

## 5.1 Review of Power Series

- In this chapter we will learn how to find power series solution for some 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear DE's

The reason for that because some of these DE's could be with non constant coefficients.

Exp solve the DE:  $y'' + y = 0$

Ch. Eq  $r^2 + 1 = 0$

$$r_{1,2} = \pm i, \quad \lambda = 0, \quad \mu = 1$$

$$y_1(x) = \cos x \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(x) = \sin x$$

gen. sol.  $\Rightarrow y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$

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

$$y(x) = c_1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + c_2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

Power Series Solution

Fundamental Power Series Solutions  
about  $x_0 = 0$

Remark The Power Series Solution about  $x_0$  for a given DE has the form:

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n = a_0 + a_1 (x - x_0) + a_2 (x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$



Question: Why Power Series Solution?

Answer: Exp Solve the DE:  $y'' + xy = 0$

We can not use Ch 1, nor ch 2 (missing x and y), nor ch 3 (since it is not constant coefficients), nor Euler DE, nor ch 4 ...  
so we need ch 5

Review of Sequences:

Exp  $a_n = \sqrt{n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$a_1 = \sqrt{1} = 1$

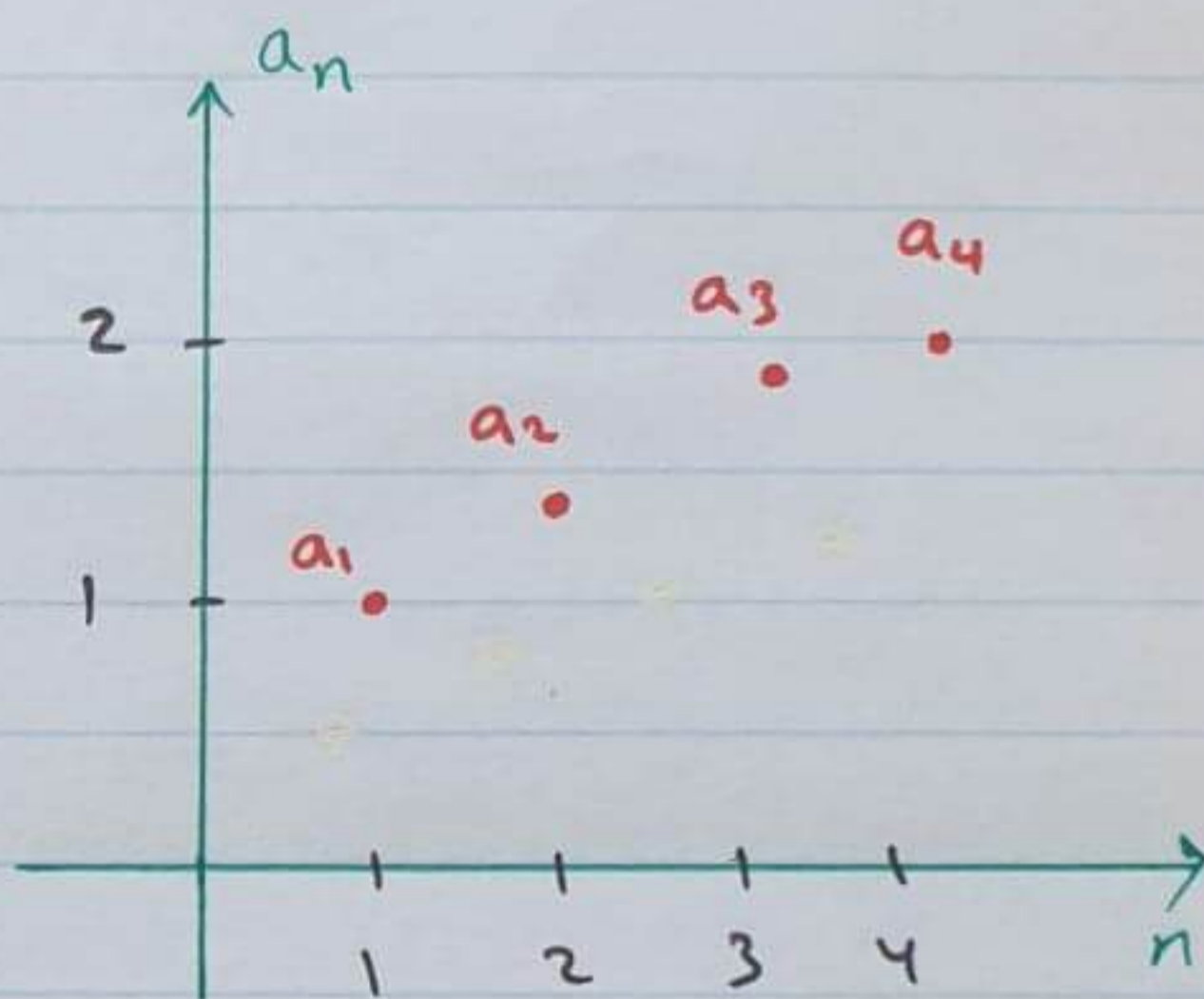
$a_2 = \sqrt{2}$

$a_3 = \sqrt{3}$

⋮

The sequence diverges since

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} = \infty$



Exp  $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$b_1 = 1$

$b_2 = \frac{1}{2}$

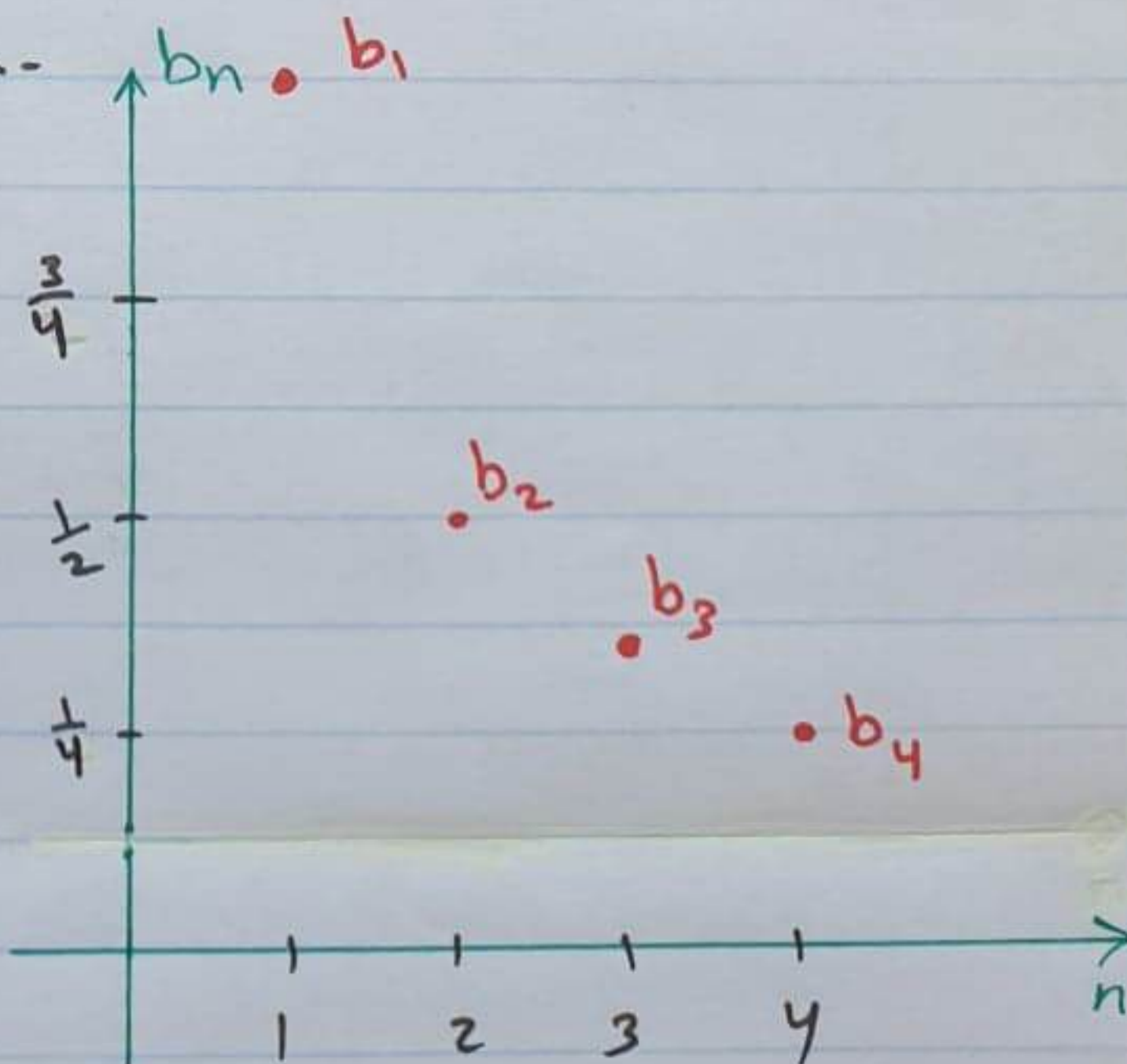
$b_3 = \frac{1}{3}$

⋮

The sequence converges to 0

since

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$





- Recall **Taylor Series Expansion** for an infinitely many differentiable function  $f(x)$  about the point  $x_0$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x-x_0)^n = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x-x_0)^2 + \dots$$

- When  $x_0 = 0$  **Taylor Series** is called **Maclaurine Series**

- $e^x$ ,  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$  are examples of analytic functions since they have **Taylor Series Expansion** everywhere "at any point  $x_0$ "

- $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is analytic everywhere except at  $x=0$

- To solve DE's using the idea of finding power series solution

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n \quad \text{about } x_0 \Rightarrow$$

we need to check the convergence of this **power series solution**  $\Rightarrow$  so we may apply **Ratio Test (RT)** as follows:

$$\text{Assume } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = L, \text{ where } b_n = a_n (x-x_0)^n$$

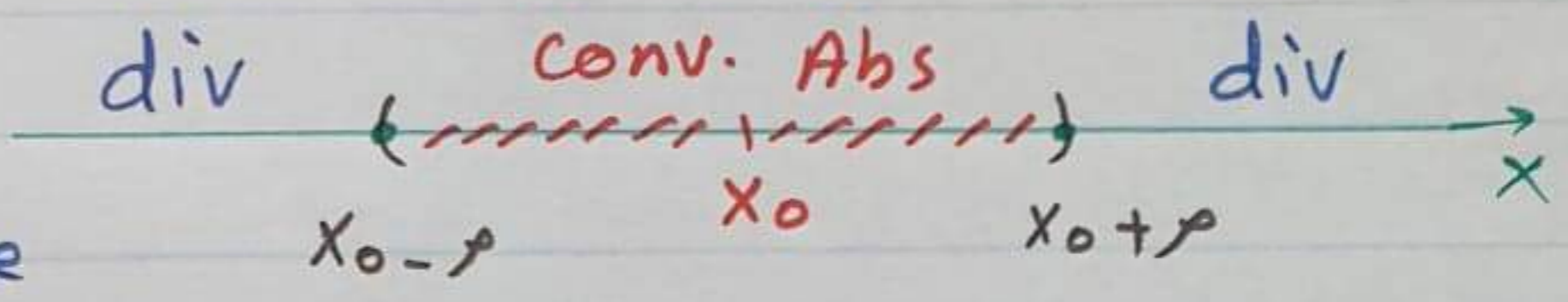
① If  $L < 1$ , then the power series converges

② If  $L > 1$ , then the power series diverges

③ If  $L = 1$ , then the test fails



The power series solution  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$  will converge absolutely for every  $x$  belongs to the interval  $|x - x_0| < \rho$



$\rho$ : Radius of Convergence  
IC: Interval of Convergence

We check the endpoints for conditional convergence.

Exp Find  $\rho$  and IC for the following power series:

(1)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n (x-2)^n \Rightarrow x_0 = 2$

Apply RT  $\Rightarrow L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+2} (n+1) (x-2)^{n+1}}{(-1)^{n+1} n (x-2)^n} \right|$

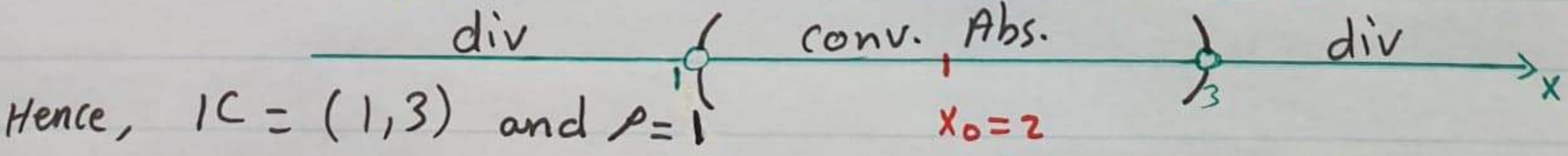
$= |x-2| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) = |x-2| (1)$

$= |x-2| < 1$   
 $-1 < x-2 < 1$   
 $1 < x < 3$

The power series converges Absolutely on (1, 3)

when  $x=1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n (1-2)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n$  which diverges by  $n^{th}$  term test as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \neq 0$

when  $x=3 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n (3-2)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n$



Hence, IC = (1, 3) and  $\rho = 1$



$$\boxed{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x+1)^n}{n 2^n} \Rightarrow x_0 = -1$$

Apply RT  $\Rightarrow L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x+1)^{n+1}}{(n+1) 2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n 2^n}{(x+1)^n} \right|$

$$= \frac{|x+1|}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right) = \frac{|x+1|}{2} (1) < 1$$

$$|x+1| < 2$$

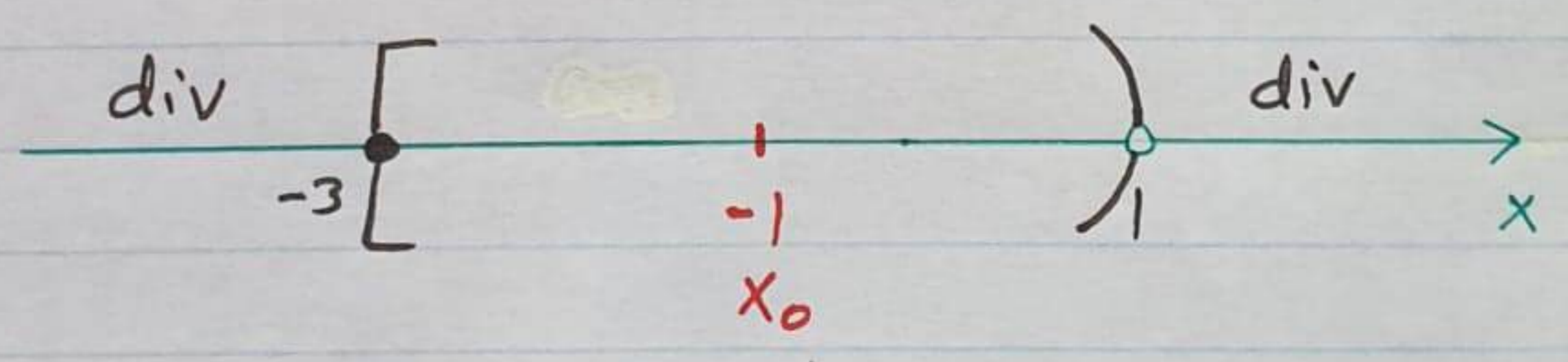
$$-2 < x+1 < 2$$

$$-3 < x < 1$$

The power series converges Abs. on  $(-3, 1)$

• When  $x = -3 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3+1)^n}{n 2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  convergent Alternating Series

• When  $x = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1+1)^n}{n 2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  divergent Harmonic Series



Hence,  $IC = [-3, 1)$  and  $\rho = 2$

$\Downarrow$  The power series in this Exp

Converges conditionally at  $x = -3 \Rightarrow$  This means

The power series converges at  $x = -3$  but not Absolutely.



[3]  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \Rightarrow x_0 = 0$

Apply RT  $\Rightarrow L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right|$   
 $= |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = |x| (0) = 0 < 1 \checkmark$

Hence, this power series converges Abs. for every x

$C = \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$  with  $\rho = \infty$  conv. Abs.  
 $0 = x_0$  x

Note that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x$  "Maclurine Series of  $e^x$ "

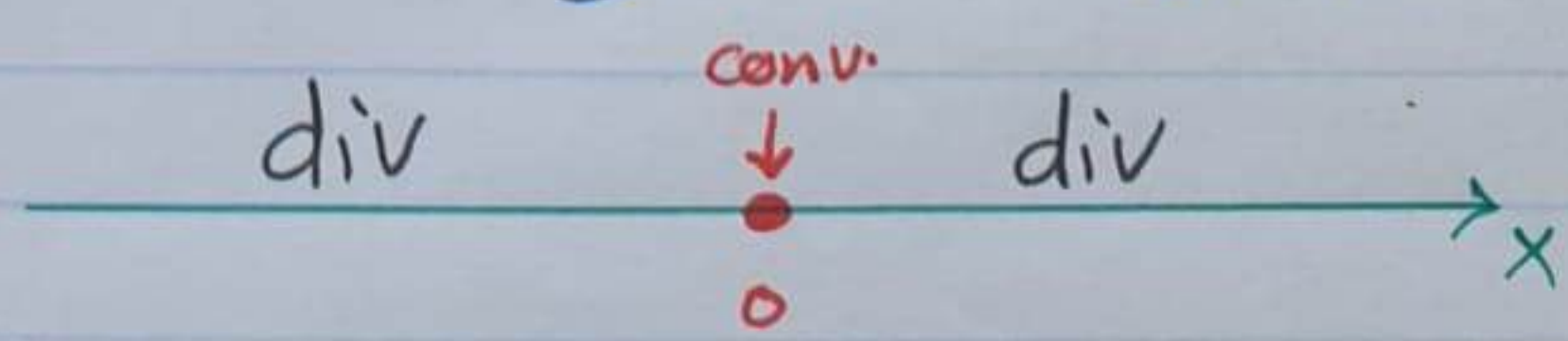
[4]  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n \Rightarrow x_0 = 0$

Apply RT  $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! x^{n+1}}{n! x^n} \right|$

$= |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) = \infty > 1$  if  $x \neq 0$   
 and so it diverges

If  $x = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! 0^n = 0 < 1$  and so it converges

Hence,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n$  diverges for every  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$



$\Rightarrow \rho = 0$  and the power series converges only at  $x = 0$



### Derivatives of the power series

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)^2 + \dots$$

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n (x-x_0)^{n-1} = a_1 + 2 a_2 (x-x_0) + \dots$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n (x-x_0)^{n-2} = 2 a_2 + 3(2) a_3 (x-x_0) + \dots$$

### Shifting Index:

It is not important which index we use in the upper and lower limits of the sum. That is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (x-x_0)^k = \sum_{m=-1}^{\infty} a_{m+1} (x-x_0)^{m+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=10}^{\infty} a_{n-10} (x-x_0)^{n-10} \end{aligned}$$

Exp Rewrite the following power series involving the power of  $(x-2)$

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

②  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n (x-2)^{3+n} = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-3) a_{n-3} (x-2)^n$

③  $\sum_{k=5}^{\infty} k(k-1)(k-2)(x-2)^{k-3} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+3)(n+2)(n+1)(x-2)^n$



## 5.2 Series Solution Near an Ordinary Point $x_0$ 131

"Part I"

• Given the DE

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0 \quad \dots (*)$$

where  $P, Q, R$  are polynomials

• Note that (\*) is 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear homogeneous DE with variable coefficients

Def • The DE (\*) has an Ordinary point  $x_0$  iff  $P(x_0) \neq 0$

• The DE (\*) has Singular point  $z_0$  iff  $P(z_0) = 0$

Exp ① The DE  $(x^2 - 4)y'' + (\sin x)y' - e^x y = 0$   
has two singular points  $\Rightarrow$   
 $P(x) = x^2 - 4 = 0$   
 $(x-2)(x+2) = 0$   
 $x = 2$  or  $x = -2$

All other points are ordinary " $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 2\}$ "

②  $(\ln x)y'' - xy' + y = 0$   
has only one singular point  $\Rightarrow$   
 $P(x) = \ln x = 0$   
 $x = 1$

All other points are ordinary " $\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{1\}$ "

③  $y'' - e^x y' + y = 0$   
has no singular points  $\Rightarrow$  All points are ordinary



- Assume  $x_0$  is an Ordinary Point (OP) for the DE (\*):

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0$$

- Hence,  $P(x_0) \neq 0$ .

- Let  $p(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)}$  and  $q(x) = \frac{R(x)}{P(x)}$

- Note that  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are well-defined at the OP  $x_0$ . Moreover,  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are analytic at  $x_0$ . That is,  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  have Taylor Series Expansion about the OP  $x_0$ :

$$p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n (x-x_0)^n \quad \text{and} \quad q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n (x-x_0)^n$$

- Now divide the DE (\*) by  $P(x) \Rightarrow$

$$(*)' \quad y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0, \quad \begin{array}{l} y(x_0) = y_0 \\ y'(x_0) = y_0' \end{array}$$

where  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are cont. on an open interval  $I$  about  $x_0$

- By Th 3.2.1  $\Rightarrow \exists$  a unique solution  $y(x)$  satisfies the IVP  $(*)'$  on  $I$ .

In this section we will find a series solution of the form

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)^2 + \dots$$

about the OP  $x_0$  for the DE (\*).



To find two independent power series solutions  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x) \Rightarrow$  we write the coefficients

$a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots$  in terms of  $a_0$  or  $a_1$  so that

the power series solution

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n = a_0 + a_1 (x-x_0) + a_2 (x-x_0)^2 + a_3 (x-x_0)^3 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)$$

Then we check  $w(y_1(x), y_2(x))(x_0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x_0) & y_2(x_0) \\ y_1'(x_0) & y_2'(x_0) \end{vmatrix}$

Exp Find a series solution  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  for the DE

$$y'' + y = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

• Comparing  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  with  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n \Rightarrow x_0 = 0$  is an OP

since  $P(x) = 1$  and so all points are ordinary

• Our power series solution is then given by

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \Rightarrow y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n n(n-1) x^{n-2}$$

• Substitute  $y''$  and  $y$  in the DE  $\Rightarrow$



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

↑ not
↑ same power

shifting index ←

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

same index

- ① same power  
② same index

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + a_n] X^n = 0$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $X^n \Rightarrow$

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

Recurrence  
Relation  
(RR)

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

We use RR to write  $a_2, a_3, \dots$  in terms of  $a_0$  and  $a_1 \Rightarrow$

$$n=0 \Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{-a_0}{(1)(2)} = \frac{-a_0}{2!}$$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{-a_1}{(2)(3)} = \frac{-a_1}{3!}$$

$$n=2 \Rightarrow a_4 = \frac{-a_2}{(3)(4)} = \frac{-\frac{-a_0}{2!}}{(3)(4)} = \frac{a_0}{4!}$$

$$n=3 \Rightarrow a_5 = \frac{-a_3}{(4)(5)} = \frac{-\frac{-a_1}{3!}}{(4)(5)} = \frac{a_1}{5!}$$

$$n=4 \Rightarrow a_6 = \frac{-a_4}{(5)(6)} = \frac{-\frac{a_0}{4!}}{(5)(6)} = -\frac{a_0}{6!}$$



The series solution is

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x - \frac{a_0}{2!} x^2 - \frac{a_1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{a_0}{4!} x^4 + \frac{a_1}{5!} x^5 - \frac{a_0}{6!} x^6 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \right] + a_1 \left[ x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)$$

$$= a_0 \cos x + a_1 \sin x$$

Note that the power series solutions  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are L. Indep. since

$$W(y_1(x), y_2(x))(x_0) = W(y_1(x), y_2(x))(0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(0) & y_2(0) \\ y_1'(0) & y_2'(0) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$$

Hence, they form fundamental series solutions

Note also that this DE:  $\ddot{y} + y = 0$  can be easily solved as follows: Ch. Eq.  $r^2 + 1 = 0$

$$r_{1,2} = \pm i \quad \lambda = 0$$

$$\mu = 1$$

$$y_1(x) = \cos x \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(x) = \sin x$$

Hence, the gen. sol. is  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$   
 $= c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$



Exp Find two indep. power series solutions in the power of  $x$  for the DE  $y'' - xy = 0$

The series solution is  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  so  $x_0 = 0$  is OP since  $P(x) = 1$  and so all points are ordinary

$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$  and  $y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n n(n-1) x^{n-2}$

Substitute  $y''$  and  $y$  in the DE above  $\Rightarrow$

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

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

↑ not
↑ not same power

✓ ① same power  
 ✓ ② same index

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

not same index

$$(2)(1) a_2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n = 0$$

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

$a_2 = 0$  and  $a_{n+2} = \frac{a_{n-1}}{(n+1)(n+2)}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

→ (RR)  
 Recurrence Relation



We use RR to write  $a_2, a_3, \dots$  in terms of  $a_0$  and  $a_1 \Rightarrow$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{a_0}{(2)(3)} = \frac{a_0}{3!}$$

$$n=2 \Rightarrow a_4 = \frac{a_1}{(3)(4)} = \frac{2a_1}{4!}$$

$$n=3 \Rightarrow a_5 = \frac{a_2}{(4)(5)} = 0$$

$$n=4 \Rightarrow a_6 = \frac{a_3}{(5)(6)} = \frac{\frac{a_0}{(2)(3)}}{(5)(6)} = \frac{a_0}{(2)(3)(5)(6)} = \frac{4a_0}{6!}$$

$$n=5 \Rightarrow a_7 = \frac{a_4}{(6)(7)} = \frac{\frac{2a_1}{(3)(4)}}{(6)(7)} = \frac{a_1}{(3)(4)(6)(7)} = \frac{10a_1}{7!}$$

$$n=6 \Rightarrow a_8 = \frac{a_5}{(7)(8)} = 0$$

$\vdots$   
The series solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + \cancel{a_2 x^2} + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \cancel{a_5 x^5} + a_6 x^6 + \dots \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + 0 + \frac{a_0}{3!} x^3 + \frac{2a_1}{4!} x^4 + 0 + \frac{4a_0}{6!} x^6 + \frac{10a_1}{7!} x^7 + \dots \\ &= a_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{4x^6}{6!} + \dots \right] + a_1 \left[ x + \frac{2x^4}{4!} + \frac{10x^7}{7!} + \dots \right] \\ &= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

$y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are the two indep. power series solutions since

$$W(y_1(x), y_2(x))(x_0) = W(y_1(x), y_2(x))(0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(0) & y_2(0) \\ y_1'(0) & y_2'(0) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$$

Hence they also form fundamental series solutions.



Exp Find Fundamental series solutions for the DE:  $y'' - xy = 0$  about  $x_0 = 1$

•  $P(x) = 1$  never zero so all points are ordinary  $\Rightarrow x_0 = 1$  is OP

• The series solution is

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-1)^n$$

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n (x-1)^{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n (x-1)^{n-2}$$

• substitute  $y''$  and  $y$  in the DE  $\Rightarrow$

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

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

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

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

① same power  
② same index

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

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



Comparing coefficients  $\Rightarrow$

$$2a_2 - a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{a_0}{2}$$

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{a_{n-1} + a_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \text{(RR) Recurrence Relation}$$

We use RR to write the coefficients  $a_3, a_4, a_5, \dots$  in terms of  $a_0$  and  $a_1 \Rightarrow$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{a_0 + a_1}{(2)(3)} = \frac{a_0}{3!} + \frac{a_1}{3!}$$

$$n=2 \Rightarrow a_4 = \frac{a_1 + a_2}{(3)(4)} = \frac{2a_1}{4!} + \frac{a_0/2}{(3)(4)} = \frac{2a_1}{4!} + \frac{a_0}{4!}$$

$$n=3 \Rightarrow a_5 = \frac{a_2 + a_3}{(4)(5)} = \frac{a_0/2 + a_0/3! + a_1/3!}{(4)(5)} = \frac{4a_0}{5!} + \frac{a_1}{5!}$$

⋮

The series solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-1)^n = a_0 + a_1(x-1) + a_2(x-1)^2 + a_3(x-1)^3 + a_4(x-1)^4 + \dots \\ &= a_0 + a_1(x-1) + \frac{a_0}{2}(x-1)^2 + \left(\frac{a_0}{3!} + \frac{a_1}{3!}\right)(x-1)^3 + \left(\frac{2a_1}{4!} + \frac{a_0}{4!}\right)(x-1)^4 + \dots \\ &= a_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} + \frac{(x-1)^4}{4!} + \dots \right] + a_1 \left[ (x-1) + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} + \frac{2(x-1)^4}{4!} + \dots \right] \\ &= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

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

$y_1$  and  $y_2$  are L. Indep. Thus, they form fundamental set of solutions.



Exp Find power series solution for the DE

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 6y = 0 \text{ about } x_0 = 0$$

•  $P(x) = 1 - x^2 = 0 \iff x = \pm 1$  singular points

Hence,  $x_0 = 0$  is OP

• The series solution is  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \implies y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$

• substitute  $y'', y', y$  in the DE  $\implies y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}$

$$(1-x^2) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} - 2x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + 6 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 6a_n x^n = 0$$

✓ same power  
✓ same index

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} x^n - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 6a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - n(n-1)a_n - 2n a_n + 6a_n \right] x^n = 0$$

$$- a_n (n^2 - n + 2n - 6)$$
$$- a_n (n^2 + n - 6)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - a_n (n-2)(n+3) \right] x^n = 0$$



$$a_{n+2} = \frac{(n-2)(n+3)a_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots \rightarrow \text{Recurrence Relation (RR)}$$

We use RR to write  $a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots$  interms of  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  as follow  $\Rightarrow$

$$n=0 \Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{(-2)(3)a_0}{(1)(2)} = -3a_0$$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{(-1)(4)a_1}{(2)(3)} = -\frac{2}{3}a_1$$

$$n=2 \Rightarrow a_4 = 0$$

$$n=3 \Rightarrow a_5 = \frac{(1)(6)a_3}{(4)(5)} = \frac{3(-\frac{2}{3}a_1)}{(2)(5)} = -\frac{1}{5}a_1$$

$$n=4 \Rightarrow a_6 = 0$$

$$n=5 \Rightarrow a_7 = \frac{(3)(8)a_5}{(6)(7)} = \frac{4(-\frac{1}{5}a_1)}{7} = -\frac{4}{35}a_1$$

$$n=6 \Rightarrow a_8 = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + a_6 x^6 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + a_6 x^6 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x - 3a_0 x^2 - \frac{2}{3}a_1 x^3 - \frac{1}{5}a_1 x^5 - \frac{4}{35}a_1 x^7 + \dots$$

$$= a_0 [1 - 3x^2] + a_1 [x - \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{4}{35}x^7 + \dots]$$

$$= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)$$



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Recall from 5.2 that the series solution about the OP  $x_0$  has the form

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n$$

for a given DE of the form

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0 \quad *$$

where  $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$  are polynomials.

Question what happen if  $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$  not all poly.?

Answer: It will be hard to find series solution as in 5.2 procedure.  $\Rightarrow$

Exp Find series solution of power  $x$  for the DE

$$(x+1)y'' - \ln(e+x^2)y' - 2y = 0$$

Note that  $Q(x) = -\ln(e+x^2)$  is not poly.

series solution  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  since  $x_0 = 0$  is OP.  
since  $P(0) = 1 \neq 0$

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \Rightarrow y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

Substitute  $y, y', y''$  in the DE  $\Rightarrow$

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

Problem



We need new method to solve Exp'

Question Given the IVP:

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0, \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y_0'$$

where  $x_0$  is an OP and  $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$  are functions having all derivative at  $x_0$ .

Show that if  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)^2 + \dots$

is a power series solution to this IVP about the OP  $x_0$ , then the coefficients  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m, \dots$  are given by

$$a_m = \frac{y^{(m)}(x_0)}{m!}, \quad m=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Answer:

$$a_0 = \frac{y(x_0)}{0!} = y_0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$a_1 = \frac{y'(x_0)}{1!} = y_0' \quad \checkmark$$

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n \quad \Rightarrow \quad y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n (x-x_0)^{n-1}$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n (x-x_0)^{n-2}$$

⋮

$$y^{(m)}(x) = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-(m-1)) a_n (x-x_0)^{n-m}$$



$$y^{(m)}(x) = m(m-1)(m-2) \dots (m-m+1) a_m + \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-(m-1)) a_n (x-x_0)^{n-m}$$

$$y^{(m)}(x_0) = m! a_m + 0 \Rightarrow a_m = \frac{y^{(m)}(x_0)}{m!}$$

Exp Given the IVP:

$$(x+1)y'' - \ln(e+x^2)y' - 2y = 0, \quad y(0)=1, \quad y'(0)=1$$

Assume  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is the series solution of this IVP, find the first four terms.

$x_0 = 0$  is OP since  $P(0) = 1 \neq 0$

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$$

$a_0 = y_0 = 1$        $a_1 = y'_0 = 1$        $\frac{3}{2}$        $\frac{1}{3}$

$$a_2 = \frac{y''(x_0)}{2!} = \frac{y''(0)}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{y'''(x_0)}{3!} = \frac{y'''(0)}{6} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(x+1)y'' - \ln(e+x^2)y' - 2y = 0$$

$$(0+1)y''(0) - \ln(e+0^2)y'(0) - 2y(0) = 0$$

$$y''(0) - \ln e y'(0) - 2y(0) = 0$$

$$y''(0) - (1)(1) - 2(1) = 0$$

To find  $y'''(0) \Rightarrow$

$$(x+1)y''' + y'' - \ln(e+x^2)y'' - \frac{2x}{e+x^2}y' - 2y' = 0$$

$$y'''(0) + y''(0) - \ln e y''(0) - 0 - 2y'(0) = 0$$

$$y'''(0) + 3 - (1)(3) - 2(1) = 0 \Rightarrow y'''(0) = 2$$

$$y''(0) = 3$$

$$y'''(0) = 2$$

The 1<sup>st</sup> four terms:  $\{1, x, \frac{3}{2}x^2, \frac{1}{3}x^3\}$



Exp Given the IVP:  $y'' + xy' + y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$

① Suppose  $y = \phi(x)$  is solution to this IVP.

Find  $\phi''(0)$ ,  $\phi'''(0)$ ,  $\phi^{(4)}(0)$

•  $y''(0) + (0)y'(0) + y(0) = 0$   
 $y''(0) + 0 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y''(0) = \phi''(0) = -1$

• To find  $\phi'''(0)$  we derive  $\Rightarrow y''' + xy'' + y' + y' = 0$   
 $y'''(0) + 0 + 2y'(0) = 0$   
 $y'''(0) = \phi'''(0) = -2y'_0 = 0$

• To find  $\phi^{(4)}(0)$  we derive  $\Rightarrow y^{(4)} + xy''' + y'' + 2y'' = 0$   
 $y^{(4)}(0) + 0 + 3y''(0) = 0$   
 $y^{(4)}(0) = \phi^{(4)}(0) = -3y''(0) = 3$

② Find the 1<sup>st</sup> three nonzero terms of the power series solution about  $x_0 = 0$

•  $x_0 = 0$  is OP since  $P(x) = 1$  never zero

• The power series solution is  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$

$a_0 = y_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = y'_0 = 0$

$a_2 = \frac{y''(0)}{2!} = \frac{-1}{2}$  and  $a_3 = \frac{y'''(0)}{3!} = 0$

$a_4 = \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!} = \frac{3}{24} = \frac{1}{8}$

$y(x) = 1 + 0 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 0 + \frac{x^4}{8} + \dots$

Hence, the 1<sup>st</sup> three nonzero terms  
 $\left\{ 1, -\frac{1}{2}x^2, \frac{x^4}{8} \right\}$



Exp solve the IVP:

$$y'' - 4e^{2x}y' - (3x^2 + 2x + 5)y = 0, \quad y(0) = y_0$$

$$y'(0) = y'_0$$

•  $P(x) = 1$  never zero  $\Rightarrow$  all points are ordinary  
 $\Rightarrow x_0 = 0$  is OP

• The series solution about the OP  $x_0 = 0$  is

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots$$

$\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 $y_0$   $y'_0$   $\frac{y''_0}{2!}$   $\frac{y'''_0}{3!}$   $\frac{y^{(4)}_0}{4!}$

• To find  $a_2 \Rightarrow y''(0) - 4e^0 y'(0) - (5)y(0) = 0$   
 $y''(0) - 4(1)y'_0 - 5y_0 = 0$

$$y''(0) - 4a_1 - 5a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow y''(0) = 4a_1 + 5a_0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{y''(0)}{2!} = \frac{4a_1 + 5a_0}{2} = 2a_1 + \frac{5}{2}a_0$$

• To find  $a_3 \Rightarrow y''' - 4e^{2x}y'' - 8e^{2x}y' - (3x^2 + 2x + 5)y' - (6x + 2)y = 0$

$$y'''(0) - 4y''(0) - 8y'(0) - (5)y'(0) - (2)y(0) = 0$$

$$y'''(0) - 4(4a_1 + 5a_0) - 8a_1 - 5a_1 - 2a_0 = 0$$

$$y'''(0) - 29a_1 - 22a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow y'''(0) = 29a_1 + 22a_0$$

$$a_3 = \frac{y'''(0)}{3!} = \frac{29a_1 + 22a_0}{6} = \frac{29}{6}a_1 + \frac{11}{3}a_0$$

$$y(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + (2a_1 + \frac{5}{2}a_0)x^2 + (\frac{29}{6}a_1 + \frac{11}{3}a_0)x^3 + \dots$$

$$= a_0(1 + \frac{5}{2}x^2 + \frac{11}{3}x^3 + \dots) + a_1(x + 2x^2 + \frac{29}{6}x^3 + \dots)$$

$$= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)$$



Th (5.3.1)

If  $x_0$  is an OP for the DE

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0 \quad \dots *$$

where

$$p(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} \quad \text{and} \quad q(x) = \frac{R(x)}{P(x)} \quad \text{are analytic at } x_0,$$

then the general solution of the DE \* is given by

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n = a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)$$

where

- $a_0$  and  $a_1$  are arbitrary constants
- $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two power series solution which are analytic at  $x_0$
- the series solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  form fundamental set of solution

Furthermore, the radius of convergence for each power series solution  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  is given by

$$\rho = \min \{ \rho_1, \rho_2 \}$$

where

$\rho_1$  is the radius of convergence for the power series of  $p(x)$

and

$\rho_2$  is the radius of convergence for the power series of  $q(x)$

**Remark'** Th (5.3.1) provides strategy to find  $\rho$  for power series solution  $y(x) = \sum a_n (x-x_0)^n$  for a given DE about OP  $x_0$  without solving the DE



Remark<sup>2</sup>

① If  $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$  are all poly. then we can find  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  straight forward for  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$ .

② If  $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$  are not all poly. then first we find Taylor series for  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  then find  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$

Exp Determine a lower bound for the radius of convergence  $\rho$  of the series solution of

①  $\ddot{y} - xy = 0$  about  $x_0 = 1$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(x) = 1 \\ Q(x) = 0 \\ R(x) = -x \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{all poly.}$$

$P(x) = 1$  never zero  
all points are ordinary  
 $x_0 = 1$  is O.P

$$p(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{0}{1} = 0 \text{ is analytic everywhere } \Rightarrow \rho_1 = \infty$$

$$q(x) = \frac{R(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{-x}{1} = -x \text{ is analytic everywhere } \Rightarrow \rho_2 = \infty$$

Hence, the radius of convergence  $\rho$  for the series

$$\text{solution } y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-1)^n \text{ is } \min\{\rho_1, \rho_2\} = \infty$$

by Th 5.3.1

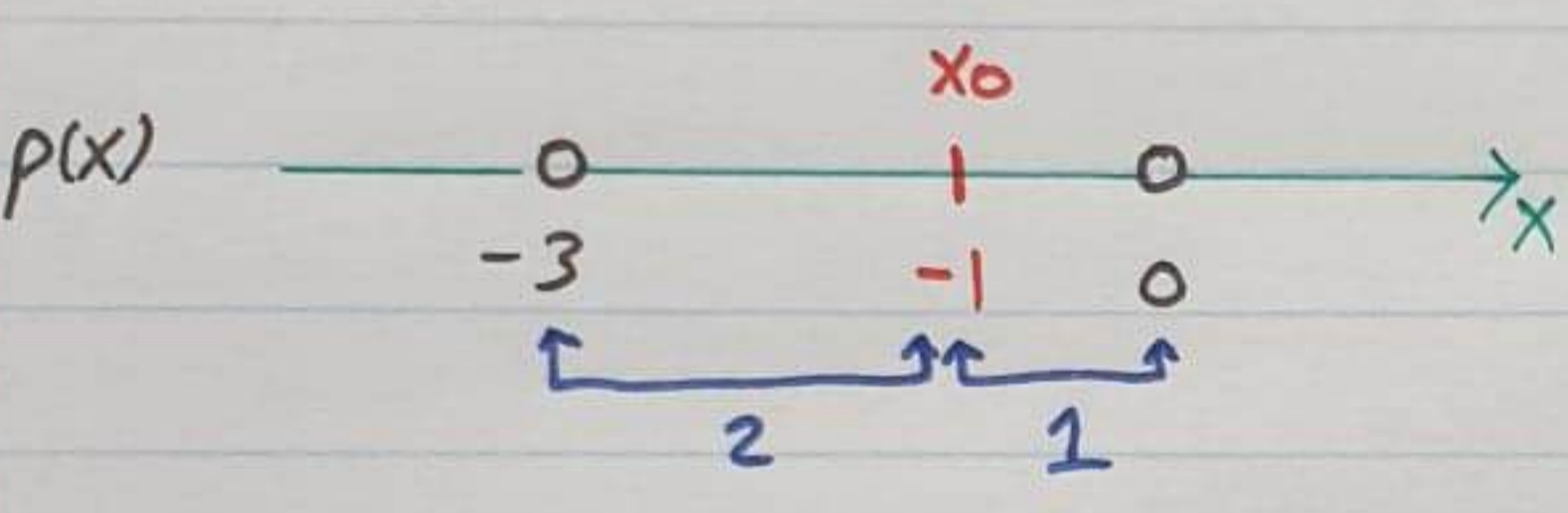


(2)  $(x^2 + 3x)y'' + y' + y = 0$  about  $x_0 = -1$

$P(x) = x^2 + 3x$   
 $Q(x) = 1$   
 $R(x) = 1$  } All poly.

$P(x) = x(x+3) = 0$   
 $x = 0, x = -3$   
Singular points  
 $x_0 = -1$  is OP

$p(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{1}{x(x+3)}$   
 $q(x) = \frac{R(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{1}{x(x+3)}$  }  $\Rightarrow$  are analytic everywhere except at  $x=0$  and  $x=-3$



$\Rightarrow \rho_1 = 1$  for  $p(x)$   
 $\rho_2 = 1$  for  $q(x)$

Hence, the radius of convergence for the series solution  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x+1)^n$  is  $\rho = \min\{\rho_1, \rho_2\} = 1$  by Th 5.3.1

(3)  $(1+x^2)y'' + 2xy' + 4x^2y = 0$  about  $x_0 = 0$   
 $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$

$P(x) = 1+x^2$   
 $Q(x) = 2x$   
 $R(x) = 4x^2$  } All poly.

$P(x) = 1+x^2 = 0$   
 $x = \pm i$   
Singular points  
 $x_0 = 0$  and  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$  are OP

$p(x) = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$   
 $q(x) = \frac{4x^2}{1+x^2}$  }  $\Rightarrow$  are analytic everywhere except at  $x = \pm i = 0 \pm i$  comparing with  $z = x + yi$   $(0,1)$  or  $(0,-1)$



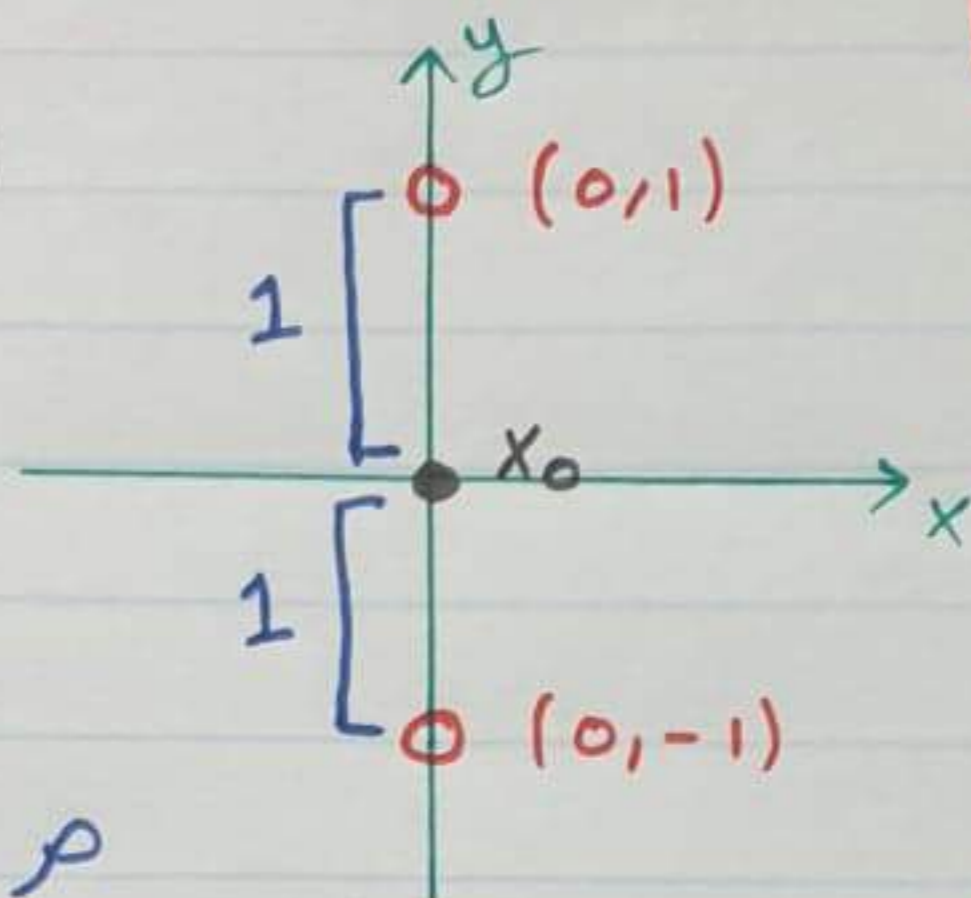
$$x_0 = 0$$

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$$\rho_1 = 1 \text{ for } p(x)$$

$$\rho_2 = 1 \text{ for } q(x) \text{ "similar"}$$

$p(x)$



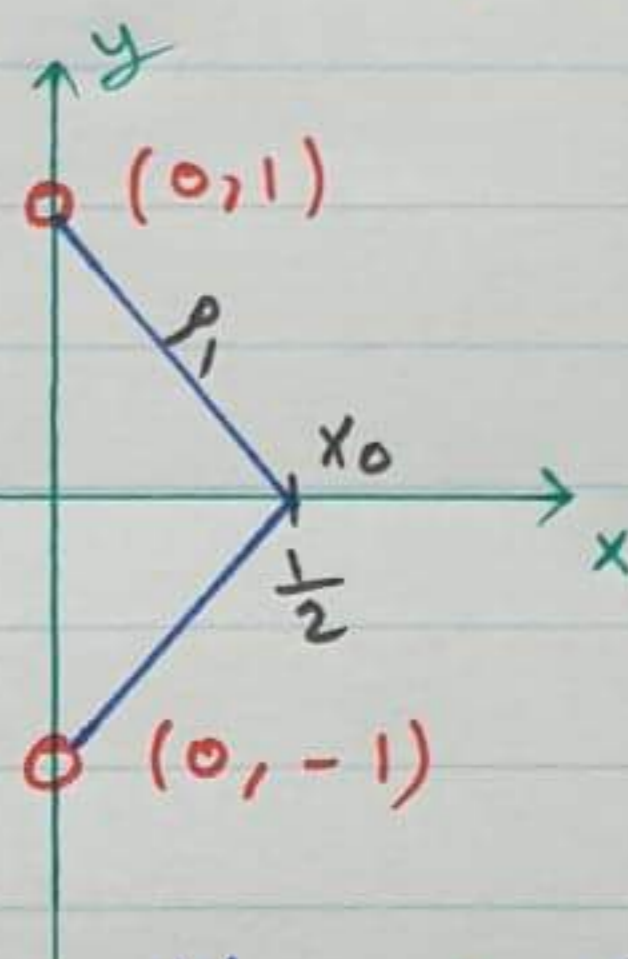
Hence, the radius of convergence  $\rho$  for the series solution  $\sum a_n x^n$  is  $\rho = \min\{1, 1\} = 1$

$$x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\rho_1 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ for } p(x)$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ for } q(x) \text{ "similar"}$$

$p(x)$



Hence, the radius of convergence  $\rho$  for the series solution  $\sum a_n \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^n$  is  $\min\left\{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right\} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$

(4)  $(1+x^2)y'' + (1+x^2)y' + y = 0$  about  $x_0 = 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(x) &= 1+x^2 \\ Q(x) &= 1+x^2 \\ R(x) &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ all poly}$$

$$P(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1+x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm i \text{ Singular Points}$$

$x_0 = 0$  is OP

$p(x) = 1$  is analytic everywhere  $\Rightarrow \rho_1 = \infty$

$q(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  is analytic everywhere except at  $x = \pm i = 0 \pm i$   $(0,1), (0,-1)$   
 $\Rightarrow \rho_2 = 1$  by part (3)

Hence, the radius of convergence for the series solution  $\sum a_n x^n$  is  $\rho = \min\{1, \infty\} = 1$



5)  $x(x^2 - 2x + 2)y'' + xy' + (x^2 - 2x + 2)y = 0$  about  $x_0 = 2$

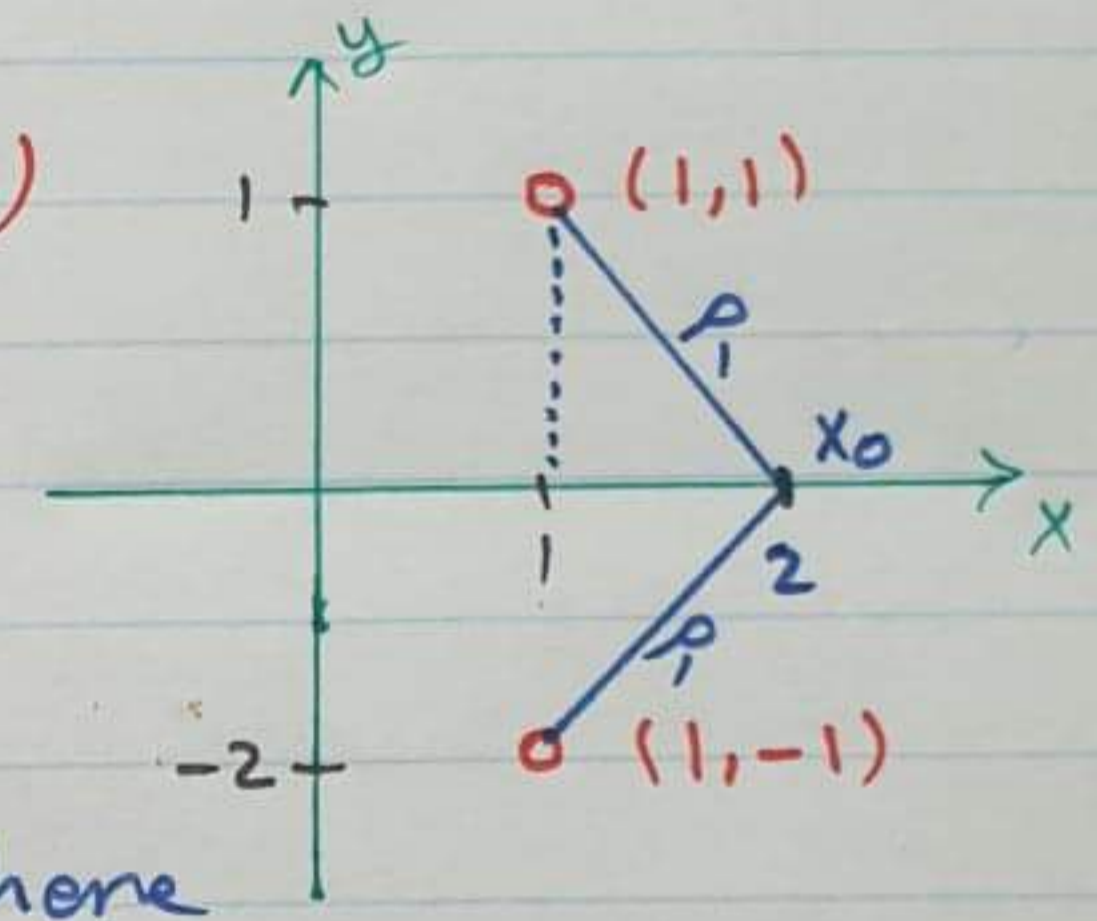
$P(x) = x(x^2 - 2x + 2)$   
 $Q(x) = x$   
 $R(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$  } All poly

$P(x) = 0$   
 $x(x^2 - 2x + 2) = 0$   
 $x = 0, x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(2)}}{2}$   
 $= 1 \pm i$

$x_0 = 2$  is OP

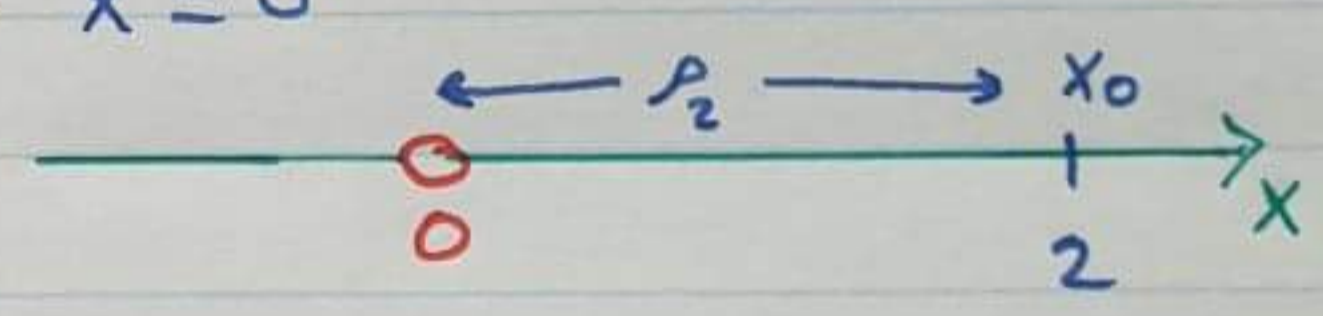
$p(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x + 2}$  is analytic everywhere except at  $x = 1 \pm i$

$\rho_1 = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$  for  $p(x)$



$q(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is analytic everywhere except at  $x = 0$

$\rho_2 = 2$  for  $q(x)$



Hence, the radius of convergence for the series solution  $\{a_n(x-2)^n\}$  is

$\rho = \min\{\rho_1, \rho_2\} = \min\{\sqrt{2}, 2\} = \sqrt{2}$

Now we will consider an example when

$P(x), Q(x), R(x)$  are not all poly.



⑥  $y'' + (\sin x)y' + (1+x^2)y = 0$  about  $x_0 = 0$

$P(x) = 1$   
 $Q(x) = \sin x$   
 $R(x) = 1+x^2$  } Not all Poly.

$P(x) = 1$  never zero  
 $\Rightarrow$  all points are ordinary  
 $\Rightarrow x_0 = 0$  is O.P.

$p(x) = \frac{\sin x}{1} = \sin x$  which is analytic every where  $\Rightarrow \rho_1 = \infty$

$q(x) = \frac{1+x^2}{1} = 1+x^2$  which is analytic every where  $\Rightarrow \rho_2 = \infty$

Hence, the radius of convergence  $\rho$  for the series solution  $\sum a_n x^n$  is  $\infty$

Basically we find Taylor series expansion for  $\sin x$  about  $x_0 = 0$  "Maclaurine Series"  $\Rightarrow$

$$p(x) = \sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \Rightarrow \text{Apply RT} \Rightarrow \rho_1 = \infty$$

same for  $q(x) = 1+x^2$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x-x_0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$$

$$= f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$
  
$$= (1) + (0)x + \frac{2}{2} x^2 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + x^2$$

$f(x) = 1+x^2$   
 $f'(x) = 2x$   
 $f''(x) = 2$   
 $f'''(x) = 0$   
 $f^{(4)}(x) = 0$   
 $\vdots$



⑦  $(x^2 + 1)y'' + xy' + \frac{1}{x-2}y = 0$  about  $x_0 = 1$

Multiply all terms by  $x-2$

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

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(x) &= (x-2)(x^2+1) \\ Q(x) &= (x-2)x \\ R(x) &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{All} \\ \text{poly.} \end{array}$$

$$P(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-2)(x^2+1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 2, x = \pm i$$

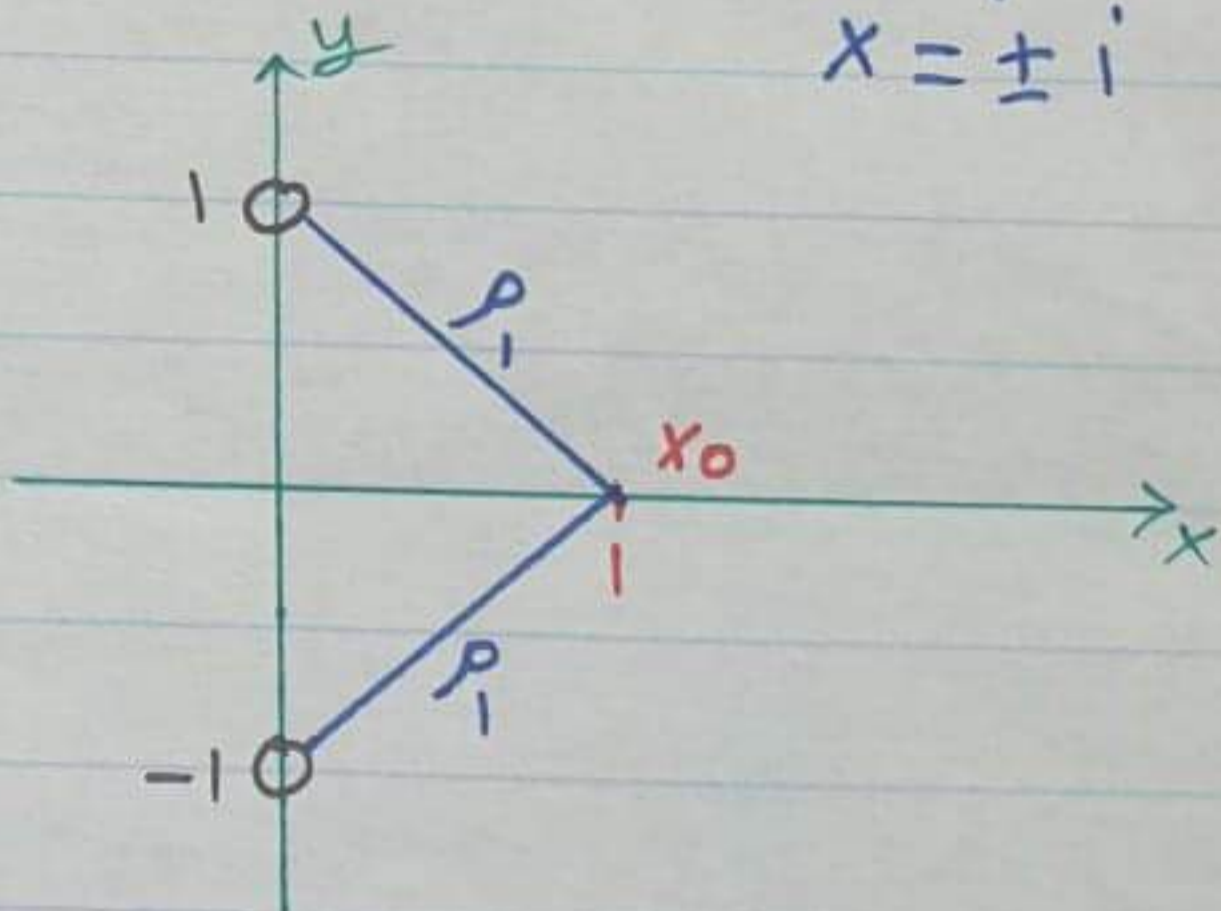
Singular Points  
(0,1), (0,-1)

$\Rightarrow x_0 = 1$  is OP

$$p(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$$

is analytic every where except at  $x = \pm i$

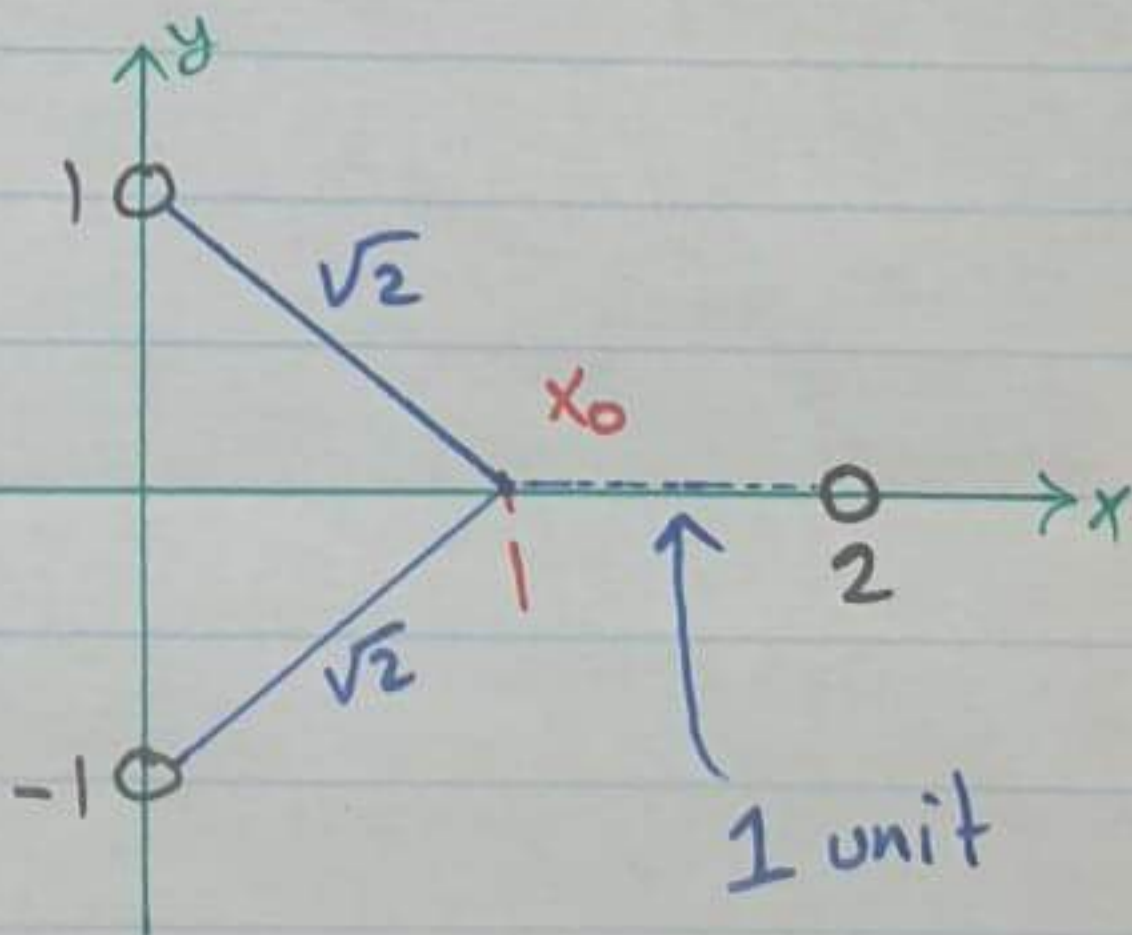
$$\rho_1 = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$



$$q(x) = \frac{R(x)}{P(x)} = \frac{1}{(x-2)(x^2+1)}$$

is analytic every where except  $x = 2$  and  $x = \pm i$

$$\rho_2 = \min\{1, \sqrt{2}\} = 1$$



Hence, the radius of convergence for the power series solution

$$\sum a_n (x-1)^n \text{ is } \rho = \min\{\rho_1, \rho_2\} = \min\{\sqrt{2}, 1\} = 1$$



## 5.4 Euler Differential Equations ; Regular Singular Points

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- Recall the Euler DE:  $x^2 y'' + \alpha x y' + \beta y = 0$
- Note that Euler DE has a singular point at  $x_0 = 0$   
since  $P(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow P(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_0 = 0$
- If we try to find a power series solution for Euler DE about the SP  $x_0 = 0$  " $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ " as in 5.2, then we will find out that this is impossible.

The reason for that is due to the fact that  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are not analytic at the SP  $x_0 = 0$

- Thus, we need more information about the singularity of  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  to be not too severe
- So first we will classify the SPs into

Regular Singular Point (RSP) or  
Irregular Singular Point (IRSP)

- In section 5.5 we will find power series solution in the neighborhood of a RSP for a given DE.  
 $\downarrow$   
 $x_0 = 0$



• Given a 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear DE :

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0 \quad \dots *$$

• Assume the DE \* has a SP at  $x_0$  ( $P(x_0) = 0$ ):

① If  $P, Q, R$  are all poly., then  $x_0$  is RSP if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x - x_0) p(x) < \infty \quad \text{and}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x - x_0)^2 q(x) < \infty$$

② If  $P, Q, R$  are functions more general than poly., then  $x_0$  is RSP if

$$(x - x_0) p(x) \quad \text{and} \quad (x - x_0)^2 q(x)$$

are analytic about  $x_0$  (They have Taylor Series Expansion about  $x_0$  with  $\rho$  s.t.  $|x - x_0| < \rho$ )

Remark: If the singular point  $x_0$  is not regular, then  $x_0$  is IRSP.



Irregular Singular Point



Exp Determine the singular points of the following DE's and classify them into RSP or IRSP:

①  $x^2 y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y = 0$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  constants "Euler DE"

$P(x) = x^2$   
 $Q(x) = \alpha x$   
 $R(x) = \beta$  } All poly.

$\Rightarrow P(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_0 = 0$  is SP

Apply 1)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x - x_0) p(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \frac{\alpha x}{x^2} = \alpha < \infty$  ✓ and

$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x - x_0)^2 q(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \frac{\beta}{x^2} = \beta < \infty$  ✓

Hence,  $x_0 = 0$  is RSP and so any Euler DE has a RSP at  $x_0 = 0$

②  $(1-x)y'' - 2xy' + 4y = 0$

$P(x) = 1-x$   
 $Q(x) = -2x$   
 $R(x) = 4$  } All poly.

$P(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 1-x = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x_0 = 1$  is SP

Apply 1)  $\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x - x_0) p(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x-1) \frac{-2x}{(1-x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 2x = 2 < \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x - x_0)^2 q(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x-1)^2 \frac{4}{(1-x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} -4(x-1) = 0 < \infty$

Hence,  $x_0 = 1$  is RSP



$$(3) \quad 2x(x-2)^2 y'' + 3x y' + (x-2)y = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(x) &= 2x(x-2)^2 \\ Q(x) &= 3x \\ R(x) &= (x-2) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{All} \\ \text{poly.} \end{array}$$

$$P(x) = 0$$

$$2x(x-2) = 0$$

$x_0 = 0$  and  $x_0 = 2$  are SP's.

Apply ①

$$x_0 = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x-x_0) p(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \frac{3x}{2x(x-2)^2} = \frac{3}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{(x-2)^2} = 0 < \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x-x_0)^2 q(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \frac{(x-2)}{2x(x-2)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x-2} = 0 < \infty$$

Hence,  $x_0 = 0$  is RSP

$$x_0 = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x-x_0) p(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x-2) \frac{3x}{2x(x-2)^2} = \frac{3}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x-2} \quad \text{DNE}$$

Hence,  $x_0 = 2$  is IRSP.

$$\text{since } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{1}{\text{small}^+} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{1}{\text{small}^-} = -\infty$$



$$(4) \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 y'' + \cos x y' + \sin x y = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \\ Q(x) &= \cos x \\ R(x) &= \sin x \end{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Not} \\ \text{All} \\ \text{Poly.} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= 0 \\ \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$  is SP

Apply [2]

$$(x - x_0) p(x) = \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \frac{\cos x}{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{\cos x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$(x - x_0)^2 q(x) = \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \frac{\sin x}{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2} = \sin x$$

We find Taylor Series Expansion about  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$

First we find Taylor series for  $f(x) = \cos x$  about  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \cos x & \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0 \\ f'(x) &= -\sin x & \Rightarrow f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= -1 \\ f''(x) &= -\cos x & \Rightarrow f''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0 \\ f'''(x) &= \sin x & \Rightarrow f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 1 \\ f^{(4)}(x) &= \cos x & \Rightarrow f^{(4)}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{n!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^n$$

$$= f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{f''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{2!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{3!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 0 + (-1) \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 0 + \frac{1}{3!} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3 + 0 + \dots$$

$$= -\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3}{3!} - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^5}{5!} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^7}{7!} + \dots$$



$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x - \frac{\pi}{2})^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

Hence, the Taylor series expansion for

$$\frac{\cos x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x - \frac{\pi}{2})^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} = -1 + \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^2}{3!} - \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^4}{5!} + \dots$$

Second we find Taylor series expansion for  $g(x) = \sin x$  about  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$g(x) = \sin x$	$\Rightarrow g(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$
$g'(x) = \cos x$	$\Rightarrow g'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$
$g''(x) = -\sin x$	$\Rightarrow g''(\frac{\pi}{2}) = -1$
$g'''(x) = -\cos x$	$\Rightarrow g'''(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$
$g^{(4)}(x) = \sin x$	$\Rightarrow g^{(4)}(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^{(n)}(\frac{\pi}{2})}{n!} (x - \frac{\pi}{2})^n = g(\frac{\pi}{2}) + g'(\frac{\pi}{2})(x - \frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{g''(\frac{\pi}{2})}{2!} (x - \frac{\pi}{2})^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 0 - \frac{1}{2!} (x - \frac{\pi}{2})^2 + 0 + \frac{1}{4!} (x - \frac{\pi}{2})^4 + 0 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^2}{2!} + \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^4}{4!} - \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^6}{6!} + \dots$$

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

Hence,  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$  is RSP