

$$a_k = 4 \left(\frac{(k-1)a_{k-1}}{k(k-1)} - a_{k-2} \right) =$$

Solve $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$

Using quick 3.4 method. Guess $y = e^{rt}$ and plug into equation to find $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$. Thus $(r-2)^2 = 0$. Hence $r = 2$. Therefore general solution is $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x}$.

Use LONG 5.2 method (normally use this method only when other shorter methods don't exist) to find solution for values near $x_0 = 0$.

Suppose the solution $y = f(x)$ is analytic at $x_0 = 0$.

That is $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} (x-0)^n$ for x near $x_0 = 0$.

Thus there are constants $a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$ such that,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n.$$

Find a recursive formula for the constants of the series solution to $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$ near $x_0 = 0$

We will determine these constants a_n by plugging f into the ODE.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, f''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}.$$

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

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

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

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{4a_{n+1} (n+1) - 4a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)}.$$

Hence the recursive formula (if know previous terms, can determine later terms) is

$$a_{n+2} = 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$$

Given the recursive formula, $a_{n+2} = 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$, determine a_n .

Determine formula for a_k by noticing patterns. Note: It is easier to notice patterns if you do NOT simplify too much.

Find the first 6 terms of the series solution

$$n=0: a_2 = 4 \left(\frac{a_1 - a_0}{2(1)} \right)$$

$$n=1: a_3 = 4 \left(\frac{2a_2 - a_1}{3(2)} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{(2)(4) \left(\frac{a_1 - a_0}{3(1)} \right) - a_1}{3(2)} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{4 \left(\frac{a_1 - a_0}{3(1)} \right) - a_1}{3(2)} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left(\frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right)$$

$$n=2: a_4 = 4 \left(\frac{3a_3 - a_2}{4(3)} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{3(4) \left(\frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right) - 4 \left(\frac{a_1 - a_0}{3(1)} \right)}{4(3)} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{3 \left(\frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right) - \left(\frac{a_1 - a_0}{3(1)} \right)}{3} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left(\frac{(3a_1 - 4a_0) - (a_1 - a_0)}{3!} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{3!} \right)$$

$$n=3: a_5 = 4 \left(\frac{4a_4 - a_3}{5(4)} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{(4) \left(\frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{3!} \right) - 4 \left(\frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right)}{5(4)} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left(\frac{4 \left(\frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{3!} \right) - \left(\frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right)}{5} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{4(2a_1 - 3a_0) - (3a_1 - 4a_0)}{5(3!)} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5(3!)} \right)$$

$$f(x) \sim a_0 + a_1 x + 4 \left(\frac{a_1 - a_0}{2!} \right) x^2 + 4 \left(\frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right) x^3 + 4 \left(\frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{3!} \right) x^4 + 4 \left(\frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5(3!)} \right) x^5$$

Recall $f(x) = a_0 \phi_0(x) + a_1 \phi_1(x)$ for linearly independent solutions ϕ_0 and ϕ_1 to equation $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$.

Find the first 5 terms in each of the 2 solns $y = \phi_0(x)$ and $y = \phi_1(x)$

$$\phi_0 \sim 1 + 4 \left(\frac{-1}{2!} \right) x^2 + 4 \left(\frac{-4}{3!} \right) x^3 + 4 \left(\frac{-3}{3!} \right) x^4 + 4 \left(\frac{-8}{5(3!)} \right) x^5$$

$$\phi_1 \sim x + 4 \left(\frac{1}{2!} \right) x^2 + 4 \left(\frac{3}{3!} \right) x^3 + 4 \left(\frac{2}{3!} \right) x^4 + 4 \left(\frac{5}{5(3!)} \right) x^5$$

$$n=0: a_2 = 4 \left(\frac{a_1 - a_0}{2(1)} \right) = 2 \left(\frac{2a_1 - 2a_0}{2!} \right)$$

$$n=1: a_3 = 4 \left(\frac{3a_2 - a_1}{3!} \right) = 2^2 \left(\frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right)$$

$$n=2: a_4 = 4 \left(\frac{2a_3 - 3a_2}{4!} \right) = 16 \left(\frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{4!} \right) = 8 \left(\frac{4a_1 - 6a_0}{4!} \right) = 2^3 \left(\frac{4a_1 - 6a_0}{4!} \right)$$

$$n=3: a_5 = 4 \left(\frac{5a_4 - 8a_3}{5!} \right) = 16 \left(\frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5!} \right) = 2^4 \left(\frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5!} \right)$$

Hence it appears $a_k = \frac{2^{k-1} (ka_1 - 2(k-1)a_0)}{k!}$

The best degree 5 polynomial approx to soln

degrec 2 polynomial approx of 2 homog's solns

real ifc to $x_0 = 0$
 in recursive formula
 transition from initial value assumption
 $y = x_0$

approx about

identical

known recursive believed

Prove that if $a_{n+2} = 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$, then $a_k = \frac{2^{k-1}(ka_1 - 2(k-1)a_0)}{k!}$

Need to prove $a_k = \frac{2^{k-1}(ka_1 - 2(k-1)a_0)}{k!}$ for $k \geq 0$

Given: $a_{n+2} = 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$ for $n \geq 2$, Know recursive formula

Proof by induction on k .

Suppose $k = 0$. Then $\frac{2^{0-1}(0(a_1) - 2(-1)a_0)}{0!} = \frac{1}{2}(2a_0) = a_0$

Suppose $k = 1$. Then $\frac{2^{1-1}(1(a_1) - 2(1-1)a_0)}{1!} = a_1$

Suppose $a_k = \frac{2^{k-1}(ka_1 - 2(k-1)a_0)}{k!}$ for $k = n, n+1$

Thus $a_n = \frac{2^{n-1}(na_1 - 2(n-1)a_0)}{n!}$ and $a_{n+1} = \frac{2^n((n+1)a_1 - 2na_0)}{(n+1)!}$

Claim: $a_{n+2} = \frac{2^{n+1}((n+2)a_1 - 2(n+1)a_0)}{(n+2)!}$

$$a_{n+2} = 4 \left(\frac{(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{(n+1) \left[\frac{2^n((n+1)a_1 - 2na_0)}{(n+1)!} \right] - \left[\frac{2^{n-1}(na_1 - 2(n-1)a_0)}{n!} \right]}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left(\frac{\left[\frac{2^n((n+1)a_1 - 2na_0)}{n!} \right] - \left[\frac{2^{n-1}(na_1 - 2(n-1)a_0)}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right]}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$$

$$= 4(2)^{n-1} \left(\frac{[2((n+1)a_1 - 2na_0)] - [na_1 - 2(n-1)a_0]}{n!(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$$

$$= 2^{n+1} \left(\frac{[2((n+1)a_1 - 2na_0) - na_1 + 2(n-1)a_0]}{n!(n+2)(n+1)} \right) = 2^{n+1} \left(\frac{(n+2)a_1 - 2(n+1)a_0}{(n+2)!} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(na_1 - 2(n-1)a_0)}{n!} x^n \\ &= a_1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(n)}{n!} x^n - 2a_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(n-1)}{n!} x^n \\ &= a_0(-2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(n-1)}{n!} x^n + a_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} x^n \end{aligned}$$

if these two series converge.

For what values of x does $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)2^{n-1}}{n!} x^n$ converge

Ratio test: Suppose we have the series $\sum b_n$. Let $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right|$

Then, if $L < 1$, the series is absolutely convergent (and hence convergent).

If $L > 1$, the series is divergent.

If $L = 1$, the series may be divergent, conditionally convergent, or absolutely convergent.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{2^n x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1}}{\frac{2^{n-1} x^n}{(n-1)!} x^n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2nx}{(n+1)(n-1)} \right| \\ &= 2x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n}{(n+1)(n-1)} \right| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the series converges for all x

For what values of x does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} x^n$ converge

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{2^n x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} x^{n+1}}{\frac{2^{n-1} x^n}{(n-1)!} x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2x}{n} \right| = 2x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| = 0$$

Hence the series converges for all x

Thus the solution is

$$f(x) = a_0(-2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(n-1)}{n!} x^n + a_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} x^n$$

and the domain is all real numbers.

I.e., the general solution is $f(x) = a_0 \phi_0(x) + a_1 \phi_1(x)$

$$\text{where } \phi_0(x) = (-2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(n-1)}{n!} x^n \text{ and } \phi_1(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} x^n$$

Note we could have replaced the constant a_0 with $-2a_0$, but the a_i 's have meaning: $a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$. Thus our initial values are $a_0 = f(0)$ and $a_1 = f'(0)$