

24 - series solutions near a regular singular point

$$P(x) \cdot y'' + Q(x) y' + R(x) y = 0$$

→ ordinary point : two solutions can be found

$x = x_0$ → singular point : no series solution

→ regular singular point : at least one solution can be represented

when $x = x_0$ is regular singular point =

$$(x - x_0)^2 y'' + (x - x_0) A(x) y' + B(x) y = 0$$

$$(x - x_0)^2 y'' + (x - x_0) [a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + \dots] y' + [b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + \dots] y = 0$$

$$(x - x_0)^2 y'' + (x - x_0) a y' + b y = 0 \rightarrow \text{as Euler equation}$$

if $r_1 - r_2$ is not an integer \Rightarrow 2 solutions
else only y_1

example $2x^2 y'' + 3x y' + (2x^2 - 1)y = 0$ when $x_0 = 0$

$$y' + \frac{3x}{2x^2} y' + \frac{2x^2 - 1}{2x^2} y = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cdot \frac{3}{2x} = \frac{3}{2} = \alpha$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \frac{(2x^2 - 1)}{2x^2} = \frac{-1}{2} = \beta$$

indicial equation

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2} - 1\right)r - \frac{1}{2} = 0 \quad r^2 - \frac{1}{2}r - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$2r^2 - r - 1 = 0 \quad r = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \quad r_1 - r_2 \neq \text{integer} \rightarrow 2 \text{ solutions}$$

$$y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}$$

$$y_1: y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (n-1) x^{n-\frac{3}{2}}$$

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

$$y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n (n-1)(n-2) x^{n-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{n-\frac{1}{2}} - (a_0 x^{\frac{1}{2}} + a_1 x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = 0$$

$x=0$
 $a_1=0$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [2a_n (n-1)(n-2) + 3a_n (n-1) + 2a_{n-2} - a_n] x^{n-\frac{1}{2}} - (a_0 x^{\frac{1}{2}} + a_1 x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = 0$$

$$a_n [2n^2 - 4n + 4 + 3n - 3] + a_{n-2} \cdot 2$$

$$a_n (2n^2 - 3n) + a_{n-2} \cdot 2 = 0$$

$$a_n = 2a_{n-2}$$

$$(3n - 2n^2)$$

let $a_0 = 1$

$$a_1 = 0 \quad a_3, a_5, a_7 \dots = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2a_0}{-2} = -a_0 = -1 \quad a_4 = \frac{1}{10} \quad a_6 = \frac{-1}{2 \cdot 10}$$

$$y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n-\frac{1}{2}} = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots)$$

$$= x^{-\frac{1}{2}} (1 + 0 - 1 \cdot x^2 + 0 + \dots)$$

a_0 and b_0 are free, can be

$$y_2: \sum_{n=0} b_n x^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \quad (a_0=1) \quad b_1=0 \quad b_2 = -\frac{7}{14} \quad a_3=0 \quad a_4 = \frac{1}{154}$$

taken as 1.

$$y_2 = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + 0 - \frac{7}{14} x^2 + 0 + \frac{x^4}{154} \dots \right)$$

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$