$$= C_0 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \frac{x^5}{30} + \dots \right)$$

For $C_0 = 0$ $C_1 \neq 0$

$$C_0 = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{1}{2} C_0 = 0$$

 $K=1$

$$C_3 = \frac{C_1 + C_0}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{C_1}{6}$$

$$C_4 = \frac{C_2 + C_1}{3 \cdot 4} = \frac{C_1}{3 \cdot 4} = \frac{C_1}{12}$$

$$C_5 = \frac{C_3 + C_2}{4 \cdot 5} = \frac{C_3}{4 \cdot 5} = \frac{C_1}{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} = \frac{C_1}{120}$$

$$y_2(x) = C_1 \left(x + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{x^5}{120} + \dots \right)$$

General solution is

$$y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$$