

Partial Differential Equations (MA20103)

Assignment -1

I- Power Series Solution

1. Find power series solution of $y'' + xy' + x^2y = 0$ about $x = 0$

$$\left[\text{Ans} : y = c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \frac{1}{90}x^6 - \dots \right) + c_1 \left(x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{40}x^5 - \dots \right) \right]$$

2. Find the power series solution of $y'' + (x-3)y' + y = 0$ in powers of $(x-2)$

$$\left[\begin{aligned} \text{Ans} : y &= c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-2)^2 - \frac{1}{6}(x-2)^3 - \frac{1}{12}(x-2)^4 \dots \right) \\ &+ c_1 \left((x-2) + \frac{1}{2}(x-2)^2 - \frac{1}{6}(x-2)^3 - \frac{1}{6}(x-2)^4 \dots \right) \end{aligned} \right]$$

3. Solve $y'' - 2x^2y' + 4xy = x^2 + 2x + 4$ in powers of x

$$\left[\text{Ans} : y = c_0 \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{2}{45}x^6 - \dots \right) + c_1 \left(x - \frac{1}{6}x^4 - \frac{1}{63}x^7 - \dots \right) + 2x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \frac{1}{45}x^6 + \frac{1}{126}x^7 + \dots \right]$$

4. Apply Frobenius method to solve the following differential equation in series about $x = 0$

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

$$\left[\text{Ans} : y = ax \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 5} + \frac{x^4}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 9} + \dots \right) + bx^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{x^4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 7} + \dots \right) \right]$$

5. Show that $x = 0$ is a regular singular point of $(2x+x^3)y'' - y' - 6xy = 0$ and find its series solution about $x = 0$.

$$\left[\text{Ans} : y = a \left(1 + 3x^2 + \frac{3}{5}x^4 + \dots \right) + bx^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{3}{8}x^2 - \frac{3}{128}x^4 + \dots \right) \right]$$

6. Solve $x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 1)y = 0$ in series near $x = 0$.

$$\left[\text{Ans} : y = ax^{-1} \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6} + \dots \right) + bx^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2^2} - \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 4} \left(\frac{2}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \right)x^4 + \dots \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. bx^{-1} \ln x \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6} + \dots \right) \right]$$

II Legendre equation and Legendre polynomial

7. Show that

$$P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x, P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1), P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x), P_4(x) = (35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)/8$$

where $P_n(x)$ is the Legendre function of 1st kind.

8. Express $P(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 3$ in terms of Legendre's polynomials.

9. Show that

(i) $P_n(1) = 1$

(ii) $P_n(-x) = (-1)^n P_n(x)$

10. Prove that when n is odd $P_n(0) = 0$

11. Prove that $C + \int P_n dx = \frac{P_{n+1} - P_{n-1}}{2n+1}$ where C is a constant.

III Bessel equation and Bessel function

12. Show that $J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{\pi x}\right)} \cos x$ and $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{\pi x}\right)} \sin x$ where $J_n(x)$ is the Bessel function of 1st kind.

13. Prove that

$$J_0' = -J_1$$

$$J_2 - J_0 = 2J_0''$$

14. Establish the differential formula

$$x^2 J_n''(x) = (n^2 - n - x^2) J_n(x) + x J_{n+1}(x), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

15. Prove that

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x J_n J_{n+1}) = x (J_n^2 - J_{n+1}^2)$$