

5.3 Series Solutions Near an Ordinary Point II.

• We have considered the problem of finding solutions of

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

where P, Q, R are polynomials, in the neighborhood of an ordinary point x_0 .

• If eq. $\textcircled{1}$ has a solution $y = \phi(x)$ that has a Taylor series

$$\textcircled{2} \dots y = \phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n \quad \text{which converges } |x-x_0| < \rho$$

Then by differentiating $\textcircled{2}$ m times and setting $x=x_0$, we get

$$m! a_m = \phi^{(m)}(x_0)$$

$$\text{since } y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n (x-x_0)^{n-1}$$

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

$$y''' = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1)(n-2) a_n (x-x_0)^{n-3}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\phi^{(m)} = y^{(m)} = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-m+1) a_n (x-x_0)^{n-m}$$

$$= \underbrace{m(m-1)(m-2) \dots (m-m+1)}_1 a_m (x-x_0)^{m-m} +$$

$$\sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-m+1) a_n (x-x_0)^{n-m}$$

$$\phi^{(m)}(x_0) = y^{(m)}(x_0) = m! a_m (1) + 0$$

$$y^{(m)}(x_0) = m! a_m$$

- To determine $\phi^{(n)}(x_0)$ and a_n , $n = 2, 3, \dots$
 (Note that $a_0 = y(x_0) = y_0$ and
 $a_1 = y'(x_0) = y'_0$)

We have ϕ is a solution to eq (1) \Rightarrow

$$P(x) \phi''(x) + Q(x) \phi'(x) + R(x) \phi(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\phi''(x) = -p(x) \phi'(x) - q(x) \phi(x)}, \quad p(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)}$$

$$\phi'(x_0) = -p(x_0) \phi'(x_0) - q(x_0) \phi(x_0) \quad q(x) = \frac{R(x)}{P(x)}$$

Hence, $\boxed{2! a_2 = \phi''(x_0) = -p(x_0) a_1 - q(x_0) a_0}$

\Rightarrow To find a_3 : $\phi''' = -p\phi'' - p'\phi' - q\phi - q'\phi'$

$$\begin{aligned} 3! a_3 = \phi'''(x_0) &= -[p(x_0) \phi''(x_0) + (p'(x_0) + q(x_0)) \phi'(x_0) + q'(x_0) \phi(x_0)] \\ &= -[p(x_0) (2! a_2) + (p'(x_0) + q(x_0)) a_1 + q'(x_0) a_0] \\ &= -[p(x_0) (-p(x_0) a_1 - q(x_0) a_0) + (p'(x_0) + q(x_0)) a_1 + q'(x_0) a_0] \end{aligned}$$

so we write all in terms of a_0 and a_1 .

Since P, Q and R are polynomials (continuous) and $P(x_0) \neq 0$, then all derivatives of p and q exists at x_0 . Hence, we can continue to find a_4, a_5, \dots in terms of a_0 and a_1 .

* A function p, q is analytic at x_0 if it has a Taylor series expansion that converges to p in some interval about x_0 : $(P(x_0) \neq 0)$

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

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

Example: Determine $\phi(x_0)$, $\phi''(x_0)$, $\phi^{(4)}(x_0)$ for $x_0=0$ if $y = \phi(x)$ is a solution of

$$y'' + xy' + y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a_0 = \phi(0) = y(0) = 1 \\ a_1 = \phi'(0) = y'(0) = 0 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} y'' = -xy' - y \quad \text{since } y = \phi \text{ is} \\ \text{a solution} \Rightarrow \\ \boxed{\phi''(x) = -x\phi'(x) - \phi(x)} \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{array} \right.$$

Thus, $\phi''(x_0) = \phi''(0) = -(0)\phi'(0) - \phi(0) = -\phi(0) = -1 \checkmark$

To find $\phi'''(x_0)$, we differentiate (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'''(x) &= -x\phi''(x) - \phi'(x) - \phi'(x) \\ &= -x\phi''(x) - 2\phi'(x) \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\phi'''(x_0) = \phi'''(0) = -(0)\phi''(0) - 2\phi'(0) = 0 \checkmark$

To find $\phi^{(4)}(0)$, we differentiate (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{(4)}(x) &= -x\phi'''(x) - \phi''(x) - 2\phi''(x) \\ \phi^{(4)}(0) &= -(0)\phi'''(0) - \phi''(0) - 2\phi''(0) = 1 - 2(-1) \\ &= 3 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Th 5.3.1: If x_0 is an ordinary point of the DE

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

that is $p = \frac{Q}{P}$ and $q = \frac{R}{P}$ are analytic at x_0 , then the general solution of eq. $\textcircled{1}$ is

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

a_0 and a_1 are arbitrary, y_1 and y_2 are two power series solutions that are analytic at x_0 . The solutions y_1 and y_2 form a fundamental set of solutions. Furthermore, the radius of convergence for each of the series solutions y_1 and y_2 is at least as large as the minimum of the radii of the convergence of the series p and q . ~~P, Q, R are polynomials or not~~

Example: What is the radius of convergence of the Taylor series for $(1+x^2)^{-1}$ about $x_0 = 0$?

S1: The Taylor series of $f(x) = (1+x^2)^{-1}$ about $x_0 = 0$ is

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

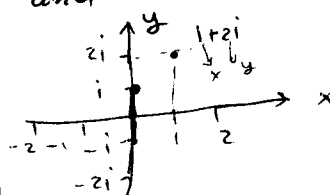
Using ratio test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n+2}}{(-1)^n x^{2n}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^2 = x^2 < 1$

$\Leftrightarrow |x| < 1 \Rightarrow$ Thus, $\rho = 1$

S2: The zeros of $1+x^2$ are $\pm i$.

The distance between $x_0 = 0$ and i or $-i$ is 1

Thus, $\rho = 1$.



when P, Q, R are polynomials in the theory of functions of a complex variables

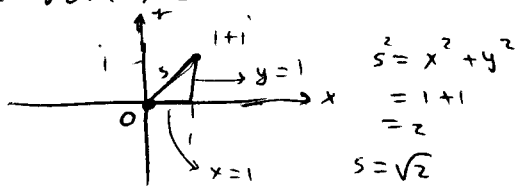
Its shown when $P(x_0) \neq 0$ that f has a convergent power series about x_0 .

Further, if Q and P have no common factors, the the radius of convergent for the power series p and q about x_0 is the distance between x_0 and the nearest zero of P .

Example: what is the radius of convergence of the Taylor series for $(x^2 - 2x + 2)^{-1}$ about $x=0$? about $x=1$?

Note that $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$ has solutions $x = 1 \pm i$.

The distance in the complex plane from $x=0$ to either $x=1+i$ or $x=1-i$ is $\sqrt{2}$



Hence the radius of convergence of the Taylor series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ about $x=0$ is $\sqrt{2}$

The distance in the complex plane from $x=1$ to either $x=1+i$ or $x=1-i$ is 1. Hence the radius of convergence of the Taylor series expansion $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (x-1)^n$ about $x=1$ is 1.

Example: Determine a lower bound for the radius of convergence of the series solutions about $x_0 = 1$ for $\underline{y'' - xy = 0}$.

$P(x) = 1$, $Q(x) = 0$, $R(x) = -x$ (Polynomials) (Airy's equation)

Thus, every point x is an ordinary point because $p(x) = 0$ and $q(x) = -x$

are both analytic everywhere

Thus the radius of convergence for p and q is infinite.

Therefore, by Theorem 5.3.1, the radius of convergence of the series solution about $x_0 = 1$ is infinite.

----- (2) about $x_0 = -1$ for $(x^2 + 3x)y'' + y' + y = 0$
 (Polynomials) \checkmark

• $P(x) = x(x+3)$, $Q(x) = 1$, $R(x) = 1$. Thus, $x_0 = -1$ is an ordinary point since $p(x) = \frac{1}{x(x+3)}$ and $q(x) = \frac{1}{x(x+3)}$ are analytic at $x_0 = -1$.

• p and q have singular points at $x=0$ and $x=-3$
 Thus ρ for p and q about $x_0 = -1$ is 1. Thus, by Th. 5.3.1 ρ for the series solution $\sum a_n (x+1)^n$ is at least $\rho = 1$

• Suppose $y(0) = y_0$ and $y'(0) = y'_0$ are given.

Since $1+x^2 \neq 0$ for all x , by Th 3.2.1 \exists a unique solution of the IVP on $-\infty < x < \infty$.

• However, Th. 5.3.1 only guarantees a solution of the form $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ for $-1 < x < 1$ where $a_0 = y_0$ and $a_1 = y'_0$.

• Thus, the unique solution on $-\infty < x < \infty$ may not have a power series about $x_0 = 0$ that converges for all x .

Example: Determine a lower bound for the radius of convergence of series solution about $x_0 = 0$ for the equation:

$$y'' + (\sin x) y' + (1+x^2) y = 0$$

• $P(x) = 1$, $Q(x) = \sin x$, $R(x) = 1+x^2$ (not polynomials)

• $P(x) = \sin x$ is not a polynomial, but it has a Taylor series about $x_0 = 0$ that converges for all x .

• $Q(x) = 1+x^2$ has a Taylor series about $x_0 = 0$ namely, $(1+x^2)$, which converges for all x .

• Therefore, by Th. 5.3.1, the radius of convergence for the series solution about $x_0 = 0$ is infinite. —
