

Series Solutions

1. Find the singular points of the following differential equations and classify them.

(a) $x^2 y'' - 5y' + 3x^2 y = 0$

(b) $x^2 y'' + (\sin x)y' + (\cos x)y = 0$

(c) $(x^2 + x - 2)^2 y'' + 3(x + 2)y' + (x - 1)y = 0$

(d) $x^4 y'' + 4x^3 y' + y = 0$.

2. Solve the following differential equations in series (about $x=0$)

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

(b) $xy'' + y' + xy = 0$

(c) $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0$

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

(e) $8x^2 y'' + 10xy' - (1 + x)y = 0$

(f) $x(1 + x)y'' + (x + 5)y' - 4y = 0$.

Answers:

1(a) $x = 0$, irregular singular point (b) $x = 0$, regular singular point

(c) $x = 1$, irregular singular point, $x = -2$ regular singular point

(d) $x = 0$, irregular singular point.

2(a) $y(x) = c_0(1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \dots) + c_1(x - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{40}x^5 + \dots)$

(b) $y = a(1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4^2} - \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2} + \dots) + b(u \log x + (\frac{x^2}{2^2} - \frac{x^2}{2^2 \cdot 4^2}(1 + \frac{1}{2}) + \dots))$

(c) $y = ax^n(1 - \frac{x^2}{4(n+1)} + \frac{x^4}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot (n+1) \cdot (n+2)} - \dots) + bx^{-n}(1 - \frac{x^2}{4(1-n)} + \frac{x^4}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot (1-n) \cdot (2-n)} - \dots)$

(d) $y = a(1 + 2^2 \cdot x + 3^2 \cdot x^2 + 4^2 \cdot x^3 + \dots) + b(u \log x - 2(1 \cdot 2x + 2 \cdot 3x^2 + \dots))$

(e) $y = ax^4(1 + \frac{x}{14} + \frac{x^2}{14 \cdot 44} + \dots) + bx^{\frac{-1}{2}}(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{220} + \dots)$

(f) $y = a(1 + \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{1}{5}x^2 + \dots) + bx^{-4}(1 + 4x + 5x^2 + \dots)$