

1: "Find the power series expansions for $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ about $x = 0$ using the Taylor expansion formula."

The derivatives of $\sin x$ at $x = 0$ are

- $\sin 0 = 0$;
- $\left(\frac{d}{dx} \sin x\right)_{x=0} = \cos 0 = 1$;
- $\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sin x\right)_{x=0} = -\sin 0 = 0$;
- $\left(\frac{d^3}{dx^3} \sin x\right)_{x=0} = -\cos 0 = -1$;
- $\left(\frac{d^4}{dx^4} \sin x\right)_{x=0} = \sin 0 = 0$, etc.

So

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= \frac{0}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{0}{2!}x^2 - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{0}{4!}x^4 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{1!}x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 - \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, the derivatives of $\cos x$ at $x = 0$ are

- $\cos 0 = 1$;
- $\left(\frac{d}{dx} \cos x\right)_{x=0} = -\sin 0 = 0$;
- $\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \cos x\right)_{x=0} = -\cos 0 = -1$;
- $\left(\frac{d^3}{dx^3} \cos x\right)_{x=0} = \sin 0 = 0$;
- $\left(\frac{d^4}{dx^4} \cos x\right)_{x=0} = \cos 0 = 1$, etc.

So

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &= \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{0}{1!}x - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{0}{3!}x^3 - \frac{1}{4!}x^4 + \frac{0}{5!}x^5 - \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{0!} - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k)!} x^{2k}. \end{aligned}$$

2: "Use the power series expansions from Problem 1 to show that $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$."

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sin x &= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)!} (2k+1) x^{2k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k)!} x^{2k} \\ &= \cos x. \end{aligned}$$

3: $y'' - xy = 0$

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k; \\ y' &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k c_k x^{k-1}; \\ y'' &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) c_k x^{k-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Substitute these power series into $y'' - xy$.

$$\begin{aligned} y'' - xy &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) c_k x^{k-2} - x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) c_k x^{k-2} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^{k+1} \\ &= \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} (k+3)(k+2) c_{k+3} x^{k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^{k+1} \\ &= 2 \cdot 1 \cdot c_2 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+3)(k+2) c_{k+3} x^{k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^{k+1} \\ &= 2c_2 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [(k+3)(k+2) c_{k+3} - c_k] x^{k+1} \\ &= 2c_2 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [k(k-1) c_k - c_{k-3}] x^{k-2} \end{aligned}$$

The equation becomes

$$2c_2 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [k(k-1) c_k - c_{k-3}] x^{k-2} = 0$$

which means

- $c_2 = 0$;
- $c_k = \frac{1}{k(k-1)} c_{k-3}$, for all $k \geq 3$.

The general solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y &= c_0 + c_1 x + \frac{1}{6} c_0 x^3 + \frac{1}{12} c_1 x^4 + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 30} c_0 x^6 + \frac{1}{12 \cdot 42} c_1 x^7 + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 30 \cdot 72} c_0 x^9 + \frac{1}{12 \cdot 42 \cdot 90} c_1 x^{10} + \dots \\ &= c_0 \left(1 + \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{12 \cdot 42} x^6 + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 30 \cdot 72} x^9 \dots \right) + c_1 \left(x + \frac{1}{12} x^4 + \frac{1}{12 \cdot 42} x^7 + \frac{1}{12 \cdot 42 \cdot 90} x^{10} \dots \right). \end{aligned}$$

Two specific solutions are

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 1 + \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{12 \cdot 42} x^6 + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 30 \cdot 72} x^9 + \dots \\ y_2 &= x + \frac{1}{12} x^4 + \frac{1}{12 \cdot 42} x^7 + \frac{1}{12 \cdot 42 \cdot 90} x^{10} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

...both of which have radius of convergence ∞ .

4: $y'' + x^2 y' + xy = 0$

Rewrite y , y' , and y'' as power series.

$$\begin{aligned}
 y'' + x^2 y' + xy &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) c_k x^{k-2} + x^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k c_k x^{k-1} + x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) c_k x^{k-2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k c_k x^{k+1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^{k+1} \\
 &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) c_k x^{k-2} + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (k-3) c_{k-3} x^{k-2} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} c_{k-3} x^{k-2} \\
 &= 2c_2 + 6c_3 x + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} k(k-1) c_k x^{k-2} + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (k-3) c_{k-3} x^{k-2} + c_0 + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} c_{k-3} x^{k-2} \\
 &= (2c_2 + c_0) + 6c_3 x + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} [k(k-2) c_k + (k-3) c_{k-3} + c_{k-3}] x^{k-2} \\
 &= (2c_2 + c_0) + 6c_3 x + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} [k(k-2) c_k + (k-2) c_{k-3}] x^{k-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation becomes

$$(2c_2 + c_0) + 6c_3 x + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} [k(k-2) c_k + (k-2) c_{k-3}] x^{k-2} = 0$$

which means

- $c_2 = -\frac{1}{2}c_0$;
- $c_3 = 0$;
- $c_k = -\frac{1}{k}c_{k-3}$, for all $k \geq 4$.

The general solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= c_0 + c_1 x - \frac{1}{2} c_0 x^2 - \frac{1}{4} c_1 x^4 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5} c_0 x^5 + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 7} c_1 x^7 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8} c_0 x^8 - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10} c_1 x^{10} + \dots \\
 &= c_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5} x^5 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8} x^8 + \dots \right) + c_1 \left(x - \frac{1}{4} x^4 + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 7} x^7 - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10} x^{10} + \dots \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Two specific solutions are

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_1 &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5} x^5 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8} x^8 + \dots \\
 y_2 &= x - \frac{1}{4} x^4 + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 7} x^7 - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10} x^{10} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

...both of which have radius of convergence ∞ .

5: $(x-1)y'' + y' = 0$

Rewrite y' and y'' as power series.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x-1)y'' + y' &= (x-1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k c_k x^{k-1} \\
 &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-1} - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k c_k x^{k-1} \\
 &= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-1)(k-2)c_{k-1} x^{k-2} - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-2} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)c_{k-1} x^{k-2} \\
 &= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-1)(k-2)c_{k-1} x^{k-2} - 2c_2 - \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-2} + c_1 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-1)c_{k-1} x^{k-2} \\
 &= (-2c_2 + c_1) + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [(k-1)(k-2)c_{k-1} - k(k-1)c_k + (k-1)c_{k-1}] x^{k-2} \\
 &= -(2c_2 - c_1) - \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [k(k-1)c_k - (k-1)(k-1)c_{k-1}] x^{k-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation becomes

$$-(2c_2 - c_1) - \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [k(k-1)c_k - (k-1)(k-1)c_{k-1}] x^{k-2} = 0$$

which means

- $c_2 = \frac{1}{2}c_1$;
- $c_k = \frac{k-1}{k}c_{k-1}$, for all $k \geq 3$.

The general solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= c_0 + c_1 x + \frac{1}{2}c_1 x^2 + \frac{1}{3}c_1 x^3 + \frac{1}{4}c_1 x^4 + \dots \\
 &= c_0 + c_1 \left(x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \dots \right) \\
 &= c_0 + c_1 \ln(1-x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Two specific solutions are

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_1 &= 1; \\
 y_2 &= \ln(1-x).
 \end{aligned}$$

The former solution has radius of convergence ∞ ; the latter has radius of convergence 1.

6: $(x-1)y'' - xy' + y = 0$; $y(0) = -2$; $y'(0) = 6$

Rewrite using power series, noting that $c_0 = y(0) = -2$ and $c_1 = y'(0) = 6$:

$$\begin{aligned}
(x-1)y'' - xy' + y &= (x-1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-2} - x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k c_k x^{k-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-1} - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-2} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k c_k x^k + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \\
&= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-1)(k-2)c_{k-1} x^{k-2} - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-2} - \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-2)c_{k-2} x^{k-2} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_{k-2} x^{k-2} \\
&= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-1)(k-2)c_{k-1} x^{k-2} - 2c_2 - \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k x^{k-2} - \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-2)c_{k-2} x^{k-2} + c_0 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} c_{k-2} x^{k-2} \\
&= -2c_2 - 2 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [(k-1)(k-2)c_{k-1} - k(k-1)c_k - (k-2)c_{k-2} + c_{k-2}] x^{k-2} \\
&= -2(c_2 + 1) - \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [k(k-1)c_k - (k-1)(k-2)c_{k-1} + (k-3)c_{k-2}] x^{k-2}.
\end{aligned}$$

The equation becomes

$$-2(c_2 + 1) - \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} [k(k-1)c_k - (k-1)(k-2)c_{k-1} + (k-3)c_{k-2}] x^{k-2} = 0$$

which means

- $c_2 = -1$;
- $c_k = \frac{k-2}{k} c_{k-1} - \frac{k-3}{k(k-1)} c_{k-2}$, for all $k \geq 3$.

In particular,

- $c_3 = \frac{1}{3}c_2 - \frac{0}{6}c_1 = -\frac{1}{3}$;
- $c_4 = \frac{2}{4}c_3 - \frac{1}{12}c_2 = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} = -\frac{1}{12}$;
- $c_5 = \frac{3}{5}c_4 - \frac{2}{20}c_3 = -\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} = -\frac{1}{60}$, etc.

This means

$$y = -2 + 6x - x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 - \frac{1}{60}x^5 - \dots$$