

### 5.3 Forbenious Method

- For the 2nd order linear equation:

$$y'' + \frac{b(x)}{x} y' + \frac{c(x)}{x^2} y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

- If  $b(x)$  and  $c(x)$  are analytic functions at  $x=0$ , then this ODE has at least one solution and expressed, as:-

$$y(x) = x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m = x^r (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

where  $(r)$  can be a real or complex number. Also,  $(r)$  is selected so that  $(a_0 \neq 0)$ .

- Forbenious Method is commonly used to solve Bessel's equation as will be shown in next section.

- To use F.M to solve ODE's, we first multiply Eq(1) by  $x^2$ , thus:

$$x^2 y'' + x b(x) y' + c(x) y = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

to test the regularity of  $x_0$ , we need to test  $x b(x)$  and  $c(x)$  for  $x=x_0$ . If both functions are analytic "or has a value" then we can say that  $x_0$  is a regular point of the ODE. If  $x b(x)$  and/or  $c(x)$  are non-analytic, then  $x_0$  is a singular point of the ODE. For regular  $x_0$ , let

$$y(x) = x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r}$$

$$y'(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (m+r) a_m x^{(m+r-1)}$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m+r)(m+r-1) a_m x^{m+r-2}$$

} Substitute  
in ODE  
Eq(2)

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r)(m+r-1) a_m x^{m+r} + b(x) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r) a_m x^{m+r} + c(x) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r} = 0$$

and let  $\Rightarrow m=0$

$$\Rightarrow r(r-1) + b(x) r + c(x) = 0$$

Expand  $b(x)$  and  $c(x)$  using Power series as:

(2)

$$b(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots, \quad c(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots$$

$$\text{So } \Rightarrow r(r-1) + r(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots) + (c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots) = 0$$

For  $x=x_0=0 \Rightarrow r(r-1) + b_0r + c_0 = 0 \rightarrow$  Indicial equation

$\rightarrow$  2nd order equation which has two roots.

Roots cases: Theorem 2 Page 182-183 text book.

① Case 1: Distinct roots not differing by an integer ( $r_1, r_2$ )

$$y(x) = y_1 + y_2 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1(x) = x^{r_1} (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots) = x^{r_1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m \\ y_2(x) = x^{r_2} (A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + \dots) = x^{r_2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m \end{array} \right.$$

② Case 2: Double (repeated) roots  $r_1 = r_2 = r = \frac{1}{2}(1 - b_0)$

$$y(x) = y_1 + y_2 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1(x) = x^r (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots) = x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m \\ y_2(x) = y_1(x) \ln(x) + x^r (A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + \dots) = y_1(x) \ln(x) + x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m \end{array} \right.$$

③ Case 3: Distinct roots separated by an integer ( $r_1, r_2$  where  $r_1 - r_2 = \text{int}$ )

$$y(x) = x^{r_1} (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots) = x^{r_1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m$$

$$y_2(x) = K y_1(x) \ln(x) + x^{r_2} (A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + \dots) = K y_1(x) \ln(x) + x^{r_2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m$$

$K$ : constant and maybe equal to zero.

Example Solve  $6x^2 y'' + 7xy' - (1+x^2)y = 0$

Sol. Divide by 6  $\Rightarrow x^2 y'' + \frac{7}{6} x y' - \frac{1+x^2}{6} y = 0$

$$b(x) = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$c(x) = -\frac{(1+x^2)}{6} \Rightarrow b(0) = \frac{7}{6}, \quad c(0) = -\frac{1}{6}$$

"Analytic" at  $x=0$

So, using the indicial equation

$$r(r-1) + b_0 r + c_0 = 0 \Rightarrow r(r-1) + \frac{7}{6} r - \frac{1}{6} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad r_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{"Distinct roots with no separation by integer"}$$

Therefore,  $y_1(x) = x^{r_1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m = x^{1/3} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m$  (3)

$y_2(x) = x^{r_2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m = x^{-1/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m$

To obtain  $a_m$  &  $A_m$ , substitute  $y(x) = x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m$  in the ODE:

$6x^2 \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m (m+r)(m+r-1) x^{m+r-2} + 7x \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m (m+r) x^{m+r-1} - (1+x^2) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m = 0$

Expand and Distribute:

$6 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m (m+r)(m+r-1) x^{m+r} + 7 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m (m+r) x^{m+r} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r} - \sum_{m=-2}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r+2} = 0$

$\sum_{m=-2}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r+2}$ , let  $n=m+2 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{n+r}$ , when  $n=m \Rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{m-2} x^{m+r}$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m (m+r)(m+r-1) x^{m+r} + 7 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m (m+r) x^{m+r} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{m-2} x^{m+r} = 0$

Collect  $a_m$

$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (6(m+r)(m+r-1) + 7(m+r) - 1) a_m - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{m-2} = 0$

The terms inside  $\sum$  should be equal to zero, to satisfy the equation

thus,  $(6(m+r)(m+r-1) + 7(m+r) - 1) a_m - a_{m-2} = 0$

$a_m = \frac{a_{m-2}}{6(m+r)(m+r-1) + 7(m+r) - 1}$

For  $r = 1/3 \Rightarrow a_m = \frac{a_{m-2}}{(m+1/3)[6(m-2/3)+7]-1}$  (\*)

$r = -1/2 \Rightarrow a_m = \frac{a_{m-2}}{(m-1/2)[6(m-3/2)+7]-1}$ , or "A<sub>m</sub>" (\*\*)

$y_1(x) = x^{r_1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m = x^{1/3} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m$ ,  $a_m$  is of Eq(\*)

$y_2(x) = x^{r_2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m = x^{-1/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m$ ,  $A_m$  is of Eq(\*\*)

$y(x) = y_1 + y_2$  #

Example  $x(x-1)y'' + (3x-1)y' + y = 0$  original (4)

- ① Proof that we can use Frobenius method to solve ODE
- ② If so, what are  $b(x)$  and  $c(x)$ ?
- ③ Solve the ODE.

Sol. Divide by  $x(x-1) \Rightarrow y'' + \frac{3x-1}{x(x-1)} y' + \frac{1}{x(x-1)} y = 0$

Multiply by  $x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 y'' + x \frac{3x-1}{x-1} y' + \frac{x}{x-1} y = 0$

compare to  $x^2 y'' + x b(x) y' + c(x) y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow b(x) = \frac{3x-1}{x-1} \quad c(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$$

Analytic at  $x=0$ ?  $b(0) = 1$   $c(0) = 0$  ✓ Yes!

we can use F.M and  $b(x) = \frac{3x-1}{x-1}$ ,  $c(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$ !

③ Solution of ODE  $\Rightarrow$  Indicial equation  $r(r-1) + b_0 r + c_0 = 0$

So  $\Rightarrow r(r-1) + r = 0 \Rightarrow$  roots  $r_1, r_2 = r = 0$  "double root"

For double roots  $y_1(x) = x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m$

$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \ln(x) + x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m$

To find  $a_m$  and  $A_m$ , subst.  $y(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r}$  in ODE  $\rightarrow$  original

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r)(m+r-1) a_m x^{m+r} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (m+r)(m+r-1) a_m x^{m+r-1} + 3 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r) a_m x^{m+r} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (m+r) a_m x^{m+r-1} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r} = 0$$

let  $n = m-1$   $m=1, n=0$   $\rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r+1)(n+r) a_{n+1} x^{n+r} \Rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r)(m+r+1) a_{m+1} x^{m+r}$

$\rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r+1) a_{n+1} x^{n+r} \Rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r+1) a_{m+1} x^{m+r}$

Therefore

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r)(m+r-1) a_m x^{m+r} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r)(m+r+1) a_{m+1} x^{m+r} + 3 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r) a_m x^{m+r} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+r+1) a_{m+1} x^{m+r} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+r} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left\{ [(m+r)(m+r-1) + 3(m+r) + 1] a_m + [-(m+r)(m+r+1) - (m+r+1)] a_{m+1} \right\} = 0$$

To satisfy this eq, the terms inside  $\sum$  must = 0

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$$[(m+r)(m+r-1) + 3m+1] a_m + [-(m+r)(m+r+1) - (m+r+1)] a_{m+1} = 0$$

Remember  $r=0$ , Subst. above, thus  $a_{m+1} = a_m$ ,  $a_0 = a_1 = a_2 = \dots$   
let  $a_0 = 1 \Rightarrow a_m = 1$

Therefore:  $y_1(x) = x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m \Rightarrow y_1(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^m$   
 $r=0, a_m=1$

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \ln(x) + x^r \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m x^m, \text{ here } a_m = A_m = 1$$

$r=0$

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \ln(x) + x^0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m \rightarrow y_1(x)$$

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) (\ln(x) + 1)$$

$$y = y_1 + y_2$$

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