

Answer on Question #82283 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

$$(x^3 - 1)y''(x) + (x^2)y'(x) + xy(x) = 0, y(0)=2, y'(0)=1$$

Solution

This equation is of the form:

$$x^2(ax^n - 1)y''(x) + x(apx^n + q)y'(x) + (arx^n + s)y(x) = 0$$

where $n=3$, $a=1$, $p=1$, $q=0$, $r=1$, $s=0$. Find the roots of the quadratic equations:

$$\begin{cases} A^2 - (q+1)A - s = 0 \\ B^2 - (p-1)B + r = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A^2 - A = 0 \\ B^2 + 1 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow A_1 = 0, A_2 = 1, B_1 = -i, B_2 = i$$

And define parameters c, α, β and γ :

$$c = A_1 = 0$$

$$\alpha = (A_1 + B_1)n^{-1} = \frac{-i}{3}$$

$$\beta = (A_1 + B_2)n^{-1} = \frac{i}{3}$$

$$\gamma = 1 + (A_1 - A_2)n^{-1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Then the solution of the original equation has the form $y(x) = x^c u(ax^n) = u(x^3)$ where $u=u(z)$ is the general solution of the hypergeometric equation:

$$z(z-1)u''(z) + ((\alpha + \beta + 1)z - \gamma)u'(z) + \alpha\beta u(z) = 0$$

$$z(z-1)u''(z) + \left(z - \frac{2}{3}\right)u'(z) + u(z)/9 = 0$$

$\gamma=2/3$ is not an integer, the general solution of the hypergeometric equation has the form:

$$u(z) = C_1 F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; z) + C_2 z^{1-\gamma} F(\alpha - \gamma + 1, \beta - \gamma + 1, 2 - \gamma; z)$$

$$y(x) = u(x^3) = C_1 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3}, \frac{i}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; x^3\right) + C_2 x {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; x^3\right)$$

where ${}_2F_1$ is the hypergeometric function

$${}_2F_1(l, m, k; t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(l)_n (m)_n}{(k)_n} \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} ({}_2F_1(l, m, k; t)) = \frac{lm}{k} {}_2F_1(l+1, m+1, k+1; t)$$

For $y(0)=2, y'(0)=1$:

$$y(0) = 2 = C_1 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3}, \frac{i}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; 0\right) + C_2 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; 0\right) \rightarrow C_1 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} y'(x) &= C_1 \frac{d}{dx} \left({}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3}, \frac{i}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; x^3\right) \right) + C_2 \frac{dx}{dx} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; x^3\right) \\ &\quad + C_2 x \frac{d}{dx} \left({}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; x^3\right) \right) \\ &= 2 \frac{1}{9} \frac{3}{2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + 1, \frac{i}{3} + 1, \frac{5}{3}; x^3\right) 3x^2 + C_2 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; x^3\right) \\ &\quad + C_2 x \frac{2}{9} \frac{3}{4} \left({}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{4}{3}, \frac{i}{3} + \frac{4}{3}, \frac{7}{3}; x^3\right) \right) 3x^2 \rightarrow y'(0) = 1 \rightarrow C_2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$y(x) = 2 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3}, \frac{i}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; x^3\right) + x {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; x^3\right)$$

Answer: $y(x) = 2 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3}, \frac{i}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; x^3\right) + x {}_2F_1\left(\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{i}{3} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}; x^3\right).$