

7.4

For $\frac{d^2f}{dz^2} + 2(z - \alpha)\frac{df}{dz} + 4f = 0$ make the obvious substitution $x = z - \alpha$

This leads to $dx = dz$ and $\frac{d}{dz} = \frac{d}{dx}$, $\frac{d^2}{dz^2} = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ and gives

$$\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} + 2x\frac{df}{dx} + 4f = 0, \text{ with } f = f(x) \text{ Take } f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

and taking derivatives with respect to x and substitute into this DE gives

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} + 2x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1} + 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

Combine terms two and three together gives

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [2n+4]a_n x^n = 0$$

and reindexing the first sum gives

$$\sum_{n=-2}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+4)a_n x^n = 0$$

Note in the first sum for $n = -2, -1$ that the terms are zero so can start this sum at $n = 0$!, therefore

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + (2n+4)a_n] x^n = 0$$

From the sum above we have

$$(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + (2n+4)a_n = 0$$

or

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{-(2n+4)}{(n+2)(n+1)}a_n = \frac{-2(n+2)}{(n+2)(n+1)}a_n = \frac{-2}{n+1}a_n$$

Take $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 0$ and generate even coefficients

$$n=0 \text{ then } a_2 = \frac{-2}{1}a_0 = \frac{-2}{1}(1) = \frac{-2}{1}$$

$$n=2 \text{ then } a_4 = \frac{-2}{3}a_2$$

$$n=4 \text{ then } a_6 = \frac{-2}{5}a_4$$

$$n=6 \text{ then } a_8 = \frac{-2}{7}a_6$$

To get solution in the book we take

$$a_2 = \frac{-2}{1} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right) = \frac{-4}{1 \cdot 2}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{-2}{3}a_2 = \frac{-2}{3} \left(\frac{-4}{1 \cdot 2} \right) = \frac{-2}{3} \left(\frac{-4}{1 \cdot 2} \right) \left(\frac{4}{4} \right) = \frac{2(4)^2}{4!}$$

$$a_6 = \frac{-2}{5} \frac{2(4)^2}{4!} \left(\frac{6}{6} \right) = \frac{-2}{5} \frac{2(4)^2}{4!} \left(\frac{2 \cdot 3}{6} \right) = \frac{-2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2(4)^2}{6!} = \frac{-2 \cdot 3(4)^3}{6!}$$

$$a_8 = \frac{-2}{7} \left(\frac{-2 \cdot 3(4)^3}{6!} \right) \left(\frac{8}{8} \right) = \dots = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4(4)^4}{8!} = \frac{4!(4)^4}{8!}$$

In general

$$a_{2n} = \frac{(-1)^n n! (4)^n}{(2n)!} \text{ therefore } f_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n! (4)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n}$$

$$\text{or } f_1(z, \alpha) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n! (4)^n}{(2n)!} (z - \alpha)^{2n} \text{ (note my index is } n \text{ instead of } m \text{ like in book - doesn't matter)}$$

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{-2}{n+1} a_n$$

Take $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$ and generate odd coefficients

$$n=1 \text{ then } a_3 = \frac{-2}{2} a_1 = \frac{-2}{2} (1) = -1$$

$$n=3 \text{ then } a_5 = \frac{-2}{4} a_3 = \frac{-2}{4} (-1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$n=5 \text{ then } a_7 = \frac{-2}{6} a_5 = \frac{-1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2}$$

Start

with $n = 0$ then

$$\text{In general } a_{2n+1} = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!}$$

$$\text{therefore } f_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n+1} x^{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} x^{2n+1}$$

or

$$f_2(x) = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} (x^2)^n$$

Compare this to Taylor expansion for

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1^n}{n!} x^n$$

$$\text{So } e^{-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} (x^2)^n$$

Therefore

$$f_2(x) = x e^{-x^2}$$

The total solution is

$$f(x) = f_2(x) + f_1(x) = A x e^{-x^2} + B \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n! (4)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n}$$

and in terms of z and α , that is $x = z - \alpha$

$$f(z, \alpha) = A(z - \alpha) e^{-(z - \alpha)^2} + B \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n! (4)^n}{(2n)!} (z - \alpha)^{2n}$$