

Analytical Methods

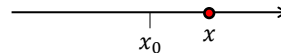
Solutions in power series of differential equations

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Power series - a review

- Consider a power series:

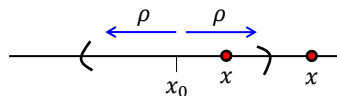
$$\sum_{n=0}^m a_n (x - x_0)^n$$



- The power series converges at a fixed x - if the following limit exists:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^m a_n (x - x_0)^n$$

Theorem: A power series converges at a symmetric open interval of a radius ρ around x_0 .



An absolute convergence is obtained for : $|x - x_0| < \rho$

Non-convergence (divergence) is obtained for : $|x - x_0| > \rho$

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What is the convergence radius?

$$\sum_{n=0}^m a_n (x - x_0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^m C_n$$

➤ Following the ratio test:

$$\frac{|C_{n+1}|}{|C_n|} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} K$$

An absolute convergence is obtained if: $K < 1$

A divergence is obtained for: $K > 1$

➤ Substituting the power series terms:

$$\frac{|C_{n+1}|}{|C_n|} = \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \cdot |x - x_0| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} L \cdot |x - x_0| < 1$$

Convergence

$$|x - x_0| < \frac{1}{L} \equiv \rho$$

Convergence
radius (ρ)

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Example

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} \cdot n \cdot (x - 2)^n$$

➤ Following the ratio test:

$$\frac{|C_{n+1}|}{|C_n|} = \frac{|(-1/2)^{n+2} \cdot (n+1) \cdot (x-2)^{n+1}|}{|(-1/2)^{n+1} \cdot n \cdot (x-2)^n|} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot |x-2|$$

$$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underbrace{|x-2|}_{\rho} < 1$$

Convergence
condition

➤ The radius of converges is thus: $\rho = 2$:

➤ The power series converges for any x at the range of $0 < x < 4$:

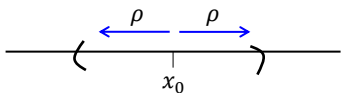
➤ The power series diverges for $x < 0$ and $x > 4$:

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Analytic function

$$\sum_{n=0}^m a_n (x - x_0)^n \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$$

- The function $f(x)$ is termed analytic function if it can be represented as a power series which converges for an open interval radius $\rho > 0$ around x_0 :

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$$


- Thus, analytic function is smooth which all its derivatives are defined at x_0 - **AND** its power series converges for a certain $\rho > 0$ to $f(x)$.
- A specific case of a converged power series is Taylor series:



$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n \xrightarrow{\text{Taylor series}} a_n = \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \right]_{x=x_0}$$

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Example 1:

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}x^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}x^n$$

- Following the ratio test:

$$\frac{|C_{n+1}|}{|C_n|} = \frac{\left| \frac{1}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \right|}{\left| \frac{1}{n!} x^n \right|} = \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \cdot |x| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} |x| < 1$$

$\rho = \infty$
 Convergence for all x

Example 2:

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

- This function **obviously diverges** at $x = 1$.

- Following the ratio test:

$$\frac{|C_{n+1}|}{|C_n|} = \frac{|x^{n+1}|}{|x^n|} = |x| < 1$$

Radius of convergence
 $\rho = 1$

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Example 3:

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 \dots + (-1)^n \cdot x^{2n} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot x^{2n}$$

- The denominator never vanishes for any x .
- The series however obviously diverges for any $x > 1$.
- Are we missing something?
- Using the ratio test:

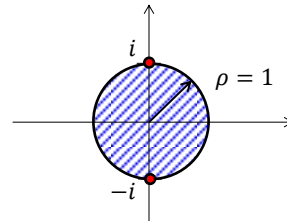
$$\frac{|C_{n+1}|}{|C_n|} = |x^2| < 1$$

Radius of convergence
 $\rho = 1$

- The power series diverges when the denominator vanishes:

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

Radius of convergence \rightarrow including the
complex plane!



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Part A - Series solutions in an ordinary point

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

- An ordinary point of the differential equation $x = x_0$ is defined for:

$$a_0(x_0) \neq 0$$

- Thus, the equation can be formulated as:

$$y'' + p(x) \cdot y' + q(x) \cdot y = f(x)$$

with the following analytic functions:

$$p(x) = \frac{a_1(x)}{a_0(x)}, \quad q(x) = \frac{a_2(x)}{a_0(x)},$$

- A singular point of the differential equation $x = x_0$ is defined for:

$$a_0(x_0) = 0$$

- If $a_1(x_0) \neq 0$ and/or $a_2(x_0) \neq 0$, the functions $p(x)$ and/or $q(x)$ are not-bounded and thus not analytic.

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Theorem 2:

$$y'' + p(x) \cdot y' + q(x) \cdot y = 0$$

Let $x = x_0$ be an ordinary point of the differential equations, and $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ analytic functions at $x = x_0$, with their power series converge for radius ρ_p and ρ_q respectively:

$$p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^m p_n (x - x_0)^n \quad |x - x_0| < \rho_p \neq 0$$

$$q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^m q_n (x - x_0)^n \quad |x - x_0| < \rho_q \neq 0$$

Then, there exists a unique solution in the form of a power series which converges for a radius ρ .

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^m a_n (x - x_0)^n = a_0 \cdot \varphi_1(x) + a_1 \cdot \varphi_2(x) \quad |x - x_0| < \rho \quad \rho \leq \min\{\rho_p, \rho_q\}$$

The coefficients a_0 and a_1 are arbitrary, and determined by the initial conditions.

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Example:

$$y'' + y = 0$$

➤ We wish to find the power series solution, expanded in $x_0 = 0$ - an ordinary point.

➤ $p(x) = 0$ and $q(x) = 1 \rightarrow$ analytical functions at $x_0 = 0$ with $\rho_p, \rho_q = \infty$

➤ We seek a power series solution at the form of:

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n = a_0 + a_1 \cdot x + a_2 \cdot x^2 + \dots$$

➤ The derivatives of $\varphi(x)$ are the derivatives of the power series:

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dx} = a_1 + a_2 \cdot 2 \cdot x + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d^2\varphi}{dx^2} = 2 \cdot a_2 + 6 \cdot a_3 \cdot x + \dots = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) \cdot x^{n-2}$$

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➤ Substituting into the equation:

$$y'' + y = 0 \longrightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) \cdot x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n = 0$$

➤ Shifting indices for the first series, to combine the power terms:

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

➤ The equation can be written as:

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

Must vanish for any selection of x and n

➤ The term in the brackets must vanish!

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- Thus, coefficients of the power series must fulfil the relation:

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



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

Recurrence
relation

- The even and odd coefficients of the power series are evaluated separately:

Even sequence (n=0,2,4,6...)

$$a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$a_4 = -\frac{a_2}{4 \cdot 3} = \frac{a_0}{4!}$$

$$a_{2n} = (-1)^n \frac{a_0}{(2n)!}$$

(n = 0,1,2 ...)

Odd sequence (n=1,3,5...)

$$a_3 = -\frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 2}$$

$$a_5 = -\frac{a_3}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{a_1}{5!}$$

$$a_{2n+1} = (-1)^n \frac{a_1}{(2n+1)!}$$

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- Substituting the coefficients into the power series solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n} \cdot x^{2n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n+1} \cdot x^{2n+1} \\ &= a_0 \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \cdot x^{2n}}_{\varphi_1(x)} + a_1 \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \cdot x^{2n+1}}_{\varphi_2(x)} \end{aligned}$$

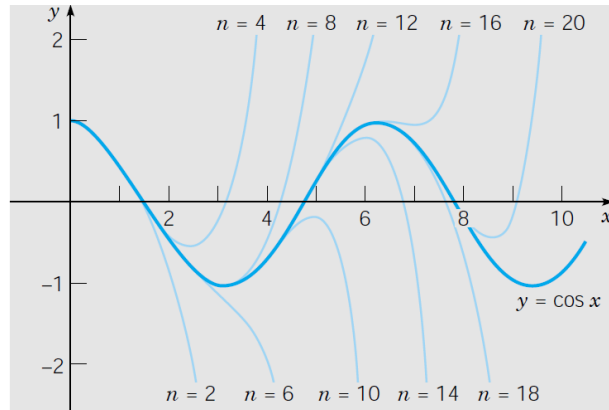
- The sharp-eye student - which was outstanding in calculus (Hedva) - may notice that:

$$\varphi_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \cdot x^{2n} = \cos(x) \quad \varphi_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \cdot x^{2n+1} = \sin(x)$$

$$\varphi(x) = a_0 \cdot \cos(x) + a_1 \cdot \sin(x)$$

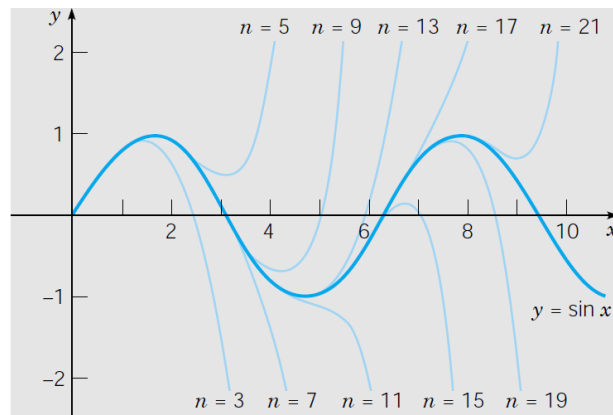
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$$\varphi_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \cdot x^{2n} = \cos(x)$$



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$$\varphi_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \cdot x^{2n+1} = \sin(x)$$



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Example - Airy equation:

$$y'' - x \cdot y = 0$$

- Also here, we wish to find the power series solution, expanded in $x_0 = 0$ - an ordinary point.
- $p(x) = 0$ and $q(x) = -x \rightarrow$ analytical functions at $x_0 = 0$ with $\rho_p, \rho_q = \infty$
- We again seek a power series solution at the form of:

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n$$

$$\varphi' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

$$\varphi'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) \cdot x^{n-2}$$

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- Substituting into the equation:

$$y'' - xy = 0 \longrightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) \cdot x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^{n+1} = 0$$

- Shifting indices for the first series:

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

- Shifting indices for the second series:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^{n+1} \longrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} \cdot x^n$$

- The equation can be written as:

$$(n=0) \boxed{a_2 \cdot 2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_{n+2} \cdot (n+2) \cdot (n+1) - a_{n-1}] \cdot x^n = 0 \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

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$$\underbrace{a_2 \cdot 2}_{=0} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{[a_{n+2} \cdot (n+2) \cdot (n+1) - a_{n-1}] \cdot x^n}_{=0} = 0$$

➤ Both terms must vanish !!

$$\boxed{a_2 = 0}$$

(n = 0)

$$\boxed{a_{n+2} = \frac{a_{n-1}}{(n+2) \cdot (n+1)}}$$

(n = 1, 2 ...)

Recurrence
relation

➤ As seen, every third term in the power series is determined by the recurrence relation.

➤ Since $a_2 = 0$, using the recurrence formula for the sequence $n = 3, 6, 9 \dots$ we obtain:

$$a_5 = \frac{a_2}{5 \cdot 4} = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Similarly...}} \quad a_8 = a_{11} = a_{14} = \dots = 0$$

(n = 3) (n = 6, 9, 11, ...)

$$\boxed{a_{3n-1} = 0} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3 \dots)$$

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➤ Using the recurrence formula for the sequence $n = 1, 4, 7 \dots$ we obtain :

$$a_3 = \frac{a_0}{3 \cdot 2} \quad a_6 = \frac{a_3}{6 \cdot 5} = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} \quad a_9 = \frac{a_6}{9 \cdot 8} = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 9}$$

(n = 1) (n = 4) (n = 7)

$$\boxed{a_{3n} = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdots (3n-4) \cdot (3n-3) \cdot (3n-1) \cdot 3n}} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3 \dots)$$

➤ Using the recurrence formula for the sequence $n = 2, 5, 8 \dots$ we obtain :

$$a_4 = \frac{a_1}{4 \cdot 3} \quad a_7 = \frac{a_4}{7 \cdot 6} = \frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} \quad a_{10} = \frac{a_7}{10 \cdot 9} = \frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdot 10}$$

(n = 2) (n = 5) (n = 8)

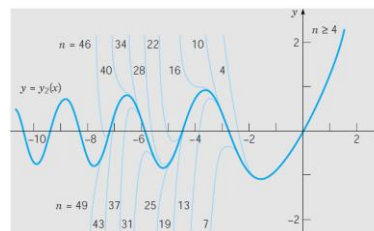
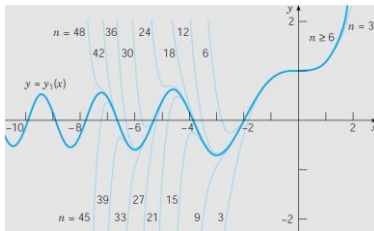
$$\boxed{a_{3n+1} = \frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdots (3n-3) \cdot (3n-2) \cdot 3n \cdot (3n+1)}} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3 \dots)$$

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- Substituting the coefficients into the power series solution:

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n = \dots =$$

$$= a_0 \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[1 + \frac{x^{3n}}{2 \cdot 3 \dots (3n-1) \cdot 3n} \right]}_{\varphi_1(x)} + a_1 \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[x + \frac{x^{3n+1}}{3 \cdot 4 \dots 3n \cdot (3n+1)} \right]}_{\varphi_2(x)}$$

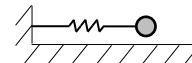


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Example - The Hermit equation:

(Harmonic oscillator -
quantum physics)

$$y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0 \quad ; \quad \lambda = \text{const}$$



- The power series solution $\varphi_\lambda(x)$, expanded in $x_0 = 0$, is:

See H.W 2

$$\varphi_\lambda(x) = a_0 \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{2} x^2 + \frac{(\lambda-4) \cdot \lambda}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2} x^4 + \frac{(\lambda-8) \cdot (\lambda-4) \cdot \lambda}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2} x^6 + \dots \right]$$

Hermit function type 1

$$+ a_1 \left[x - \frac{\lambda-2}{3 \cdot 2} x^3 + \frac{(\lambda-6) \cdot (\lambda-2)}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2} x^5 + \frac{(\lambda-10) \cdot (\lambda-6) \cdot (\lambda-2)}{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2} x^7 + \dots \right]$$

Hermit function type 2

- As seen, for $\lambda = 2 \cdot k$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) - one of the power series is **truncated**!
- The power series becomes a finite polynomial → termed as **Hermit polynomial** $H_k(x)$

A finite polynom always
converges !

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$$\varphi_\lambda(x) = a_0 \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}x^2 + \frac{(\lambda-4) \cdot \lambda}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2}x^4 + \frac{(\lambda-8) \cdot (\lambda-4) \cdot \lambda}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2}x^6 + \dots \right] \\ + a_1 \left[x - \frac{\lambda-2}{3 \cdot 2}x^3 + \frac{(\lambda-6) \cdot (\lambda-2)}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2}x^5 + \frac{(\lambda-10) \cdot (\lambda-6) \cdot (\lambda-2)}{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2}x^7 + \dots \right]$$

The Hermit polynomials:

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad H_0(x) = 1$$

$$\lambda = 2 \cdot 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad H_1(x) = 2 \cdot x$$

Scaling factor
(orthonormal basis)

$$\lambda = 2 \cdot 2 = 4 \quad \longrightarrow \quad H_2(x) = -2 \cdot (1 - 2x^2)$$

$$\lambda = 2 \cdot 3 = 6 \quad \longrightarrow \quad H_3(x) = -12 \cdot \left(x - \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right)$$



Olinde
Rodrigues

$$H_n(x) = (-1)^n \cdot e^{x^2} \cdot \frac{d^n}{dx^n} [e^{-x^2}]$$

The Rodrigues
formula

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Part B - The Legendre equation



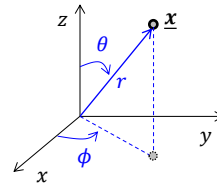
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Motivation - Laplace equation in spherical coordinates

- The Laplace equation in spherical coordinates (r, ϕ, θ) :

$$\frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r \cdot \Phi) + \frac{1}{r^2 \cdot \sin(\theta)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin(\theta) \cdot \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \cdot \sin(\theta)} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} = 0$$



Φ may represent
Electrostatic potential
Temperature field (steady-state)
Standing spherical waves



- Proposing a solution in the form of (separation of variables): $\Phi = \frac{U(r)}{r} \cdot P(\theta) \cdot Q(\phi)$
- After substituting (not shown..), the Laplace equation is decomposed into:

r direction

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dr^2} - \frac{l \cdot (l+1)}{r^2} \cdot U = 0$$

ϕ direction

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} + m^2 \cdot Q = 0$$

m and l are "eigenvalues"
(we will get there later on..)

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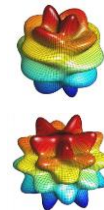
θ direction

$$\frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin(\theta) \cdot \frac{dP}{d\theta} \right) + \left[l \cdot (1+l) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2(\theta)} \right] \cdot P = 0$$

$$x = \cos(\theta) \quad \downarrow$$

The **Generalized Legendre equation**

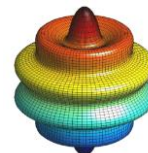
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left((1-x^2) \cdot \frac{dP}{dx} \right) + \left[l \cdot (1+l) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2} \right] \cdot P = 0$$



- For the case of **azimuthal symmetry** $m = 0$ and the equation reduces into:

The **Legendre equation**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left((1-x^2) \cdot \frac{dP}{dx} \right) + l \cdot (1+l) \cdot P = 0$$



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Legendre equation

$$(1 - x^2) \cdot y'' - 2 \cdot x \cdot y' + l \cdot (1 + l) \cdot y = 0 \quad (l = \text{const})$$

- The equation has a singular point at $x = 1$.
- We wish to find the power series solution, expanded in $x_0 = 0$ - an ordinary point.

$$p(x) = -\frac{2 \cdot x}{(1 - x^2)} \quad q(x) = \frac{l \cdot (1 + l)}{(1 - x^2)}$$

- $p(x)$ and $q(x) \rightarrow$ analytical functions at $x_0 = 0$.
- Their radius of convergence is $\rho_p, \rho_q = 1$.
- Thus, a power series solution for Legendre equation will converge at:

$$-1 < x < 1$$

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- We again seek for a power series solution:

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n$$

$$\varphi' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1} \quad \varphi'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) \cdot x^{n-2}$$

- Substituting into the equation: $(1 - x^2) \cdot y'' - 2x \cdot y' + l \cdot (1 + l) \cdot y = 0$

$$(1 - x^2) \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) \cdot x^{n-2}$$

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

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

➤ Expanding:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \underbrace{x^{n-2}}_{\text{Shifting indices}} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \underbrace{x^n}_{\text{Shifting indices}} - 2 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot \underbrace{x^n}_{\text{Shifting indices}} + l \cdot (1+l) \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot \underbrace{x^n}_{\text{Shifting indices}} = 0$$

↓

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

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

➤ Combining power terms:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{[2 \cdot a_2 + l \cdot (1+l) \cdot a_0]}_{=0} + \underbrace{[3 \cdot 2 \cdot a_3 - 2a_1 + l \cdot (1+l) \cdot a_1]}_{=0} \cdot x + \\ & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \underbrace{[a_{n+2} \cdot (n+2) \cdot (n+1) - a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) - 2a_n \cdot n + l \cdot (1+l)a_n]}_{=0} \cdot x^n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

➤ All terms must vanish !!

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- The first brackets yields:

$$a_2 = -\frac{l \cdot (1+l)}{2} \cdot a_0 \quad (n=0)$$

- The second brackets yields:

$$a_3 = -\frac{2-l \cdot (1+l)}{3 \cdot 2} \cdot a_1 = -\frac{(1-l) \cdot (2+l)}{3 \cdot 2} \cdot a_1 \quad (n=1)$$

- The third brackets ($n \geq 2$) yields:

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{n \cdot (n+1) - l \cdot (1+l)}{(n+2) \cdot (n+1)} \cdot a_n \quad (n \geq 2)$$



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

Recurrence
relation

($n = 2, 3, \dots$)

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- The even and odd coefficients of the power series are evaluated separately!

Even sequence ($n=0,2,4,6,\dots$)

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

$$a_2 = -\frac{l \cdot (1+l)}{2} \cdot a_0$$

$$a_4 = \frac{(2-l) \cdot (2+l+1)}{4 \cdot 3} a_2 = -\frac{l \cdot (1+l) \cdot (2-l) \cdot (3+l)}{4!} a_0$$

$$a_6 = \frac{(4-l) \cdot (5+l)}{6 \cdot 5} a_4 = -\frac{l \cdot (1+l) \cdot (2-l) \cdot (3+l) \cdot (4-l) \cdot (5+l)}{6!} a_0$$

$$a_{2n} = -\frac{l \cdot (1+l) \cdot (2-l) \cdots (2n-2-l) \cdot (2n-1+l)}{(2n)!} a_0$$

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Odd sequence (n=1,3,5...)

$$a_3 = \frac{(1-l) \cdot (2+l)}{3 \cdot 2} \cdot a_1$$

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

$$a_5 = \frac{(3-l) \cdot (3+l+1)}{5 \cdot 4} a_3 = \frac{(1-l) \cdot (2+l) \cdot (3-l) \cdot (4+l)}{5!} a_1$$

$$a_7 = \frac{(5-l) \cdot (6+l)}{7 \cdot 6} a_5 = \frac{(1-l) \cdot (2+l) \cdot (3-l) \cdot (4+l) \cdot (5-l) \cdot (6+l)}{7!} a_1$$

$$a_{2n+1} = \frac{(1-l) \cdot (2+l) \cdots (2n-1-l) \cdot (2n+l)}{(2n+1)!} a_1$$

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➤ The power series solution $\varphi_l(x)$, expanded in $x_0 = 0$, is:

$$\varphi_l(x) = a_0 \left[\underbrace{1 - \frac{l \cdot (1+l)}{2} x^2 - \frac{l \cdot (1+l) \cdot (2-l) \cdot (3+l)}{4!} x^4 - \dots}_{\text{Legendre function type 1}} \right]$$

$$+ a_1 \left[\underbrace{x + \frac{(1-l) \cdot (2+l)}{3 \cdot 2} x^3 + \frac{(1-l) \cdot (2+l) \cdot (3-l) \cdot (4+l)}{5!} x^5 + \dots}_{\text{Legendre function type 2}} \right]$$

➤ As can be seen, for $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ one of the power series is truncated!

➤ The power series that is not truncated → **Legendre function** $Q_l(x)$

$Q_l(x)$ converges for:
 $-1 < x < 1$

➤ The truncated series → a finite polynomial → **Legendre polynomials** $P_l(x)$

$P_l(x)$ converges for:
 $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

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The Legendre polynomials:

$$l = 0 \longrightarrow P_0(x) = 1$$

$$l = 1 \longrightarrow P_1(x) = x$$

$$l = 2 \longrightarrow P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (3x^2 - 1)$$

Scaling factor to achieve:
 $P_l(x = 1) = 1$

$$l = 3 \longrightarrow P_3(x) = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \left(x - \frac{5}{3}x^3\right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (5x^3 - 3x)$$

$$P_l(x) = \sum_{k=0}^l \frac{(-1)^k \cdot (2n - 2k)!}{2^n \cdot k! \cdot (n - 2k)!} x^{n-2k}$$



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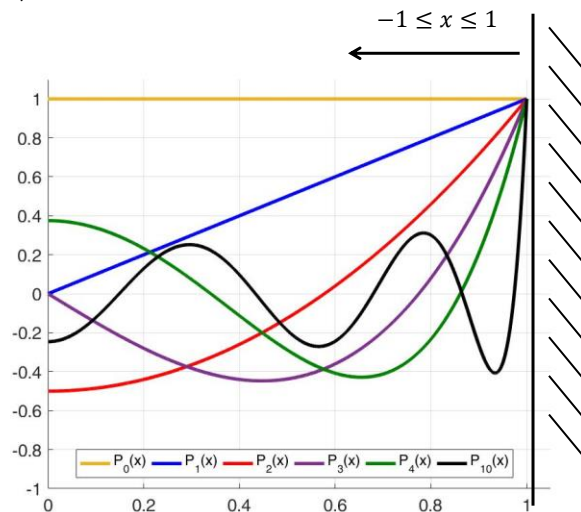
$$P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l \cdot l!} \cdot \frac{d^l}{dx^l} [(x^2 - 1)^l]$$

The Rodrigues
formula

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The Legendre polynomials:

$P_l(x)$ exist for:
 $-1 \leq x \leq 1$



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Orthogonality of Legendre polynomials

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_n(x) \cdot P_m(x) dx = \frac{2}{2n+1} \delta_{mn}$$

Spanning the function space
at the range of $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$m = 0, n = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_{-1}^1 P_0(x) \cdot P_0(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot 1 \cdot dx = 2$$

$$m = 0, n = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_{-1}^1 P_0(x) \cdot P_1(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot x \cdot dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 = 0$$

$$m = 1, n = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_{-1}^1 P_1(x) \cdot P_1(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 x \cdot x \cdot dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

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Part C - Singular points

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Singular points of a differential equation

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

➤ A singular point of the differential equation $x = x_0$ is defined for: $a_0(x_0) = 0$

➤ And for the formulation:

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

with the following not analytic functions:

$$p(x) = \frac{a_1(x)}{a_0(x)}, \quad q(x) = \frac{a_2(x)}{a_0(x)},$$

Note that: For singular points, uniqueness and existence theorem is generally not applicable !!!

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Examples:

$$x^2 \cdot y'' + x \cdot y' + (x^2 - \nu^2) \cdot y = 0$$

(Bessel equation)

➤ The point $x = 0$ is a singular point

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad q(x) = \frac{x^2 - \nu^2}{x^2}$$

$$(1 - x^2) \cdot y'' - 2x \cdot y' + l \cdot (l + 1) \cdot y = 0$$

(Legendre equation)

➤ The point $x = \pm 1$ are singular points

$$p(x) = \frac{-2x}{1 - x^2} \quad q(x) = \frac{l \cdot (l + 1)}{1 - x^2}$$

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$$x^2 \cdot (x-1) \cdot (x+2)^3 \cdot y'' + 7x^2 \cdot y' + 5x^2 \cdot y = 0$$

(Kishkashta's equation)

- The points $x = 1$ and $x = -2$ are singular points
- The point $x = 0$ is a not a singular point

Prof. Kishkashta
(1976-1981)

$$p(x) = \frac{\cancel{x^2} \cdot 7 \cdot \cancel{x^2}}{\cancel{x^2} (x-1) \cdot (x+2)^3} = \frac{7}{(x-1) \cdot (x+2)^3}$$

$$q(x) = \frac{5x^2}{x^2(x-1) \cdot (x+2)^3} = \frac{5}{(x-1) \cdot (x+2)^3}$$

- Another view of the equation:

$$x^2 \cdot \underbrace{[(x-1) \cdot (x+2)^3 \cdot y'' + 7 \cdot y' + 5 \cdot y]}_{=0} = 0$$

Must vanish for any
selection of x

$$(x-1) \cdot (x+2)^3 \cdot y'' + 7 \cdot y' + 5 \cdot y = 0$$

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Examples for problems in singular points

$$x^2 \cdot y'' + \alpha \cdot x \cdot y' + \beta \cdot y = 0$$

(Euler equation)

- The point $x = 0$ is a singular point

Specific examples of Euler equation

$$x^2 y'' - 2y = 0$$

- The solutions are:

$$\varphi_1(x) = x^2$$

$$\varphi_2(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

Solution diverges
for $x \rightarrow 0$

$$x^2 y'' - 2x y' + 2y = 0$$

- The solutions are:

$$\varphi_1(x) = x^2$$

$$\varphi_2(x) = x$$

Both solution
seems ok... but...

- The solutions cannot satisfy non-zero initial conditions $y(x=0) \neq 0$:

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"Weak" singularities - regular-singular points

$$y'' + p(x) \cdot y' + q(x) \cdot y = 0$$

- In a singular point $x = x_0$ - the following functions **not analytic**:

$$p(x) = \frac{a_1(x)}{a_0(x)}, \quad q(x) = \frac{a_2(x)}{a_0(x)},$$

- A special case of "**weak**" a singularity emerges when the following functions **are analytic**:

$$(x - x_0) \cdot p(x) = p_0 + p_1 \cdot x + p_2 \cdot x^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n \cdot x^n$$

Analytic at $x = x_0$;
Regular-singular point

$$(x - x_0)^2 \cdot q(x) = q_0 + q_1 \cdot x + q_2 \cdot x^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n \cdot x^n$$

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Examples:

$$x^2 \cdot y'' + \alpha \cdot x \cdot y' + \beta \cdot y = 0$$

(Euler equation)

- The point $x = 0$ is a **regular-singular point**

$$p(x) = \frac{\alpha}{x} \longrightarrow x \cdot p(x) = \alpha$$

$$q(x) = \frac{\beta}{x^2} \longrightarrow x^2 \cdot q(x) = \beta$$

$$x^2 \cdot y'' + x \cdot y' + (x^2 - v^2) \cdot y = 0$$

(Bessel equation)

- The point $x = 0$ is a **regular-singular point**

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{x} \longrightarrow x \cdot p(x) = 1$$

$$q(x) = \frac{x^2 - v^2}{x^2} \longrightarrow x^2 \cdot q(x) = x^2 - v^2$$

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$$(1 - x^2) \cdot y'' - 2x \cdot y' + l \cdot (1 + l) \cdot y = 0$$

(Legendre equation)

- The point $x = \pm 1$ are regular-singular points

$$p(x) = \frac{-2x}{1 - x^2} \quad q(x) = \frac{l \cdot (1 + l)}{1 - x^2}$$

- For the point $x = 1$, for example:

$$(1 - x) \cdot p(x) = \frac{-2x}{1 + x} = (-2x) \cdot (1 - x + x^2 + \dots) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n \cdot x^n$$

$$(1 - x)^2 \cdot q(x) = \frac{l \cdot (1 + l)}{1 + x} \cdot (1 - x) = l \cdot (1 + l) \cdot (1 - x + x^2 + \dots) \cdot (1 - x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n \cdot x^n$$

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$$x^2 \cdot (x - 1) \cdot (x + 2)^3 \cdot y'' + 7x^2 \cdot y' + 5x^2 \cdot y = 0$$

- The point $x = 0$ is an ordinary point.
- The point $x = 1$ is a regular-singular point
- The points $x = -2$ is an "irregular" singular points



- Let's take a look at $p(x)$, for example:

$$p(x) = \frac{7}{(x - 1) \cdot (x + 2)^3}$$

$$(1 - x) \cdot p(x) = \frac{7}{(x + 2)^3}$$

$$(x + 2) \cdot p(x) = \frac{7}{(1 - x) \cdot (x + 2)^2}$$

Analytic at $x = 1$

Not analytic at
 $x = -2$

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Series solutions in a (regular) singular point

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Example:

$$4x \cdot y'' + 3 \cdot y' - 3 \cdot y = 0$$

- We wish to find the power series solution, expanded at $x = 0$ - a regular-singular point

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \frac{3}{x} & \longrightarrow & \quad x \cdot p(x) = 3 \\ q(x) &= \frac{-3}{x} & \longrightarrow & \quad x^2 \cdot q(x) = -3 \cdot x \end{aligned}$$

- We seek a power series solution at the form of:

$r \in \mathbb{R}$
yet unknown...

$$\varphi(x) = x^r \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^{r+n} = a_0 \cdot x^r + a_1 \cdot x^{1+r} + a_2 \cdot x^{2+r} + \dots$$

- The derivatives of $\varphi(x)$ are the derivatives of the power series:

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dx} = r \cdot a_0 \cdot x^{r-1} + (r+1) \cdot a_1 \cdot x^r + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot (r+n) \cdot x^{r+n-1}$$

$$\frac{d^2\varphi}{dx^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot (r+n) \cdot (r+n-1) \cdot x^{r+n-2}$$

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➤ Substituting into the equation: $4x \cdot y'' + 3 \cdot y' - 3 \cdot y = 0$

$$\longrightarrow 4x \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot (r+n) \cdot (r+n-1) \cdot x^{r+n-2} + 3 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot (r+n) \cdot x^{r+n-1} - 3 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^{r+n} = 0$$

Shifting index

➤ Combining power terms:

$$\begin{aligned} & \quad (n=0) \\ & [4 \cdot a_0 \cdot r \cdot (r-1) + 3 \cdot a_0 \cdot r] \cdot x^{r-1} + \\ & \quad = 0 \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [4 \cdot a_n \cdot (r+n) \cdot (r+n-1) + 3 \cdot a_n \cdot (r+n) - 3 \cdot a_{n-1}] \cdot x^{r+n-1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(n ≥ 1)
= 0

➤ All terms must vanish !!

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➤ The first brackets yields:

$$a_0 \cdot [4 \cdot r \cdot (r-1) + 3 \cdot r] = 0 \quad (n=0)$$

➤ The second brackets yields:

$$4 \cdot a_n \cdot (r+n) \cdot (r+n-1) + 3 \cdot a_n \cdot (r+n) - 3 \cdot a_{n-1} = 0 \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$a_n \cdot [4 \cdot (r+n) \cdot (r+n-1) + 3 \cdot (r+n)] - 3 \cdot a_{n-1} = 0$$



$$a_n = \frac{3}{4 \cdot (r+n) \cdot (r+n-1) + 3 \cdot (r+n)} \cdot a_{n-1}$$

Recurrence
relation

(n = 1, 2, 3, ...)

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Let's take a look at the first brackets:

$$a_0 \cdot \underbrace{[4 \cdot r \cdot (r-1) + 3 \cdot r]}_{=0} = 0 \quad (n=0)$$

And/or

➤ The case of $a_0 = 0$ is not applicable:

$$a_0 = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{Recurrence relation}} a_1 = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{Recurrence relation}} a_n = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{\varphi \equiv 0}$$

➤ The only applicable case is thus:

$$\boxed{f(r) = 4 \cdot r \cdot (r-1) + 3 \cdot r = 0} \quad \text{Indicial equation}$$

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$$\boxed{f(r) = 4 \cdot r \cdot (r-1) + 3 \cdot r = 0} \quad (n=0)$$

➤ The roots of the equation are:

$$r_1 = 0$$

$$r_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

➤ We identified the "unknown r " values that produce the power series solutions:

$$\varphi_1(x; r_1) = x^{r_1} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n$$

$$\varphi_2(x; r_2) = x^{r_2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \cdot x^n$$

➤ For each case, we now can identify the series coefficients (a_0, \dots, a_n) and (b_0, \dots, b_n) by using the recurrence relation (!)

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Case I - $r = 0$

$$a_n = \frac{3}{n \cdot (4n - 1)} \cdot a_{n-1}$$

$$\varphi_1(x) = x^0 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n$$

$$a_1 = \frac{3}{1 \cdot (4 \cdot 1 - 1)} \cdot a_0 = \frac{3}{1 \cdot 3} a_0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{2 \cdot (4 \cdot 2 - 1)} \cdot a_1 = \frac{3}{2 \cdot 7} a_1 = \frac{3^2}{(1 \cdot 2)(3 \cdot 7)} a_0$$

$$a_3 = \frac{3}{3 \cdot (4 \cdot 3 - 1)} \cdot a_2 = \frac{3}{3 \cdot 11} a_2 = \frac{3^3}{(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)(3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11)} a_0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_n = \frac{3^n}{n! \cdot [3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdots (4 \cdot n - 1)]} \cdot a_0$$

Free selection
of a_0

$$\varphi_1(x) = x^0 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n$$

$$\varphi_1(x; r_1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n! \cdot [3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdots (4 \cdot n - 1)]} \cdot x^n$$

We can choose $a_0 = 1$
(for simplicity)

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Case II - $r = 1/4$

$$b_n = \frac{3}{n \cdot (4n + 1)} \cdot b_{n-1}$$

$$\varphi_2(x) = x^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \cdot x^n$$

$$b_1 = \frac{3}{1 \cdot (4 \cdot 1 + 1)} \cdot b_0 = \frac{3}{1 \cdot 5} b_0$$

$$b_2 = \frac{3}{2 \cdot (4 \cdot 2 + 1)} \cdot b_1 = \frac{3}{2 \cdot 9} b_1 = \frac{3^2}{(1 \cdot 2)(5 \cdot 9)} b_0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$b_n = \frac{3^n}{n! \cdot [5 \cdot 9 \cdots (4 \cdot n + 1)]} \cdot b_0$$

Free selection
of b_0

$$\varphi_2(x) = x^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \cdot x^n$$

$$\varphi_2(x; r_1) = x^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n! \cdot [5 \cdot 9 \cdots (4 \cdot n + 1)]} \cdot x^n$$

We can choose $b_0 = 1$
(for simplicity)

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Summary:

$$4x \cdot y'' + 3 \cdot y' - 3 \cdot y = 0$$

Cannot be solved analytically by
the conventional methods...

➤ The general solution of the equation is:

$$\varphi(x) = c_1 \cdot \varphi_1(x) + c_2 \cdot \varphi_2(x)$$

➤ Where $\varphi_1(x)$ and $\varphi_2(x)$ are:

$$\varphi_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n! \cdot [3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdots (4 \cdot n - 1)]} \cdot x^n$$

$$\varphi_2(x) = x^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n! \cdot [5 \cdot 9 \cdots (4 \cdot n + 1)]} \cdot x^n$$

Show at home: the solutions are linearly
independent and converge for $0 < x < \infty$

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