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Math331-Section (1)  
Quiz#3

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Question#1 [2 marks]. Find the minimum radius of convergence of the power series solutions for the DE:  $(x^2 + x + 1)y'' - 3y = 0$  about the ordinary point  $x_0 = 1$ .

$$0.5 \quad x^2 + x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$0.5 \quad f_1 = \text{dist} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, 1 \right\} = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2} + 1\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$0.5 \quad f_2 = \text{dist} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, 1 \right\} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$0.5 \quad \therefore f = \sqrt{3}$$

Question#2 [4 marks]. Determine the singular points of the differential equation

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

Determine whether they are regular or irregular.

$$0.5 \quad (x+2)^2(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, x = 1 \text{ are singular points}$$

$$0.5 \quad \boxed{x = -2}, \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (x+2) \frac{2x}{(x+2)^2(x-1)} \text{ infinite}$$

0.5  $\therefore x = -2$  is irregular singular point.

$$0.5 \quad \boxed{x = 1}, \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x-1) \frac{2x}{(x+2)^2(x-1)} = \frac{2}{9} \text{ finite}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x-1)^2 \frac{6}{(x+2)^2(x-1)} = 0 \text{ finite}$$

0.5  $\therefore x = 1$  is regular singular point

Question #3 [4 marks]. Solve the initial-value problem:

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + y = 0, \quad y(e^{\pi/2}) = 1, \quad y'(e^{\pi/2}) = \frac{2}{\pi}.$$

$y = x^m, x > 0$ . The aux. eq. is  $m^2 + 1 = 0$   
 $m = \pm i$

$$y = c_1 \cos(\ln x) + c_2 \sin(\ln x).$$

$$1 = y(e^{\pi/2}) = c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow c_2 = 1$$

$$y' = -c_1 \frac{\sin(\ln x)}{x} + \frac{\cos(\ln x)}{x}$$

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = y'(e^{\pi/2}) = -e^{-\pi/2} c_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -\frac{2}{\pi} e^{\pi/2}$$

$$\therefore y = -\frac{2}{\pi} e^{\pi/2} \cos(\ln x) + \sin(\ln x).$$

Question #4 [5 marks]. Suppose that  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is a solution of the initial-value problem:  $y'' - e^x y' - y \cos x = 0, y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 1$ . Find  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ , then write the solution.

$$a_0 = y(0) = 2, \quad a_1 = y'(0) = 1$$

$$a_2 = \frac{y''(0)}{2!}, \quad y''(0) = e^0 y'(0) + y(0) \cos 0 = 2 + 1 = 3.$$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{y'''(0)}{3!}, \quad y''' = e^x y' + e^x y'' + y' \cos x - y \sin x$$

$$y'''(0) = 2y'(0) + y''(0) = 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$a_3 = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\therefore y = 2 + x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{5}{6}x^3 + \dots$$

Question #5 [5 marks]. Consider the differential equation:

$$y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Find two linearly independent series solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  near an ordinary point  $x_0 = 0$ .

0.5  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, \quad y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$

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

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

0.5  $(2a_2 + 2a_0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} - 2(n-1) a_n] x^n = 0$

$$2a_2 + 2a_0 = 0, \quad (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} = 2(n-1) a_n, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

0.5  $a_2 = -a_0$ ,  $a_{n+2} = \frac{2(n-1)}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$

0.5  $(n=1), a_3 = 0, (n=2), a_4 = \frac{2a_2}{(4)(3)} = -\frac{a_2}{6}$

0.5  $(n=3), a_5 = \frac{4a_3}{20} = 0$

0.5  $\therefore y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$   
 $= a_0 + a_1 x - a_0 x^2 + 0 x^3 + \frac{-a_2}{6} x^4 + \dots$   
 Good Luck  
 $= a_0 \left( 1 - x^2 - \frac{1}{6} x^4 + \dots \right) + a_1 \underbrace{(x)}_{y_2}$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{y_1}$

0.5  $W(y_1, y_2)(0) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$