

Chap4 Series Solutions

4.1 Review

(1) Power series

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

a : center of series

C_n : coefficients

(2) Absolute convergence

Suppose $\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} C_n(x-a)^n$ converges for $x = x_1 \neq a$

Then the series converges absolutely for all x such that $|x-a| < |x_1-a|$

or $\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} |C_n(x-a)^n|$ converges

(3) Ratio test for convergence of series

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{C_{n+1}(x-a)^{n+1}}{C_n(x-a)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{C_{n+1}}{C_n} \right| (x-a) = L$ if $L < 1$ then the series converges

$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{C_{n+1}}{C_n} \right| (x-a) < 1$ or $(x-a) < \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{C_{n+1}}{C_n} \right|} = R$ Here R = radius of

convergence

Ex: geometric series

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + K \quad \text{the series converges if}$$

$$|x| < \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{C_{n+1}}{C_n} \right|} = 1 = R$$

Ex:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + K + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots + K \quad \text{radius of convergence } R$$

$$|x| < \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{1}{n!}} \right|} = \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{n+1} \right|} = \infty = R$$

Ex: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)9^n} (x-2)^{2n}$ Interval of convergence = ?

Sol. Using ratio test we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(n+2)9^{n+1}} (x-2)^{2(n+1)}}{\frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)9^n} (x-2)^{2n}} \right|$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{-(n+1)}{(n+2)9} |x-2|^2 \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{9(n+2)} |x-2|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} |x-2|^2$$

The series converges if $\frac{1}{9} |x-2|^2 < 1$

or $|x-2|^2 < 9$

$$|x-2| < 3$$

or $-3 < x-2 < 3$

$$-1 < x < 5$$

Interval of converges if $x < -1$ or $x > 5$ series diverges

(4) Operations of power series

A. Add and Subtract

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

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (x-x_0)^n$$

$$F(x) + g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n \pm b_n) (x-x_0)^n$$

B. Multiplication

(a) $k \bullet F(x)$

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

$k = \text{constant}$

(b) $(Fg)(x) = F(x)g(x)$

$$F(x)g(x) = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (x - x_0)^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x - x_0)^n$$

When $C_n = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j b_{n-j}$

(c) Term by term differentiation

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n \quad \text{converges}$$

$$F'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n (x - x_0)^{n-1} \quad \text{converges}$$

$$F''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n (x - x_0)^{n-2}$$

\vdots

$$F^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) a_n (x - x_0)^{n-k}$$

(d) Term by term integration

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

$$\int F(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int a_n (x - x_0)^n dx + c$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} (x - x_0)^{n+1} + c$$

(5) Shifting indices

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+2} x^{n+2}$$

4.2 Power series solution through Recurrence Relations

1. Power Series method

The power series method is the standard basic method for solving the linear D.E. with “variable” coefficients $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x)$

2. Existence of power series solutions if $P(x)$ $q(x)$ $r(x)$ in D.E.

$y'' + p y' + q y = r$ are analytic at $x = x_0$, the every solution of above D.E. is analytic at $x = x_0$ and can be represented by a power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(x - x_0)^n \text{ with radius of convergence } R > 0.$$

3.Examples

(1) D.E. $y' - 2xy = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy$$

$$\ln y = x^2 + c$$

$$y = ke^{x^2}$$

Use power series method to solve the D.E.

Assume the solution

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

$$\therefore y'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y' - 2xy &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} - 2x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^{n+1} \\ &= a_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^{n+1} \\ &= a_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{(k+1)} x^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2a_{k-1} x^k \\ &= a_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k+1)a_{k+1} - 2a_{k-1}] x^k \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for nontrivial solution $x^k \neq 0$

$$\therefore a_1 = 0$$

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

$$\therefore a_1 = 0, a_{k+1} = \frac{2}{k+1}a_{k-1} \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$k = 1 \quad a_2 = a_0$$

$$k = 2 \quad a_3 = \frac{2}{3}a_1 = 0$$

$$k = 3 \quad a_4 = \frac{2}{4}a_2 = \frac{1}{2}a_0$$

$$k = 4 \quad a_5 = \frac{2}{5}a_3 = 0$$

\therefore Solution

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \Lambda \\ &= a_0 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4 + \Lambda \\ &= a_0 + a_0 x^2 + \frac{a_0}{2!} x^4 + \frac{a_0}{3!} x^6 + \Lambda \\ &= a_0 \left[1 + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} + \frac{x^6}{3!} + \Lambda \right] \\ &= a_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{n!} \\ &= a_0 e^{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

2. D.E. $y'' + xy' - y = e^{3x} \dots (1)$

$$p(x) = x, q(x) = -1, r(x) = e^{3x}$$

\therefore $p(x), q(x)$, are analytic at $x=x_0$

\therefore Power series solution can be expanded about $x_0=0$

Assume solution $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \dots (2)$

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

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

$$e^{3x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!} x^n \quad (3)$$

Sub (2) and (3) into (1) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!} x^n \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3^n}{n!} \right) x^n \quad \Lambda \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

Shift indices in 1st term of equation (4) to

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

\therefore Equation (4) become

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

Collecting term from n=1 on under one summation, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + n a_n - a_n] x^n + 2a_2 - a_0 = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3^n}{n!} \right) x^n \quad \Lambda \quad (5)$$

Equate coefficients on both side of equation (5) to yield

$$\begin{cases} 2a_2 - a_0 = 1 \\ (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + (n-1) a_n = \frac{3^n}{n!} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} a_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + a_0) \\ a_{n+2} = \frac{\frac{3^n}{n!} + (1-n) a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \quad \Lambda \quad \text{Recurrence Relation} \end{cases}$$

$$n = 1 \quad a_3 = \frac{3}{(1+2)(1+1)} = \left(\frac{3}{3 * 2} \right)$$

$$n = 2 \quad a_4 = \frac{\frac{9}{2} - a_2}{(2+2)(2+1)} = \frac{3^2}{2! * 3} - \frac{a_2}{4 * 3} = \frac{3^2}{4!} - \frac{2a_2}{4!} = \frac{3^2}{4!} - \frac{1 + a_0}{4!}$$

$$n = 3 \quad a_5 = \frac{\frac{3^3}{3!} - 2a_3}{(3+2)(3+1)} = \frac{3^3}{3!5 \cdot 4} - \frac{2 \cdot 3}{5!}$$

$$n = 4 \quad a_6 = \frac{\frac{3^4}{4!} - 3a_4}{(4+2)(4+1)} = \frac{3^4}{6!} - \frac{3}{6 \cdot 5} a_4 = \frac{3^4}{6!} - \frac{3}{6 \cdot 5} \left(\frac{3^2}{4!} - \frac{1+a_0}{4!} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3^4 - 3^2}{6!} + \frac{3(1+a_0)}{6!}$$

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\therefore solution

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + \Lambda$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + \frac{1}{2}(1+a_0)x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{a_0}{24} \right) x^4 + \Lambda$$

4.3 Singular points and method of Frobenius

1. Ordinary and Singular points A point $x=x_0$ is an ordinary point of differential equation $P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = F(x)$ or

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x) \quad \text{if } p(x_0) \neq 0 \text{ and } \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)}, \frac{R(x)}{P(x)} \text{ and } \frac{F(x)}{P(x)} \text{ are analytic}$$

at x_0 , that is $p(x), q(x)$ and $f(x)$ have a power series in $(x-x_0)$ with a positive radius of convergence. A point is not an ordinary point is a singular point.

EX : $y'' + e^x y' + (\sin x)y = 0$ Ordinary points? Singular points?

$$\text{Sol : } \left. \begin{array}{l} p(x) = e^x \\ q(x) = \sin x \end{array} \right\} \text{Continuous FN for every } x$$

$\therefore p(x), q(x)$ are analytic for every x every finite value of x is an

ordinary point. Solution can be assumed as $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$ where x_0 is any finite value.

EX : $y'' + (\ln x)y = 0$

Is $x=0$ an ordinary pt or singular pt?

$q(x) = \ln x$ Is not an analytic at $x=0$

$\therefore x=0$ is a singular pt.

EX : $xy'' + \sin xy = 0$

Is $x=0$ an ordinary pt or singular pt?

$$q(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} q(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{1} = 1(\text{exists})$$

$$q(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x} = \frac{x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots}{x} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} \Lambda$$

$\therefore \frac{\sin x}{x}$ is analytic at $x=0$

$\therefore x=0$ is an ordinary pt.

2. Regular and Irregular singular points

A singular points $x=x_0$ of D.E.

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = F(x) \quad \text{ie}$$

said to be a regular singular point if

$$(x-x_0)\frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} \quad \text{and} \quad (x-x_0)^2\frac{R(x)}{P(x)} \quad \text{are analytic}$$

At X_0 otherwise a irregular singular point

Ex. $(x^2 - 4)^2 y'' + (x - 2)y' + y = 0$

Singular point? Regular or Irregular?

Sol. $P(x) = (x^2 - 4)^2$

$$Q(x) = (x - 2)$$

$$R(x) = 1$$

$$p(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{1}{(x-2)(x+2)^2}$$

$$q(x) = \frac{R(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{1}{(x^2 - 4)^2}$$

$\therefore x = 2$ & $x = -2$ are singular point

$\ominus p(x)$ & $q(x)$ are not analytic at $x = \pm 2$

Look at

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

$$(x-2)^2 q(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} \quad \text{are analytic at } x = 2$$

$\therefore x = 2$ is a regular singular point

Look at

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

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

$\ominus (x+2)p(x)$ is not analytic at $x = -2$

$\therefore x = -2$ is a irregular singular point

3. Existence of power series solution

If $x=x_0$ is an ordinary point of D.E.

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = F(x)$$

Two linearly independent solutions in the form of power series

centered at x_0 , $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$ can be founded

Ex. $y'' - 2xy = 0$

Sol.

$$\begin{cases} P(x) = 1 \\ Q(x) = 0 \\ R(x) = -2x \\ F(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$X=0$ is an ordinary point of D.E.

$$y'' - 2xy' = 0$$

\therefore Solution $y(x)$ can be assumed as

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y'' - 2xy' &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^{n+1} \\ &= 2a_2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^{n+1} \\ &= 2a_2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+1) a_{k+2} x^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2a_{k-1} x^k \\ &= 2a_2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k+2)(k+1) a_{k+2} - 2a_{k-1}] x^k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2a_2 = 0$$

$$(k+2)(k+1) a_{k+2} - 2a_{k-1} = 0 \quad k=1, 2, \dots$$

Or $\left. \begin{cases} a_2 = 0 \\ a_{k+2} = \frac{2}{(k+2)(k+1)} a_{k-1}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases} \right\}$ Recurrence relation

$$K=1 \quad a_3 = \frac{2}{3 \times 2} a_0$$

$$K=2 \quad a_4 = \frac{2}{4 \times 3} a_1$$

$$K=3 \quad a_5 = \frac{2}{5 \times 4} a_2 = 0$$

$$K=4 \quad a_6 = \frac{2}{6 \times 5} a_3 = \frac{2^2}{6 \times 5 \times 3 \times 2} a_0$$

$$K=5 \quad a_7 = \frac{2}{7 \times 6} a_4 = \frac{2^2}{7 \times 6 \times 4 \times 3} a_1$$

$$K=6 \quad a_8 = \frac{2}{8 \times 7} a_5 = 0$$

$$K=7 \quad a_9 = \frac{2}{9 \times 8} a_6 = \frac{2^3}{9 \times 8 \times 6 \times 5 \times 3 \times 2} a_0$$

$$K=8 \quad a_{10} = \frac{2^3}{10 \times 9 \times 7 \times 6 \times 4 \times 3} a_1$$

$$K=9 \quad a_{11} = 0$$

$$\therefore y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_6 x^6 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 \left[1 + \frac{2}{3 \times 2} x^3 + \frac{2^2}{6 \times 5 \times 3 \times 2} x^6 + \frac{2^3}{9 \times 8 \times 6 \times 5 \times 3 \times 2} x^9 + \dots \right]$$

$$+ a_1 \left[x + \frac{2}{4 \times 3} x^4 + \frac{2^2}{7 \times 6 \times 4 \times 3} x^7 + \frac{2^3}{10 \times 9 \times 7 \times 6 \times 4 \times 3} x^{10} + \dots \right]$$

$$= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)$$

Here

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k [1 \times 4 \times 7 \times \dots (3k-2)]}{(3k)!} x^{3k}$$

$$y_2(x) = x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k [2 \times 5 \times 8 \times \dots (3k-1)]}{(3k+1)!} x^{3k+1}$$

4. Method of Frobenius (solution about singular point)

If $x=x_0$ is a regular singular point of D.E.

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = F(x)$$

then there exists at least one series solution of the form

$$y = (x - x_0)^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x - x_0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x - x_0)^{n+r}$$

Where r is a constant to be determined ($r =$ integer, negative integer or non-integer)

Ex. Solve $3xy'' + y' - y = 0$

Sol.

$$P(x) = 3x$$

$$Q(x) = 1$$

$$R(x) = -1$$

Let

$$P(x) = 3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \quad \text{is singular point}$$

$$\Theta (x - 0)Q(x) = x$$

$$(x - 0)^2 R(x) = -x^2 \quad \text{Analytic point}$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \quad \text{is a regular singular point}$$

According to method of Frobenius there exists at least one Frobenius solution about the regular point $x_0 = 0$

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+r}$$

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

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

$$\therefore 3xy'' + y' - y$$

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

$$= x^r \left[3r(r-1)C_0 x^{-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3(n+r)(n+r-1)C_n x^{n-1} + rC_0 x^{-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+r)C_n x^{n-1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n \right]$$

$$= x^r \left\{ r(3r-2)C_0 x^{-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(k+r+1)(3k+3r+1)C_{k+1} - C_k] x^k \right\}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore r(3r-2)C_0 = 0$$

$$(k+r+1)(3k+3r+1)C_{k+1} - C_k = 0 \quad k=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$r(3r-2) = 0 \quad r_1 = \frac{2}{3}, r_2 = 0$$

$$r_1 = \frac{2}{3} \quad \therefore C_{k+1} = \frac{C_k}{(3k+5)(k+1)} \quad k=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$K=0 \quad C_1 = \frac{C_0}{5 \times 1}$$

$$K=1 \quad C_2 = \frac{C_1}{8 \times 2} = \frac{C_0}{(5 \times 1)(8 \times 2)} = \frac{C_0}{2!5 \times 8}$$

$$K=2 \quad C_3 = \frac{C_2}{11 \times 3} = \frac{C_0}{(5 \times 1)(8 \times 2)(11 \times 3)} = \frac{C_0}{3!5 \times 8 \times 11}$$

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$$C_k = \frac{1}{k!5 \times 8 \times 11 \times \dots \times (3k+2)} C_0 \quad k=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\therefore y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+\frac{2}{3}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$r_2=0$$

$$\therefore C_{k+1} = \frac{C_k}{(k+1)(3k+1)} \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$K=0 \quad C_1 = \frac{C_0}{1 \times 1}$$

$$K=1 \quad C_2 = \frac{C_1}{2 \times 4} = \frac{C_0}{(1 \times 1)(2 \times 4)} = \frac{C_0}{2!1 \times 4}$$

$$K=2 \quad C_3 = \frac{C_2}{3 \times 7} = \frac{C_0}{(1 \times 1)(2 \times 4)(3 \times 7)} = \frac{C_0}{3!1 \times 4 \times 7}$$

$$C_k = \frac{1}{k! \times 4 \times 7 \times \dots (3k-2)} C_0 \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\therefore y_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+r_2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n = C_0 \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n! \times 4 \times 7 \times \dots (3n-2)} x^n \right]$$

$$\therefore \text{General solution} \quad y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$$

Ex. Solve $x^2 y'' + 5xy' + (x+4)y = 0$

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+r}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)C_n x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5(n+r)C_n x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+r+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4C_n x^{n+r} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)C_n x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5(n+r)C_n x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_{n-1} x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4C_n x^{n+r} = 0$$

$$[r(r-1) + 5r + 4]C_0 x^r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+r)(n+r-1)C_n + 5(n+r)C_n + C_{n-1} + 4C_n] x^{n+r} = 0$$

$$r(r-1) + 5r + 4 = 0$$

$$(n-2)(n-3)C_n + 5(n-2)C_n + C_{n-1} + 4C_n = 0$$

Or
$$C_n = -\frac{1}{(n-2)(n-3) + 5(n-2) + 4} C_{n-1}$$

$$C_n = -\frac{1}{n^2} C_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$C_1 = -C_0$$

$$C_2 = -\frac{1}{4} C_1 = \frac{1}{4} C_0 = \frac{1}{(2)^2} C_0$$

$$C_3 = -\frac{1}{9} C_2 = -\frac{1}{4 \times 9} C_0 = -\frac{1}{(2 \times 3)^2} C_0$$

$$C_4 = -\frac{1}{16} C_3 = -\frac{1}{4 \times 9 \times 16} C_0 = \frac{1}{(2 \times 3 \times 4)^2} C_0$$

$$C_n = (-1)^n \frac{1}{(n!)^2} C_0$$

$$y(x) = C_0 \left[x^{-2} - x^{-1} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{36} x + \frac{1}{576} x^2 + \dots \right] = C_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{(n!)^2} x^{n-2}$$

4.4 Second Solution and Logarithm Terms

1. Indicial Equation

If D.E. $y''+p(x)y'+q(x)y=0$ has regular singular point at $x=0$. Then

multiplied

by x^2 , we have

$$x^2 y'' + x^2 p(x) y' + x^2 q(x) y = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$x^2 y'' + xa(x)y' + b(x)y = 0$$

where $a(x) = xp(x)$, $b(x) = x^2q(x)$ are analytic at $x=0$. Therefore

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a(x) = xp(x) = p_0 + p_1x + p_2x^2 + \dots \\ b(x) = x^2q(x) = q_0 + q_1x + q_2x^2 + \dots \end{array} \right.$$

Assume Frobenius Solution

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r}$$

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)c_n x^{n+r-1} = x^{r-1}[rc_0 + (r+1)c_1x + \dots]$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)c_n x^{n+r-2} = x^{r-2}[r(r-1)c_0 + (r+1)rc_1x + \dots]$$

$$\therefore x^2 y'' + xa(x)y' + b(x)y$$

$$= x^r[r(r-1)c_0 + (r+1)rc_1x + \dots] + x^r[p_0 + p_1x + p_2x^2 + \dots][rc_0 + (r+1)c_1x + \dots]$$

$$+ x^r[q_0 + q_1x + q_2x^2 + \dots][c_0 + c_1x + \dots]$$

$$= x^r[r(r-1) + rp_0 + q_0]c_0 + x^{r+1}\{c_1[r(r+1) + p_0(r+1) + q_0] + c_0[rp_1 + q_1]\}$$

$$+ x^{r+2}\{c_2[(r+1)(r+2) + p_0(r+2) + q_0] + c_1[p_1(r+1) + q_0] + c_0[rp_2 + q_2]\} + \dots$$

Let $f(r) = r(r-1) + p_0r + q_0$

$$g_h(r) = p_n(r-n) + q_n \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x^2 y'' + xa(x)y' + b(x)y &= f(r)c_0 x^r + [c_1 f(r+1) + c_0 g_1(r+1)]x^{r+1} \\ &+ [f(r+1)c_2 + g_1(r+2)c_1 + g_2(r+2)c_0]x^{r+2} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &+ [f(r+m)c_m + \sum_{n=1}^m g_n(r+m)c_{m-n}] x^{r+m} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let $f(r) = 0$, namely

$$r(r-1) + p_0 r + q_0 = 0 \quad \text{Indicial equation}$$

and all coefficient of each term are zero, then we have ($c_0 \neq 0$)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(r+1)c_1 = -g_1(r+1)c_0 \\ f(r+m)c_m = -\sum_{n=1}^m g_n(r+m)c_{m-n} \quad m \geq 1 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{Recurrence Formula}$$

2. Cases of indicial roots

Suppose r_1 and r_2 are real roots and $r_1 > r_2$

(1) Case 1, distinct roots not differing by an integer, $r_1 \neq r_2$, $r_1 - r_2 \notin \mathbb{I}$

Two linearly independent solutions exist

$$y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r_1} \quad c_0 \neq 0$$

$$y_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r_2} \quad b_0 \neq 0$$

Ex. Solve $2xy'' + (1+x)y' + y = 0$

Sol.

$x = 0$ is regular singular point

\therefore Frobenius Solution is

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r}$$

$\therefore 2xy'' + (1+x)y' + y$

$$= x^r + \{r(2r-1)c_0x^{-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [(k+r+1)(2k+2r+1)c_{k+1} + (k+r+1)c_k]x^k\}$$

$$= 0$$

Indicial equation

$$r(2r-1=0)$$

$$r_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad r_2 = 0$$

$$r_1 - r_2 = \frac{1}{2} \neq \text{Integer}$$

Recurrence formula

$$c_{k+1} \frac{k+r+1}{(k+r+1)(2k+2r+1)} c_k \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$r_1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad c_{k+1} = \frac{k+\frac{3}{2}}{(k+\frac{3}{2})(2k+2)} c_k \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\therefore y_1(x) = c_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^n n!} x^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{converges for } x \geq 0$$

$$r_2 = 0 \quad c_{k+1} = \frac{k+1}{(k+1)(2k+1)} c_k \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\therefore y_2(x) = c_0 [1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times \dots \times (2n-1)} x^n] \quad \text{converges for } |x| < \infty$$

\therefore on $(0, \infty)$

$$y(x) = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

Case 2, $r_1 - r_2 = I$, I is a positive integer.

$$r = r_1 \quad y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r_1}$$

$$r = r_2 \quad y_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r_2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r_1-I} = \sum_{n=I}^{\infty} c_{n-I} x^{n+r_1} \in y_1(x)$$

$y_1(x)$ & $y_2(x)$ are linearly dependent

\therefore Only one solution $y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r_1}$ is obtained.

$y_1 = x^{r_1}(c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots)$ is known, so the second solution $y_2(x)$

can be obtained by using "Reduction of Order"

$$\therefore y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$$

$$y_2'(x) = u'y_1 + uy_1'$$

$$y_2''(x) = u'' y_1 + 2u' y_1' + u y_1''$$

Substituting above equations into the D.E.

$$x^2 y''(x) + xa(x)y'(x) + b(x)y(x) = 0, \text{ we have}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & x^2(u'' y_1 + 2u' y_1' + u y_1'') + xa(x)(u' y_1 + u y_1') + b(x)u(y_1) \\ &= x^2 y_1 u'' + 2x^2 y_1' u' + xa(x) y_1 u' \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Divided by $x^2 y$ yield

$$u'' + \left[2 \frac{y_1'}{y_1} + \frac{a(x)}{x} \right] u' = 0$$

$$a(x) = p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{y_1'}{y_1} = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r_1) c_n x^{n+r_1-1}}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r_1}} = \frac{x^{r_1-1} [r c_0 + (r_1+1) c_1 x + \dots]}{x^{r_1} [c_0 + c_1 x + \dots]} = \frac{r_1}{x} + \dots$$

$$\therefore u'' + \left[\frac{2r_1}{x} + \dots + \frac{p_0}{x} + p_1 + \dots \right] u' = u'' + \left[\frac{2r_1 + p_0}{x} + \dots \right] u' = 0$$

From indicial equation, we have

$$r(r+1)p_0 + q_0 = 0$$

$$\therefore r^2 + (p_0 - 1)r + q_0 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} r_1 + r_2 = -(p_0 - 1) \\ r_1 r_2 = q_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore r_1 - r_2 = I \quad (r_2 = r_1 - I)$$

$$\therefore 1 - p_0 = r_1 + r_2 = r_1 + r_1 - I = 2r_1 - I$$

$$\therefore 2r_1 + p_0 = I + 1$$

$$\therefore u'' + \left[\frac{I+1}{x} + \dots \right] u' = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{u''}{u'} = - \left[\frac{I+1}{x} + \dots \right]$$

Integrating above equation yields $\ln u' = -(I+1) \ln x + \ln e^{(\dots)}$

$$= \ln \frac{e^{(O(x))}}{x^{N+1}} \quad (r_1 - r_2 = I = N)$$

and $e^{(O(x))} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k_n x^n$

$$\therefore u' = \frac{1}{x^{N+1}} (k_0 + k_1 + k_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$u(x) = \left(-\frac{k_0}{N x^N} - \dots + k_N \ln x + k_{N+1} + \dots \right)$$

\therefore Second solution

$$y_2(x) = u(x) y_1(x)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{k_0}{N x^N} - \dots + k_N \ln x + k_{N+1} x + \dots \right) x^{r_1} (c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{k_0}{N x^N} - \dots + k_{N+1} x + \dots \right) x^{r_1} (c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots) + k_N (\ln x) y_1(x)$$

$$= x^{-N} \left(-\frac{k_0}{N} - \dots - k_{N-1} x^N + k_{N+1} x^{N+1} + \dots \right) x^{r_1} (c_0 + c_1 x + \dots) + k_N (\ln x) y_1(x)$$

$$= x^{r_1 - N} (b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots) + k_N (\ln x) y_1(x)$$

$$= k_N (\ln x) y_1(x) + x^{r_2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \quad \text{or}$$

$$y_2(x) = k_N (\ln x) y_1(x) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^{n+r_2}$$

Then, substitute $y_2(x)$ into the D.E. and obtain an equation for k_n

and a recurrence relation for b_n .

If $k_n = 0$, a second Frobenius solution $y_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^{n+r_2}$ is obtained;

If $k_n \neq 0$, then second solution has a logarithm terms.

Ex. Solve $x^2 y'' + x^2 y' - 2y = 0$

Sol.

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r}$$

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) c_n x^{n+r-1} = x^{r-1} [r c_0 + (r+1) c_1 x + \dots]$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)c_n x^{n+r-2} = x^{r-2}[r(r-1)c_0 + (r+1)rc_1x + \dots]$$

$$\therefore x^2 y'' + x^2 y' - 2y$$

$$= [r(r-1)-2]c_0 x^r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+r)(n+r-1)c_n + (n+r-1)c_{n-1} - 2c_n] x^{n+r}$$

$$= 0$$

Indicial equation

$$r(r-1) - 2 = 0$$

$$r_1 = 2, \quad r_2 = -1$$

$$r_1 - r_2 = 3 = \text{Integer}$$

Recurrence formula

$$(n+r)(n+r-1)c_n + (n+r-1)c_{n-1} - 2c_n = 0 \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$r_1 = 2 \quad c_n = -\frac{n+1}{n(n+3)}c_{n-1} \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\therefore y_1(x) = c_0 x^2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{20}x^2 - \frac{1}{30}x^3 + \frac{1}{168}x^4 - \frac{1}{1120}x^5 + \frac{1}{8640}x^6 + \dots \right]$$

$$r_2 = -1 \quad (n-1)(n-2)c_n^* + (n-2)c_{n-1}^* - 2c_n^* = 0 \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\therefore y_2(x) = c_0^* \frac{1}{x} + c_1^*$$

$$\therefore x^2(2c_0^*x^{-3}) + x^2(-c_0^*x^{-2}) - 2(c_1^* + c_0^* \frac{1}{x}) = -c_0^* - 2c_1^* = 0$$

$$\therefore y_2(x) = c_0^* \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

EX 4.15

D.E. $xy'' - y = 0$

Sol: $x=0$ is regular singular point Assume Frobenius solution $y(x)$

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r}$$

Substitute $y(x)$ into D.E. and shift indices to have

$$(r^2 - r)c_0 x^{r-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+r)(n+r-1)c_n - c_{n+1}] x^{n+r-1} = 0 \quad c_0 \neq 0$$

Indicial equation $r^2 - r = 0$

Recurrence relation

$$c_n = \frac{1}{(n+r)(n+r-1)} c_{n-1} \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

Two roots for indicial equation are

$$r_1=1 \quad r_2=0 \quad \text{and} \quad r_1 - r_2 = 1 \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

For $r=r_1=1$ we have

$$c_n = \frac{c_{n-1}}{n(n+1)} \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

After tedious calculation, we finally have

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n!(n+1)!} C_0 \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

\therefore The first Frobenius solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(x) &= x^{r_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n \\ &= x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_0 \frac{x^n}{n!(n+1)!} \\ &= C_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!(n+1)!} x^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

For $r = r_2 = 0$ we have $n(n-1)C_n = C_{n-1} \quad n=1, 2, \dots \quad n=1 \quad 0=C_0$ Contrary

to the assumption that $C_0 \neq 0 \therefore$ we can not find the second Frobenius solution by simply putting $r=r_2=0$ into the recurrence relation.
Try a second solution

$$y_2(x) = k(\ln x)y_1(x) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^{n+r_2}$$

$$= k(\ln x)y_1(x) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \quad (r_2 = 0)$$

$$y_2'(x) = k(\ln x)y_1'(x) + \frac{k}{x}y_1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n n x^{n-1}$$

$$y_2''(x) = k(\ln x)y_1''(x) + \frac{2k}{x}y_1' - \frac{k}{x^2}y_1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n n(n-1)x^{n-2}$$

$$\therefore xy_2'' - y_2$$

$$= x[k(\ln x)y_1'' + \frac{2k}{x}y_1' - \frac{k}{x^2}y_1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n n(n-1)x^{n-2}] - k(\ln x)y_1(x) - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n = 0$$

$$k(\ln x)[xy_1'' - y_1] = 0$$

$$\therefore 2ky_1' - \frac{k}{x}y_1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n n(n-1)x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n = 0$$

Substitute $y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!(n+1)!} x^{n-1}$ ($C_0=1$) into above equation

and shift indices to obtains

$$(k - b_0)x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{2k}{(n!)^2} - \frac{k}{n!(n+1)!} + n(n+1)b_{n+1} - b_n \right] x^n = 0$$

\therefore Equation for k is $k-b_0=0$

Recurrence relation for b_n is

$$\frac{2k}{(n!)^2} - \frac{k}{n!(n+1)!} + n(n+1)b_{n+1} - b_n = 0 \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Thus, $k=b_0$ and recurrence relation is new are

$$b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \left[b_n - \frac{(2n+1)k}{n!(n+1)!} \right] \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Choose $b_0=1$ then $k=1$

$$\therefore b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \left[b_n - \frac{(2n+1)}{n!(n+1)!} \right] \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$N=1 \quad b_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[b_1 - \frac{3}{2!} \right]$$

$$N=2 \quad b_3 = \frac{1}{6} \left[b_2 - \frac{5}{2 \cdot 3!} \right]$$

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For a particular second solution, let $b_1=0$, obtaining

$$y_2(x) = k(\ln x)y_1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^{n+r_2} \quad (k=1 \quad b_1=0)$$

$$= (\ln x)y_1 + 1 - \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{7}{36}x^3 \dots$$

(3) Case 3 Double roots $r_1 = r_2 = \frac{1-p_0}{2}$

First solution is

$$y_1(x) = x^{r_1} (c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

Let second solution be

$$y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$$

$$\therefore \text{D.E. } x^2 y'' + xa(x)y' + b(x)y = 0$$

Reduces to

$$u'' + \left(\frac{2y_1'}{y_1} + \frac{p_0}{x} + p_1 + \dots \right) u' = 0$$

$$\frac{y_1'}{y_1} = \frac{r_1}{x} + o(1)$$

$$\therefore u'' + \left(\frac{2r_1 + p_0}{x} + o(1) \right) u' = 0$$

$$\ominus r_1 = \frac{1-p_0}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2r_1 + p_0 = 1$$

$$\therefore u'' + \left(\frac{1}{x} + o(1) \right) u' = 0$$

$$\frac{u''}{u'} = - \left(\frac{1}{x} + o(1) \right)$$

By integration, we have

$$\ln u' = -\ln x + \ln e^{o(x)}$$

$$= -\ln x + \ln \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k_n x^n$$

$$= \ln \left[\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k_n x^n \right]$$

$$\therefore u' = \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k_n x^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} (k_0 + k_1 x + k_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$u(x) = k_0 \ln x + k_1 x + k_2 x^2 + \dots$$

\therefore second solution $y_2(x)$ is

$$y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$$

$$= k_0 (\ln x) y_1(x) + (k_1 x + k_2 + \Lambda) y_1(x)$$

$$= k_0 (\ln x) y_1(x) + (k_1 x + k_2 x^2 + \Lambda) x^r (c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \Lambda)$$

$$= k_0 (\ln x) y_1(x) + (b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \Lambda) x^r$$

$$\therefore y_2(x) = k_0 (\ln x) y_1(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n x^{n+r}$$

EX 4.11 and 4.13

$$x^2 y'' + 5xy' + (x+4)y = 0$$

Sol: $x=0$ regular singular point. Frobenius solution is $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r}$

Sub $y(x)$ into D.E. and shift indices to yield

$$[r(r-1) + 5r + 4]c_0 x^r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+r)(n+r-1)c_n + 5(n+r)c_n + c_{n-1} + 4c_n] x^{n+r} = 0$$

Indicial equation $r^2 + 4r + 4 = (r+2)^2 = 0$ $r_1=r_2=2$ (Double roots)

Recurrence solution

$$c_n = \frac{-c_{n-1}}{(n+1)(n+r-1) + 5(n+r) + 4} \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

For $r_1=2$ we have $c_n = -\frac{1}{n^2} c_{n-1}$ $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

After tedious calculation we finally have

$$c_n = (-1)^n \frac{1}{(n!)^2} c_0 \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

\therefore The 1st solution $y_1(x)$ is

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

$$\therefore r_1=r_2=-2$$

$$\therefore \text{A second solution is of the form } y_2(x) = y_1 \ln x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n x^{n-2} \quad (k_0=1)$$

Substitute $y_2(x)$ and $y_1(x)$ into the D.E. we finally have

$$(b_1 - 2)x^{-1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\frac{4(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} + \frac{2(-1)^n}{(n!)^2}(n-2) + (n-2)(n-3)b_n + 5(n-2)b_n + b_{n-1} + 4b_n \right] x^{n-2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} b_1 - 2 = 0 \\ b_n = \frac{-1}{n^2} b_{n-1} - \frac{2(-1)^n}{n(n!)^2} \end{cases} \quad n=2, 3, 4, \dots$$

$$n=1 \quad b_1=2$$

$$n=2 \quad b_2 = -\frac{1}{2^2} b_1 - \frac{2}{2(2!)^2} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$n=3 \quad b_3 = -\frac{1}{3^2} b_2 + \frac{2}{3(3!)^2} = \frac{11}{108}$$

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∴ Second solution $y_2(x)$ is

$$y_2(x) = (\ln x)y_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n x^{n-2} = (\ln x)y_1 + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{11}{108}x + 0(x^2)$$

∴ $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ linearly independent

∴ general sol is $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$

