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MAT3320 Assignment 2

Total: 10 marks. Due date: Tuesday, June 6, on or before 4:00pm.

In MATH Department (585 King Edward), there is a Drop-Box. You need to put your assignment into the box **on or before 4:00pm** on the due date. Late assignments will not be accepted.

1. (7 marks=1+1+2+3) Consider the following equation:

$$2xy'' + y' + 3y = 0.$$

- (a) Show that $x_0 = 0$ is a regular singular point.
- (b) Write down the indicial equation and solve it to determine r_1 and r_2 , $r_1 \geq r_2$.
- (c) Let $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(r)x^{n+r}$. Determine the recursive relation for $c_n(r)$, i.e., relation between $c_{n+1}(r)$ and $c_n(r)$.
- (d) Take $c_0(r) = 1$. Find two linearly independent solutions y_1 and y_2 which are valid for $x > 0$ near $x_0 = 0$.

Solution: (a) We rewrite the equation as

$$y'' + \frac{1}{2x}y' + \frac{3}{2x}y = 0.$$

$p(x) = \frac{1}{2x}$ and $q(x) = \frac{3}{2x}$ are not analytic at $x_0 = 0$; $xp(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $x^2q(x) = \frac{3}{2}x$ are analytic at $x_0 = 0$, so $x_0 = 0$ is a regular singular point.

(b) $p_0 = \frac{1}{2}$, $q_0 = 0$. Then we get the indicial equation: $r^2 - \frac{1}{2}r = 0$. Then $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, $r_2 = 0$. This is Case I.

(c) Substitute

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(r)x^{n+r}, y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)c_n(r)x^{n+r-1}, y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)c_n(r)x^{n+r-2}$$

into the differential equation to obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2(n+r)(n+r-1)c_n(r)x^{n+r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)c_n(r)x^{n+r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3c_n(r)x^{n+r} = 0, \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+r)(2n+2r-1)c_n(r)x^{n+r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3c_n(r)x^{n+r} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& r(2r-1)x^{r-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+r)(2n+2r-1)c_n(r)x^{n+r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3c_n(r)x^{n+r} = 0 \Rightarrow \\
& r(2r-1)x^{r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+r+1)(2n+2r+1)c_{n+1}(r)x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3c_n(r)x^{n+r} = 0 \Rightarrow \\
& r(2r-1)x^{r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+r+1)(2n+2r+1)c_{n+1}(r) + 3c_n(r)]x^{n+r} = 0 \Rightarrow \\
& (n+r+1)(2n+2r+1)c_{n+1}(r) + 3c_n(r) = 0, \Rightarrow \\
& c_{n+1}(r) = \frac{-3c_n(r)}{(n+r+1)(2n+2r+1)}, n \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

(d) Taking $r = r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
c_{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{-3}{(n+\frac{1}{2}+1)(2n+1+1)}c_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{-3}{(2n+3)(n+1)}c_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), \Rightarrow \\
c_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{(-1)^n 6^n}{(2n+1)!}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we take $r = r_2 = 0$. Then

$$c_n(0) = \frac{(-1)^n 3^n}{(1)(2) \cdots (n)(1)(3) \cdots (2n-1)} = \frac{(-1)^n 3^n}{n!(2n-1)!!} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{(-1)^n 6^n}{(2n)!}.$$

Thus

$$y_1 = x^{1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 6^n}{(2n+1)!} x^n, \quad y_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 6^n}{(2n)!} x^n.$$

2. (1 mark) Consider the differential equation

$$4x^2 y'' + 4xy' + (3x - 36)y = 0, \quad x > 0. \quad (1)$$

By letting $z = \sqrt{x}$, the equation can be changed to the following Bessel's equation

$$z^2 y_z'' + z y_z' + (3z^2 - 36)y = 0, \quad z > 0.$$

Find the general solution of the equation (1).

Solution: $\lambda^2 = 3$, and $\nu^2 = 9$, thus $\lambda = \sqrt{3}$, and $\nu = 3$. The solution of this equation is

$$y = cJ_6(\sqrt{3}z) + dY_6(\sqrt{3}z) = cJ_6(\sqrt{3}x) + dY_6(\sqrt{3}x), \quad c, d \in \mathbb{R}.$$

3. (2 marks) Consider the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$y'' + 4y' + \lambda y = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad y'(0) = 0, y'(\pi) = 0.$$

Is $\lambda = 8$ an eigenvalue? If yes, find the corresponding eigenfunction; if no, explain why.

Solution: The indicial (characteristic) eqn is: $r^2 + 4r + 8 = 0$, $r = -2 \pm 2i$. Thus

$$y(x) = e^{-2x}(A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x) \Rightarrow$$

$$y'(x) = e^{-2x}(-2A \cos 2x - 2B \sin 2x - 2A \sin 2x + 2B \cos 2x) \Rightarrow$$

$$y'(0) = 0 = -2A + 2B, \Rightarrow A = B, \Rightarrow$$

$$y(x) = Ae^{-2x}(\cos 2x + \sin 2x) \quad \text{and} \quad y'(x) = -4Ae^{-2x} \sin 2x.$$

By $y'(\pi) = 0$ we have $-4Ae^{-2\pi} \sin(2\pi) = 0$. Since $\sin(2\pi) = 0$, A can be any real number.

Thus $\lambda = 8$ is an eigenvalue, the corresponding eigenfunctions are $y(x) = Ae^{-2x}(\cos 2x + \sin 2x)$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}$, and $A \neq 0$.