

1. Find two linearly independent power series solutions of the equation

$$y'' - xy' + y = 0.$$

For which values of x do the series converge?

2. Find a series solution for

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

about $x = 0$. [Is $P(x) = (1 + x^2)^{-1}$ analytic everywhere?]

3. The equation

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

where α is a constant, is called the *Chebyshev equation*.

- (a) Compute two linearly independent series solutions for $|x| < 1$.
(b) Show that for every non-negative integer $\alpha = n$ there is a polynomial solution of degree n .
When appropriately normalized these are called *Chebyshev polynomials*.

4. The equation

$$y'' - 2xy' + 2\alpha y = 0$$

where α is a constant, is called *Hermite equation*.

- (a) Find two linearly independent series solutions for $-\infty < x < \infty$.
(b) Are these solutions convergent for all x ? Find the behaviour of these solutions for large x .
(c) Show that there is a polynomial solution of degree n for every $\alpha = n$ non-negative integer.
5. Find the singular points of the following equations and determine those which are regular singular points:

- (a) $x^2y'' + (x + x^2)y' - y = 0$
(b) $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + l(l + 1)y = 0$ (Legendre)
(c) $x^2y'' - 5y' + 3x^2y = 0$
(d) $(x^2 + x - 2)y'' + 3(x + 2)y' + (x - 1)y = 0$
(e) $(1 - x^2)y'' - xy' + n^2y = 0$ (Chebyshev)
(f) $y'' - 2xy' + 2\alpha y = 0$ (Hermite)
(g) $x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0$ (Bessel)
(h) $xy'' + (1 - x)y' + \alpha y = 0$ (Laguerre)

6. The equation

$$xy'' + (1 - x)y' + \alpha y = 0$$

where α is a constant, is called the *Laguerre equation*. Find two linearly independent series solutions about $x = 0$. Check convergence.

7. The interaction between two nucleons may be described by a mesonic potential

$$V(x) = \frac{Ae^{-ax}}{x}$$

where A and a are constants. Find the first few nonvanishing terms of the solution of 1D Schrodinger equation.

8. Find the series solutions of Legendre equation

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

about $x = 1$. Show that there are polynomial solutions for non-negative l .