

# Power Series for ODE

introduction

## Interesting theorem on series

- Theorem 1: Weierstrass Criteria

Let us look at a series of function  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$ . If there exist a convergent series such as all the terms of that convergent series are greater or equal to all the terms of the initial series, for all  $n$  and all  $x$  in the domain, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$  is absolutely and uniformly convergent

- Theorem 2: derivative  
on the board...

## Power series

- Definition:

A power series is a series that can be written in the form:  $y \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n$

- Use to **represent** functions
- Interval of convergence...
- d'Alembert criteria (on the board)
- Ratio criteria

Let us study the power series  $y \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . The radius of convergence is given by:

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$$

Provided that the limit exist.

- Theorem on calculus using power series:

Let the power series  $f(x) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  have a radius of convergence  $R$  not zero. Then,  $f$  is differentiable on  $(-R, R)$  and, for  $x$  in the interval,

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

- Example on adding power series (on the board)

## Solution of ODE

- Using the standard form of the second order ODE, a point is said to be ORDINARY if the  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  coefficient are analytical at that point
- If not, a point is said to be singular.

- Theorem:

let  $x_0$  be an ordinary point of a second order ODE. We can always find 2 linearly independent solution of that ODE in the form of a power series centered at that ordinary point. That solution converge on  $\pm R$

- Example Airy equation (simplest second order with turning point, ...)