

### Section 5.8

3. Here  $x p(x) = 1$  and  $x^2 q(x) = 2x$ , which are both analytic everywhere. We set  $y = x^r(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n + \cdots)$ . Substitution into the ODE results in

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

After adjusting the indices in the *last* series, we obtain

$$a_0[r(r-1) + r]x^r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(r+n)(r+n-1)a_n + (r+n)a_n + 2a_{n-1}]x^{r+n} = 0.$$

Assuming  $a_0 \neq 0$ , the *indicial equation* is  $r^2 = 0$ , with *double root*  $r = 0$ . Setting the remaining coefficients equal to *zero*, we have for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$a_n(r) = -\frac{2}{(n+r)^2} a_{n-1}(r).$$

It follows that

$$a_n(r) = \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{[(n+r)(n+r-1)\cdots(1+r)]^2} a_0, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Since  $r = 0$ , one solution is given by

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

For a second linearly independent solution, we follow the discussion in Section 5.7.

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note that

$$\frac{a'_n(r)}{a_n(r)} = -2 \left[ \frac{1}{n+r} + \frac{1}{n+r-1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{1+r} \right].$$

Setting  $r = 0$ ,

$$a'_n(0) = -2 H_n a_n(0) = -2 H_n \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{(n!)^2}.$$

Therefore,

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \ln x - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^n H_n}{(n!)^2} x^n.$$

4. Here  $x p(x) = 4$  and  $x^2 q(x) = 2 + x$ , which are both analytic everywhere. We set  $y = x^r(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n + \cdots)$ . Substitution into the ODE results in

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n)(r+n-1)a_n x^{r+n} + 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n)a_n x^{r+n} + \\ + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{r+n+1} + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{r+n} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

After adjusting the indices in the *second-to-last* series, we obtain

$$a_0[r(r-1) + 4r + 2]x^r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(r+n)(r+n-1)a_n + 4(r+n)a_n + 2a_n + a_{n-1}]x^{r+n} = 0.$$

Assuming  $a_0 \neq 0$ , the *indicial equation* is  $r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0$ , with roots  $r_1 = -1$  and  $r_2 = -2$ . Setting the remaining coefficients equal to *zero*, we have for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$a_n(r) = - \frac{1}{(n+r+1)(n+r+2)} a_{n-1}(r).$$

It follows that

$$a_n(r) = \frac{(-1)^n}{[(n+r+1)(n+r)\cdots(2+r)][(n+r+2)(n+r)\cdots(3+r)]} a_0, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Since  $r_1 = -1$ , one solution is given by

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

For a second linearly independent solution, we follow the discussion in Section 5.7.

Since  $r_1 - r_2 = N = 1$ , we find that

$$a_1(r) = - \frac{1}{(r+2)(r+3)},$$

with  $a_0 = 1$ . Hence the leading coefficient in the solution is

$$a = \lim_{r \rightarrow -2} (r+2) a_1(r) = -1.$$

Further,

$$(r+2) a_n(r) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+r+2)[(n+r+1)(n+r)\cdots(3+r)]^2}.$$

Let  $A_n(r) = (r+2) a_n(r)$ . It follows that

$$\frac{A'_n(r)}{A_n(r)} = - \frac{1}{n+r+2} - 2 \left[ \frac{1}{n+r+1} + \frac{1}{n+r} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3+r} \right].$$

Setting  $r = r_2 = -2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{A'_n(-2)}{A_n(-2)} &= -\frac{1}{n} - 2\left[\frac{1}{n-1} + \frac{1}{n-2} + \cdots + 1\right] \\ &= -H_n - H_{n-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}c_n(-2) &= -(H_n + H_{n-1})A_n(-2) \\ &= -(H_n + H_{n-1})\frac{(-1)^n}{n!(n-1)!}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y_2(x) = -y_1(x) \ln x + x^{-2} \left[ 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (H_n + H_{n-1})}{n!(n-1)!} x^n \right].$$

6. Let  $y(x) = v(x)/\sqrt{x}$ . Then  $y' = x^{-1/2}v' - x^{-3/2}v/2$  and  $y'' = x^{-1/2}v'' - x^{-3/2}v' + 3x^{-5/2}v/4$ . Substitution into the ODE results in

$$[x^{3/2}v'' - x^{1/2}v' + 3x^{-1/2}v/4] + [x^{1/2}v' - x^{-1/2}v/2] + \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{4}\right)x^{-1/2}v = 0.$$

Simplifying, we find that

$$v'' + v = 0,$$

with *general solution*  $v(x) = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$ . Hence

$$y(x) = c_1 x^{-1/2} \cos x + c_2 x^{-1/2} \sin x.$$

8. The absolute value of the ratio of consecutive terms is

$$\left| \frac{a_{2m+2} x^{2m+2}}{a_{2m} x^{2m}} \right| = \frac{|x|^{2m+2} 2^{2m} (m+1)! m!}{|x|^{2m} 2^{2m+2} (m+2)!(m+1)!} = \frac{|x|^2}{4(m+2)(m+1)}.$$

Applying the *ratio test*,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{2m+2} x^{2m+2}}{a_{2m} x^{2m}} \right| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^2}{4(m+2)(m+1)} = 0.$$

Hence the series for  $J_1(x)$  converges absolutely *for all* values of  $x$ . Furthermore, since the series for  $J_0(x)$  also converges absolutely for all  $x$ , term-by-term differentiation results in

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_0'(x) &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m-1}}{2^{2m-1} m! (m-1)!} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} x^{2m+1}}{2^{2m+1} (m+1)! m!} \\
 &= -\frac{x}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m} (m+1)! m!} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $J_0'(x) = -J_1(x)$ .

9(a). Note that  $x p(x) = 1$  and  $x^2 q(x) = x^2 - \nu^2$ , which are *both* analytic at  $x = 0$ . Thus  $x = 0$  is a *regular* singular point. Furthermore,  $p_0 = 1$  and  $q_0 = -\nu^2$ . Hence the *indicial equation* is  $r^2 - \nu^2 = 0$ , with roots  $r_1 = \nu$  and  $r_2 = -\nu$ .

(b). Set  $y = x^r(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n + \cdots)$ . Substitution into the ODE results in

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n)(r+n-1)a_n x^{r+n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n)a_n x^{r+n} + \\
 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{r+n+2} - \nu^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{r+n} = 0 .
 \end{aligned}$$

After adjusting the indices in the *second-to-last* series, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 [r(r-1) + r - \nu^2] x^r + a_1 [(r+1)r + (r+1) - \nu^2] + \\
 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(r+n)(r+n-1)a_n + (r+n)a_n - \nu^2 a_n + a_{n-2}] x^{r+n} = 0 .
 \end{aligned}$$

Setting the coefficients equal to *zero*, we find that  $a_1 = 0$ , and

$$a_n = \frac{-1}{(r+n)^2 - \nu^2} a_{n-2} ,$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . It follows that  $a_3 = a_5 = \cdots = a_{2m+1} = \cdots = 0$ . Furthermore, with  $r = \nu$ ,

$$a_n = \frac{-1}{n(n+2\nu)} a_{n-2} .$$

So for  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{2m} &= \frac{-1}{2m(2m+2\nu)} a_{2m-2} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{2m} m! (1+\nu)(2+\nu) \cdots (m-1+\nu)(m+\nu)} a_0 .
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence one solution is

$$y_1(x) = x^\nu \left[ 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m!(1+\nu)(2+\nu)\cdots(m-1+\nu)(m+\nu)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2m} \right].$$

(c). Assuming that  $r_1 - r_2 = 2\nu$  is *not* an integer, simply setting  $r = -\nu$  in the above results in a second *linearly independent* solution

$$y_2(x) = x^{-\nu} \left[ 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m!(1-\nu)(2-\nu)\cdots(m-1-\nu)(m-\nu)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2m} \right].$$

(d). The absolute value of the ratio of consecutive terms in  $y_1(x)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{2m+2} x^{2m+2}}{a_{2m} x^{2m}} \right| &= \frac{|x|^{2m+2} 2^{2m} m!(1+\nu)\cdots(m+\nu)}{|x|^{2m} 2^{2m+2} (m+1)!(1+\nu)\cdots(m+1+\nu)} \\ &= \frac{|x|^2}{4(m+1)(m+1+\nu)}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the *ratio test*,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{2m+2} x^{2m+2}}{a_{2m} x^{2m}} \right| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|^2}{4(m+1)(m+1+\nu)} = 0.$$

Hence the series for  $y_1(x)$  converges absolutely for *all* values of  $x$ . The same can be shown for  $y_2(x)$ . Note also, that if  $\nu$  is a *positive* integer, then the coefficients in the series for  $y_2(x)$  are *undefined*.

10(a). It suffices to calculate  $L[J_0(x) \ln x]$ . Indeed,

$$[J_0(x) \ln x]' = J_0'(x) \ln x + \frac{J_0(x)}{x}$$

and

$$[J_0(x) \ln x]'' = J_0''(x) \ln x + 2 \frac{J_0'(x)}{x} - \frac{J_0(x)}{x^2}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} L[J_0(x) \ln x] &= x^2 J_0''(x) \ln x + 2x J_0'(x) - J_0(x) + \\ &\quad + x J_0'(x) \ln x + J_0(x) + x^2 J_0(x) \ln x. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x^2 J_0''(x) + x J_0'(x) + x^2 J_0(x) = 0$ ,

$$L[J_0(x) \ln x] = 2x J_0'(x).$$

(b). Given that  $L[y_2(x)] = 0$ , after adjusting the indices in Part (a), we have

$$b_1 x + 2^2 b_2 x^2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n^2 b_n + b_{n-2}) x^n = -2x J_0'(x).$$

Using the series representation of  $J_0'(x)$  in Problem 8,

$$b_1 x + 2^2 b_2 x^2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n^2 b_n + b_{n-2}) x^n = -2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n) x^{2n}}{2^{2n} (n!)^2}.$$

(c). Equating the coefficients on both sides of the equation, we find that

$$b_1 = b_3 = \cdots = b_{2m+1} = \cdots = 0.$$

Also, with  $n = 1$ ,  $2^2 b_2 = 1/(1!)^2$ , that is,  $b_2 = 1/[2^2(1!)^2]$ . Furthermore, for  $m \geq 2$ ,

$$(2m)^2 b_{2m} + b_{2m-2} = -2 \frac{(-1)^m (2m)}{2^{2m} (m!)^2}.$$

More explicitly,

$$\begin{aligned} b_4 &= -\frac{1}{2^2 4^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ b_6 &= \frac{1}{2^2 4^2 6^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

It can be shown, in general, that

$$b_{2m} = (-1)^{m+1} \frac{H_m}{2^{2m} (m!)^2}.$$

11. Bessel's equation of *order one* is

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

Based on Problem 9, the roots of the indicial equation are  $r_1 = 1$  and  $r_2 = -1$ . Set  $y = x^r(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \cdots + a_n x^n + \cdots)$ . Substitution into the ODE results in

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n)(r+n-1) a_n x^{r+n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r+n) a_n x^{r+n} + \\ + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{r+n+2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{r+n} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

After adjusting the indices in the *second-to-last* series, we obtain

$$a_0[r(r-1) + r-1]x^r + a_1[(r+1)r + (r+1) - 1] + \\ + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(r+n)(r+n-1)a_n + (r+n)a_n - a_n + a_{n-2}]x^{r+n} = 0.$$

Setting the coefficients equal to *zero*, we find that  $a_1 = 0$ , and

$$a_n(r) = \frac{-1}{(r+n)^2 - 1} a_{n-2}(r) \\ = \frac{-1}{(n+r+1)(n+r-1)} a_{n-2}(r),$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . It follows that  $a_3 = a_5 = \cdots = a_{2m+1} = \cdots = 0$ . Solving the recurrence relation,

$$a_{2m}(r) = \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m+r+1)(2m+r-1)^2 \cdots (r+3)^2(r+1)} a_0.$$

With  $r = r_1 = 1$ ,

$$a_{2m}(1) = \frac{(-1)^m}{2^{2m}(m+1)!m!} a_0.$$

For a *second* linearly independent solution, we follow the discussion in Section 5.7. Since  $r_1 - r_2 = N = 2$ , we find that

$$a_2(r) = -\frac{1}{(r+3)(r+1)},$$

with  $a_0 = 1$ . Hence the leading coefficient in the solution is

$$a = \lim_{r \rightarrow -1} (r+1) a_2(r) = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Further,

$$(r+1) a_{2m}(r) = \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m+r+1)[(2m+r-1) \cdots (3+r)]^2}.$$

Let  $A_n(r) = (r+1) a_n(r)$ . It follows that

$$\frac{A'_{2m}(r)}{A_{2m}(r)} = -\frac{1}{2m+r+1} - 2 \left[ \frac{1}{2m+r-1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3+r} \right].$$

Setting  $r = r_2 = -1$ , we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{2m}(-1) &= -\frac{1}{2}(H_m + H_{m-1})A_{2m}(-1) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2}(H_m + H_{m-1})\frac{(-1)^m}{2m[(2m-2)\cdots 2]^2} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2}(H_m + H_{m-1})\frac{(-1)^m}{2^{2m-1}m!(m-1)!}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $a_{2m+1}(r) = 0$  implies that  $A_{2m+1}(r) = 0$ , so

$$c_{2m+1}(-1) = \left[ \frac{d}{dr} A_{2m+1}(r) \right]_{r=r_2} = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$y_2(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ x \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(m+1)!m!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2m} \right] \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \left[ 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m(H_m + H_{m-1})}{m!(m-1)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2m} \right].$$

Based on the definition of  $J_1(x)$ ,

$$y_2(x) = -J_1(x) \ln x + \frac{1}{x} \left[ 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m(H_m + H_{m-1})}{m!(m-1)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2m} \right].$$

12. Consider a solution of the form

$$y(x) = \sqrt{x} f(\alpha x^\beta).$$

Then

$$y' = \frac{df}{d\xi} \cdot \frac{\alpha\beta x^\beta}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{f(\xi)}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

in which  $\xi = \alpha x^\beta$ . Hence

$$y'' = \frac{d^2f}{d\xi^2} \cdot \frac{\alpha^2\beta^2 x^{2\beta}}{x\sqrt{x}} + \frac{df}{d\xi} \cdot \frac{\alpha\beta^2 x^\beta}{x\sqrt{x}} - \frac{f(\xi)}{4x\sqrt{x}},$$

and

$$x^2 y'' = \alpha^2\beta^2 x^{2\beta} \sqrt{x} \frac{d^2f}{d\xi^2} + \alpha\beta^2 x^\beta \sqrt{x} \frac{df}{d\xi} - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{x} f(\xi).$$

Substitution into the ODE results in

$$\alpha^2\beta^2 x^{2\beta} \frac{d^2f}{d\xi^2} + \alpha\beta^2 x^\beta \frac{df}{d\xi} - \frac{1}{4} f(\xi) + \left( \alpha^2\beta^2 x^{2\beta} + \frac{1}{4} - \nu^2\beta^2 \right) f(\xi) = 0.$$

Simplifying, and setting  $\xi = \alpha x^\beta$ , we find that

$$\xi^2 \frac{d^2 f}{d\xi^2} + \xi \frac{df}{d\xi} + (\xi^2 - \nu^2) f(\xi) = 0, \quad (*)$$

which is a *Bessel* equation of *order*  $\nu$ . Therefore, the general solution of the given ODE is

$$y(x) = \sqrt{x} \left[ c_1 f_1(\alpha x^\beta) + c_2 f_2(\alpha x^\beta) \right],$$

in which  $f_1(\xi)$  and  $f_2(\xi)$  are the linearly independent solutions of  $(*)$ .