

Section 6.3 - Power Series about Singular Points

We derive the general form of the Indicial Equation

unassign('y(x)')

$$p := x \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^2 (a[n] \cdot x^n)$$

$$p := x \mapsto \sum_{n=0}^2 a_n \cdot x^n \quad (1.1)$$

$p(x)$

$$x^2 a_2 + a_1 x + a_0 \quad (1.2)$$

sort($p(x)$, x , ascending)

$$a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 \quad (1.3)$$

$$q := x \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^2 (b[n] \cdot x^n)$$

$$q := x \mapsto \sum_{n=0}^2 b_n \cdot x^n \quad (1.4)$$

$q(x)$

$$x^2 b_2 + x b_1 + b_0 \quad (1.5)$$

sort($q(x)$, x , ascending)

$$b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 \quad (1.6)$$

$$y := x \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^2 (c[n] \cdot x^{n+r})$$

$$y := x \mapsto \sum_{n=0}^2 c_n \cdot x^{n+r} \quad (1.7)$$

$$eqn := x^2 \cdot \text{diff}(\text{diff}(y(x), x), x) + x \cdot p(x) \cdot \text{diff}(y(x), x) + q(x) \cdot y(x)$$

$$eqn := x^2 \left(\frac{c_0 x^r r^2}{x^2} - \frac{c_0 x^r r}{x^2} + \frac{c_1 x^{1+r} (1+r)^2}{x^2} - \frac{c_1 x^{1+r} (1+r)}{x^2} + \frac{c_2 x^{2+r} (2+r)^2}{x^2} \right. \quad (1.8)$$

$$\left. - \frac{c_2 x^{2+r} (2+r)}{x^2} \right) + x (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \left(\frac{c_0 x^r r}{x} + \frac{c_1 x^{1+r} (1+r)}{x} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{c_2 x^{2+r} (2+r)}{x} \right) + (b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2) (c_0 x^r + c_1 x^{1+r} + c_2 x^{2+r})$$

expand(%)

$$x^r r^2 c_0 + c_0 x^r r a_2 x^2 + c_0 x^r r a_1 x + c_0 x^r r a_0 + c_1 x^r r a_2 x^3 + c_1 x^r r a_1 x^2 + c_1 x^r r a_0 x \quad (1.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + x^r r c_2 a_2 x^4 + x^r r c_2 a_1 x^3 + x^r r c_2 a_0 x^2 + c_0 x^r x^2 b_2 + c_0 x^r x b_1 + c_1 x^r x^3 b_2 + c_1 x^r x^2 b_1 \\
& + c_1 x^r x b_0 + c_2 x^r x^4 b_2 + c_2 x^r x^3 b_1 + c_2 x^r x^2 b_0 + c_1 x^r a_1 x^2 + c_1 x^r a_0 x + 2 x^r c_2 a_2 x^4 \\
& + 2 x^r c_2 a_1 x^3 + 2 x^r c_2 a_0 x^2 - c_0 x^r r + c_1 x^r r^2 x + c_1 x^r r x + x^r r^2 c_2 x^2 + 3 c_2 x^r r x^2 \\
& + c_1 x^r a_2 x^3 + 2 c_2 x^r x^2 + x^r b_0 c_0
\end{aligned}$$

collect(%, x)

$$\begin{aligned}
& x^r r^2 c_0 + c_0 x^r r a_0 - c_0 x^r r + x^r b_0 c_0 + (x^r r^2 c_1 + c_1 x^r r a_0 + c_0 x^r r a_1 + c_1 x^r r + c_1 x^r a_0 \\
& + x^r b_0 c_1 + x^r b_1 c_0) x + (x^r r^2 c_2 + x^r r a_0 c_2 + x^r r a_1 c_1 + x^r r a_2 c_0 + 3 c_2 x^r r + 2 x^r a_0 c_2 \\
& + x^r a_1 c_1 + x^r b_0 c_2 + x^r b_1 c_1 + x^r b_2 c_0 + 2 c_2 x^r) x^2 + (x^r r a_1 c_2 + x^r r a_2 c_1 + 2 x^r a_1 c_2 \\
& + x^r a_2 c_1 + x^r b_1 c_2 + x^r b_2 c_1) x^3 + (x^r r a_2 c_2 + 2 x^r a_2 c_2 + x^r b_2 c_2) x^4
\end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

sort(%, x, ascending)

$$\begin{aligned}
& x^r r^2 c_0 + c_0 x^r r a_0 - c_0 x^r r + x^r b_0 c_0 + (x^r r^2 c_1 + c_1 x^r r a_0 + c_0 x^r r a_1 + c_1 x^r r + c_1 x^r a_0 \\
& + x^r b_0 c_1 + x^r b_1 c_0) x + (x^r r^2 c_2 + x^r r a_0 c_2 + x^r r a_1 c_1 + x^r r a_2 c_0 + 3 c_2 x^r r + 2 x^r a_0 c_2 \\
& + x^r a_1 c_1 + x^r b_0 c_2 + x^r b_1 c_1 + x^r b_2 c_0 + 2 c_2 x^r) x^2 + (x^r r a_1 c_2 + x^r r a_2 c_1 + 2 x^r a_1 c_2 \\
& + x^r a_2 c_1 + x^r b_1 c_2 + x^r b_2 c_1) x^3 + (x^r r a_2 c_2 + 2 x^r a_2 c_2 + x^r b_2 c_2) x^4
\end{aligned} \tag{1.11}$$

$$\text{zerothterm} := x^r r^2 c_0 + c_0 x^r r a_0 - c_0 x^r r + x^r b_0 c_0$$

$$\text{zerothterm} := x^r r^2 c_0 + c_0 x^r r a_0 - c_0 x^r r + x^r b_0 c_0 \tag{1.12}$$

$$\text{simplify}\left(\frac{\text{zerothterm}}{x^r \cdot c[0]}\right)$$

$$r^2 + (a_0 - 1) r + b_0 \tag{1.13}$$

expand(%)

$$r^2 + r a_0 - r + b_0 \tag{1.14}$$

This confirms the book formula for the General Indicial Equation: $r(r - 1) + r a_0 + b_0 = 0$.

#8

Explore series command.

?series

series(sin(x), x=0, 8)

$$x - \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{120} x^5 - \frac{1}{5040} x^7 + O(x^9) \quad (2.1.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & unassign('y(x)') \\ & eqn := x \cdot diff(diff(y(x), x), x) - x \cdot diff(y(x), x) + y(x) = 0 \\ & eqn := x \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} y(x) \right) - x \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + y(x) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

I'm using $n = 5$, but you should also play with $n = \text{infinity}$.

$$\begin{aligned} y := x \rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^5 (c[n] \cdot x^{n+r}) \\ y := x \mapsto \sum_{n=0}^5 c_n \cdot x^{n+r} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & eqn \\ & x \left(\frac{x^r r^2 c_0}{x^2} - \frac{x^r r c_0}{x^2} + \frac{c_1 x^{r+1} (r+1)^2}{x^2} - \frac{c_1 x^{r+1} (r+1)}{x^2} + \frac{x^{r+2} (r+2)^2 c_2}{x^2} \right. \\ & - \frac{x^{r+2} (r+2) c_2}{x^2} + \frac{x^{r+3} (r+3)^2 c_3}{x^2} - \frac{x^{r+3} (r+3) c_3}{x^2} + \frac{x^{r+4} (r+4)^2 c_4}{x^2} \\ & - \frac{x^{r+4} (r+4) c_4}{x^2} + \frac{c_5 x^{5+r} (5+r)^2}{x^2} - \frac{c_5 x^{5+r} (5+r)}{x^2} \Big) - x \left(\frac{x^r r c_0}{x} \right. \\ & + \frac{c_1 x^{r+1} (r+1)}{x} + \frac{x^{r+2} (r+2) c_2}{x} + \frac{x^{r+3} (r+3) c_3}{x} + \frac{x^{r+4} (r+4) c_4}{x} \\ & \left. + \frac{c_5 x^{5+r} (5+r)}{x} \right) + x^r c_0 + c_1 x^{r+1} + x^{r+2} c_2 + x^{r+3} c_3 + x^{r+4} c_4 + c_5 x^{5+r} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

expand(%)

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 x^r c_2 x + 6 x^r c_3 x^2 + 12 x^r c_4 x^3 - 3 x^r c_4 x^4 - 2 x^r c_3 x^3 - x^r c_2 x^2 - x^r r c_4 x^4 - x^r r c_3 x^3 \\ & - x^r r c_2 x^2 - x^r r c_1 x + x^r r^2 c_4 x^3 + x^r r^2 c_3 x^2 + x^r r^2 c_2 x + x^r r^2 c_1 + \frac{x^r r^2 c_0}{x} + 7 x^r r c_4 x^3 \\ & + 5 x^r r c_3 x^2 + 3 x^r r c_2 x + x^r r c_1 - \frac{x^r r c_0}{x} - 4 c_5 x^5 x^r + 20 c_5 x^4 x^r - c_0 x^r r + c_5 x^4 x^r r^2 \\ & + 9 c_5 x^4 x^r r - c_5 x^5 x^r r + x^r c_0 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

collect(%), x)

$$\begin{aligned} & x^r r^2 c_1 + x^r r c_1 - c_0 x^r r + x^r c_0 + \frac{x^r r^2 c_0 - c_0 x^r r}{x} + (x^r r^2 c_2 - x^r r c_1 + 3 x^r r c_2 + 2 x^r c_1) x \\ & + (x^r r^2 c_3 - x^r r c_2 + 5 x^r r c_3 - x^r c_2 + 6 x^r c_3) x^2 + (x^r r^2 c_4 - x^r r c_3 + 7 x^r r c_4 - 2 x^r c_3 \\ & + 12 x^r c_4) x^3 + (c_5 x^r r^2 - x^r r c_4 + 9 c_5 x^r r - 3 x^r c_4 + 20 c_5 x^r) x^4 + (-c_5 x^r r - 4 c_5 x^r) x^5 \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

$$= 0$$

sort(%, x, ascending)

$$\begin{aligned} & x^r r^2 c_1 + x^r r c_1 - c_0 x^r r + x^r c_0 + \frac{x^r r^2 c_0 - c_0 x^r r}{x} + (x^r r^2 c_2 - x^r r c_1 + 3 x^r r c_2 + 2 x^r c_2) x \\ & + (x^r r^2 c_3 - x^r r c_2 + 5 x^r r c_3 - x^r c_2 + 6 x^r c_3) x^2 + (x^r r^2 c_4 - x^r r c_3 + 7 x^r r c_4 - 2 x^r c_3 \\ & + 12 x^r c_4) x^3 + (c_5 x^r r^2 - x^r r c_4 + 9 c_5 x^r r - 3 x^r c_4 + 20 c_5 x^r) x^4 + (-c_5 x^r r - 4 c_5 x^r) x^5 \\ & = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Let's clear out the x^r :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\%}{x^r} \\ & \frac{1}{x^r} \left(x^r r^2 c_1 + x^r r c_1 - c_0 x^r r + x^r c_0 + \frac{x^r r^2 c_0 - c_0 x^r r}{x} + (x^r r^2 c_2 - x^r r c_1 + 3 x^r r c_2 \right. \\ & \left. + 2 x^r c_2) x + (x^r r^2 c_3 - x^r r c_2 + 5 x^r r c_3 - x^r c_2 + 6 x^r c_3) x^2 + (x^r r^2 c_4 - x^r r c_3 + 7 x^r r c_4 \right. \\ & \left. - 2 x^r c_3 + 12 x^r c_4) x^3 + (c_5 x^r r^2 - x^r r c_4 + 9 c_5 x^r r - 3 x^r c_4 + 20 c_5 x^r) x^4 + (-c_5 x^r r \right. \\ & \left. - 4 c_5 x^r) x^5 \right) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

expand(%)

$$\begin{aligned} & -c_0 r + c_0 + r^2 c_1 + r c_1 + \frac{r^2 c_0}{x} - \frac{r c_0}{x} - r c_1 x + r^2 c_2 x + 3 r c_2 x + 2 c_2 x - r c_2 x^2 + r^2 c_3 x^2 \\ & + 5 r c_3 x^2 + 6 c_3 x^2 - c_2 x^2 - r c_3 x^3 + r^2 c_4 x^3 + 7 r c_4 x^3 + 12 c_4 x^3 - 2 c_3 x^3 + c_5 r^2 x^4 \\ & + 9 c_5 r x^4 + 20 c_5 x^4 - r c_4 x^4 - 3 c_4 x^4 - c_5 r x^5 - 4 c_5 x^5 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

sort(%, x, ascending)

$$\begin{aligned} & -c_0 r + c_0 + r^2 c_1 + r c_1 + \frac{r^2 c_0}{x} - \frac{r c_0}{x} - r c_1 x + r^2 c_2 x + 3 r c_2 x + 2 c_2 x - r c_2 x^2 + r^2 c_3 x^2 \\ & + 5 r c_3 x^2 + 6 c_3 x^2 - c_2 x^2 - r c_3 x^3 + r^2 c_4 x^3 + 7 r c_4 x^3 + 12 c_4 x^3 - 2 c_3 x^3 + c_5 r^2 x^4 \\ & + 9 c_5 r x^4 + 20 c_5 x^4 - r c_4 x^4 - 3 c_4 x^4 - c_5 r x^5 - 4 c_5 x^5 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

collect(%, x)

$$\begin{aligned} & r^2 c_1 - c_0 r + r c_1 + c_0 + \frac{r^2 c_0 - c_0 r}{x} + (r^2 c_2 - r c_1 + 3 r c_2 + 2 c_2) x + (r^2 c_3 - r c_2 + 5 r c_3 \\ & - c_2 + 6 c_3) x^2 + (r^2 c_4 - r c_3 + 7 r c_4 - 2 c_3 + 12 c_4) x^3 + (r^2 c_5 - r c_4 + 9 r c_5 - 3 c_4 \\ & + 20 c_5) x^4 + (-r c_5 - 4 c_5) x^5 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

We can see the Indicial Equation peeking at us from the $\frac{1}{x}$ term.

sort(%, x, ascending)

$$\begin{aligned}
& r^2 c_1 - c_0 r + r c_1 + c_0 + \frac{r^2 c_0 - c_0 r}{x} + (r^2 c_2 - r c_1 + 3 r c_2 + 2 c_2) x + (r^2 c_3 - r c_2 + 5 r c_3) \quad (2.11) \\
& - c_2 + 6 c_3) x^2 + (r^2 c_4 - r c_3 + 7 r c_4 - 2 c_3 + 12 c_4) x^3 + (r^2 c_5 - r c_4 + 9 r c_5 - 3 c_4 \\
& + 20 c_5) x^4 + (-r c_5 - 4 c_5) x^5 = 0
\end{aligned}$$

subs(r=1, %)

$$2 c_1 + (6 c_2 - c_1) x + (12 c_3 - 2 c_2) x^2 + (20 c_4 - 3 c_3) x^3 + (30 c_5 - 4 c_4) x^4 - 5 c_5 x^5 = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

This $r=1$ thing isn't very conducive. Copy-paste from before we subbed in $r=1$ and try $r=0$.

What I'm doing is a bit clumsier than what you might do, because I wanted you to see the false path.

$$\begin{aligned}
& r^2 c_1 - c_0 r + r c_1 + c_0 + \frac{r^2 c_0 - c_0 r}{x} + (r^2 c_2 - r c_1 + 3 r c_2 + 2 c_2) x + (r^2 c_3 - r c_2 + 5 r c_3 - c_2 \\
& + 6 c_3) x^2 + (r^2 c_4 - r c_3 + 7 r c_4 - 2 c_3 + 12 c_4) x^3 + (r^2 c_5 - r c_4 + 9 r c_5 - 3 c_4 + 20 c_5) x^4 \\
& + (-r c_5 - 4 c_5) x^5 = 0 \\
& r^2 c_1 - c_0 r + r c_1 + c_0 + \frac{r^2 c_0 - c_0 r}{x} + (r^2 c_2 - r c_1 + 3 r c_2 + 2 c_2) x + (r^2 c_3 - r c_2 + 5 r c_3) \quad (2.13) \\
& - c_2 + 6 c_3) x^2 + (r^2 c_4 - r c_3 + 7 r c_4 - 2 c_3 + 12 c_4) x^3 + (r^2 c_5 - r c_4 + 9 r c_5 - 3 c_4 \\
& + 20 c_5) x^4 + (-r c_5 - 4 c_5) x^5 = 0
\end{aligned}$$

subs(r=0, %)

$$c_0 + 2 c_2 x + (-c_2 + 6 c_3) x^2 + (-2 c_3 + 12 c_4) x^3 + (-3 c_4 + 20 c_5) x^4 - 4 c_5 x^5 = 0 \quad (2.14)$$

This tells us that c_0 and c_2 must be zero and hence all the terms that come after c_2 . c_1 is undetermined and unrestricted,

and so $c_1 x = y_1$ is our first solution, and the reduction-of-order formula gives us $y_2(x)$.

We write the solution, step by step:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int \frac{\exp(x)}{x^2} dx \\
& - \frac{e^x}{x} - \text{Ei}_1(-x) \quad (2.15)
\end{aligned}$$

That wasn't particularly useful. So, let's do a term-by-term integration of a Taylor polynomial and call it good!

New command: **series**.

series(exp(x), x, 8)

$$1 + x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{24} x^4 + \frac{1}{120} x^5 + \frac{1}{720} x^6 + \frac{1}{5040} x^7 + O(x^8) \quad (2.16)$$

convert(% , polynom)

$$1 + x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{24} x^4 + \frac{1}{120} x^5 + \frac{1}{720} x^6 + \frac{1}{5040} x^7 \quad (2.17)$$

$$\frac{\%}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{1 + x + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{24} x^4 + \frac{1}{120} x^5 + \frac{1}{720} x^6 + \frac{1}{5040} x^7}{x^2} \quad (2.18)$$

expand(%)

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x^2}{24} + \frac{x^3}{120} + \frac{x^4}{720} + \frac{x^5}{5040} \quad (2.19)$$

$$\frac{x^5}{5040} + \frac{x^4}{720} + \frac{x^3}{120} + \frac{x^2}{24} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \quad (2.20)$$

sort(% , x, ascending)

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x^2}{24} + \frac{x^3}{120} + \frac{x^4}{720} + \frac{x^5}{5040} \quad (2.21)$$

This gives us our integrand in the Reduction-of-order formula. Now we integrate it. This is

$$\int \frac{e^{-\int P(x) dx}}{y_1(x)^2} dx :$$

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x^2}{24} + \frac{x^3}{120} + \frac{x^4}{720} + \frac{x^5}{5040} \right) dx \\ \frac{x^6}{30240} + \frac{x^5}{3600} + \frac{x^4}{480} + \frac{x^3}{72} + \frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \ln(x) \quad (2.22)$$

The finishing touch is to multiply by $y_1(x) = x$:

$x \cdot \%$

$$\left(\frac{x^6}{30240} + \frac{x^5}{3600} + \frac{x^4}{480} + \frac{x^3}{72} + \frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{x} + \ln(x) \right) x \quad (2.23)$$

expand(%)

$$-1 + \ln(x) x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{12} + \frac{x^4}{72} + \frac{x^5}{480} + \frac{x^6}{3600} + \frac{x^7}{30240} \quad (2.24)$$

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divide($1, x^2 + 2 \cdot x + 3$)
false (1)

?series