

5.3 Series Solution near Ordinary Point, Part II

Suppose that $y = \phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n$ converges for

$|x-x_0| < \rho$ is a series solution of

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

$\phi(x)$ has Taylor series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x-x_0)^n$

It follows that $a_n = \frac{\phi^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}$

we show how can we find the coefficients a_0, a_1, \dots

directly from the differential equation.

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{\phi''(x_0)}{2!} = \frac{1}{2!} y''(x_0) = \frac{1}{2!} (-p(x_0)y'(x_0) - q(x_0)y(x_0)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-p(x_0)a_1 - q(x_0)a_0). \end{aligned}$$

differentiating the equation, we get

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

$$\Rightarrow y'''(x_0) = -p'(x_0)y'(x_0) - p(x_0)y''(x_0) - q(x_0)y(x_0) - q(x_0)y'(x_0)$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3!} y'''(x_0).$$

12. Find the first four nonzero terms of each of two power series solutions of the diff-~~eq~~

$$(\cos x)y'' + xy' - 2y = 0, \text{ near } x_0 = 0$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow y''(0) + 0y'(0) - 2y(0) = 0$$

$$y''(0) = 2y(0) = 2a_0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2}y''(0) = \frac{1}{2}(2a_0) = a_0$$

$$\text{diff. } (-\sin x)y'' + (\cos x)y''' + y' + xy'' - 2y' = 0$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow 0y'' + y'''(0) + y'(0) + 0y'' - 2y'(0) = 0$$

$$y'''(0) + a_1 - 2a_1 = 0$$

$$y'''(0) = a_1$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3}y'''(0) = \frac{1}{3}a_1$$

⋮

$$y(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 + a_1x + a_0x^2 + \frac{1}{3}a_1x^3 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 \left[1 + x^2 + \dots \right] + a_1 \left[x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \dots \right]$$

* Radius of Convergence of Series Solutions

We consider the diff eq. $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$

Defn. - $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are called analytic at x_0 if they have convergent power series

$$p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n (x-x_0)^n, \quad q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n (x-x_0)^n$$

in some open interval about x_0 , and x_0 is ordinary point.

Thm. If x_0 is an ordinary point of the diff eq.

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0$$

that is, if $p = Q/P$, $q = R/P$ are analytic at x_0

then the general solution of the above equation

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n = a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x), \quad a_2, a_2 \text{ const}$$

The series solutions y_1 and y_2 form a F.S. of solutions.

The radius of convergence of the series y_1 and y_2 is at least as large as the minimum of radius of convergence of series of p and q .

Rem. $y_1(x) = 1 + b_2(x-x_0) + \dots$

$y_2(x) = (x-x_0) + c_2(x-x_0)^2 + \dots$

$W(y_1, y_2)(x_0) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$

$\Rightarrow y_1, y_2$ is F.S. of solutions.

Rem. The rational function of two polynomials

$\frac{Q}{P}$ has convergent Taylor series

about a point x_0 if $P(x_0) \neq 0$.

and the radius of convergence of the

Taylor series equals the distance from

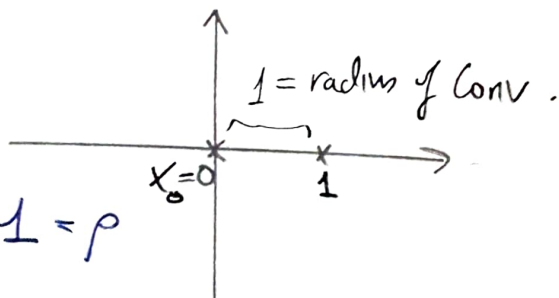
x_0 to the nearest root, or zero, of P .

Ex $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \quad |x| < 1$

this is a geometric series.

$1-x=0 \Rightarrow x=1$

distance from $x_0=0$ to $x=1$ is $1 = \rho$



Ex. Find the radius of Convergence of Taylor Series

$$\text{of } \frac{1}{1+x^2} \text{ near } x_0 = 0.$$

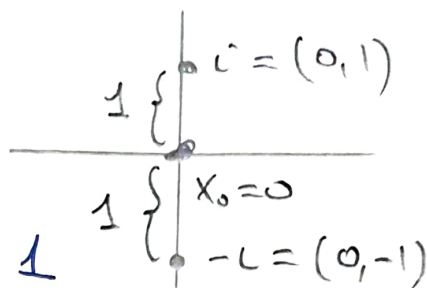
Method 1: Taylor series is a geometric series

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots \quad \text{Conv. if } |x^2| < 1$$

$$|x| < 1 \Rightarrow \rho = 1$$

Method 2:

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



distance from $x_0 = 0$ to $\pm i$ is 1

\therefore radius of convergence $\rho = 1$.

Ex. Find radius of Conv of $\frac{1}{x^2 - 2x + 2}$ about

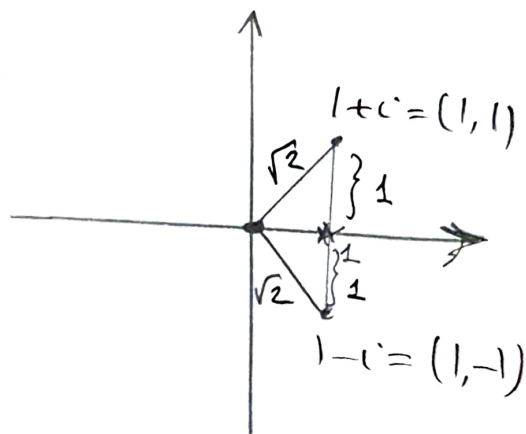
a. $x_0 = 0$, b. $x_0 = 1$

$$x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-1)^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$x = 1 \pm i$$

a. $x_0 = 0$: $\rho = \sqrt{2}$

b. $x_0 = 1$: $\rho = 1$



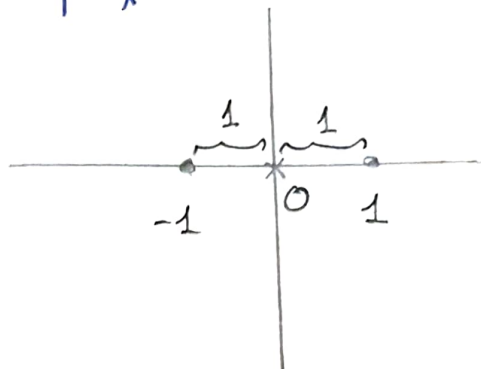
Ex Determine a lower bound for the radius of Conv. of series solutions about $x=0$ for

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

$$y'' - \frac{2x}{1-x^2}y' + \frac{2}{1-x^2}y = 0$$

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

$$1-x^2=0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1$$



$$q(x) = \frac{2}{1-x^2}, \quad 1-x^2=0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1$$

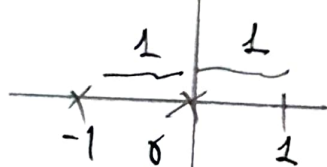
radius of Conv. for series of p, q is 1.

\therefore radius of Conv. of series solution is $\rho \geq 1$.

Ex. Find lower bound of series solution of $y'' + \frac{1}{x^2-1}y' + \frac{1}{x-\frac{1}{2}}y = 0$

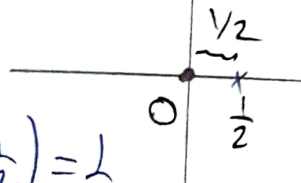
$$p(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-1}, \quad x^2-1=0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1$$

$$\rho_1 = 1$$



$$q(x) = \frac{1}{x-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad x-\frac{1}{2}=0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$



radius of Conv. of solution

$$\rho \geq \min(1, \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\rho \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Ex. Determine a lower bound for the radius of conv.

of series solution of $(1+x^2)y'' + 2xy' + 4x^3y = 0$

about (a) $x_0 = 0$, (b) $x_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$y'' + \frac{2x}{1+x^2}y' + \frac{4x^3}{1+x^2}y = 0$$

$$p(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}, \quad q(x) = \frac{4x^3}{1+x^2}$$

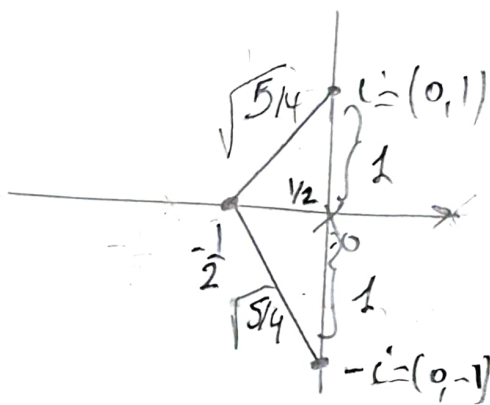
$$1+x^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm i$$

(a) for p : $\rho_1 = 1$, for q : $\rho_2 = 1$

$$\therefore \rho \geq 1$$

(b) for $x_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$: $\rho_1 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$, $\rho_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$

$$\therefore \rho \geq \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$



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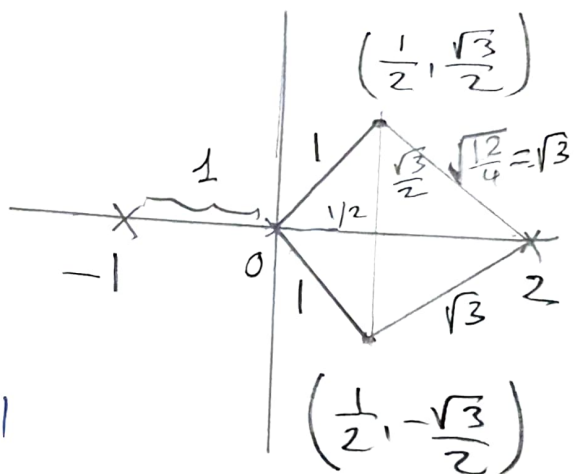
$$(1+x^3)y'' + 4xy' + y = 0, \quad x_0 = 0, \quad x_0 = 2$$

$$y'' + \frac{4x}{1+x^3}y' + \frac{1}{x^3+1}y = 0$$

$$p(x) = \frac{4x}{1+x^3}, \quad q(x) = \frac{1}{x^3+1}$$

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

$$x = -1, \quad x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$



$$x_0 = 0: \quad \rho_1 = \rho_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \rho \geq 1$$

$$x_0 = 2: \quad \rho_1 = \rho_2 = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \rho \geq \sqrt{3}$$

Rem. each time, we find the distance from x_0

to the roots of x^3+1 which are $-1, \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$

ρ_1, ρ_2 equals the distance from x_0 to the

nearest root. and $\rho \geq \min(\rho_1, \rho_2)$.