

PDE problems 24/11

1. We showed yesterday that

$$4x^2 y''(x) - 8x^2 y'(x) + (4x^2 + 1)y(x) = 0$$

has solution $y_1(x) = \sqrt{x} e^x$

Since $r = 1/2$ is a double root

the second solution looks like

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \ln x + \sqrt{x} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n x^n$$

Try instead $y_2(x) = y_1(x) w(x)$

Solve ODE for $w(x)$.

2) $3x^2 y''(x) + 2x y'(x) + x^2 y = 0, x > 0$

again! $r=0 \quad a_0=1, a_2=-1/10, a_4=1/440$
 $r=1/3 \quad a_0=1, a_2=-1/14, a_4=1/728$

The coefficient in front of

x^{r+1} is $a_1(r+1)(3r+2)$. Zero if

$r_1 = -1, r_2 = -2/3$. New solutions?

3) (5.6.13) $x y'' + (1-x) y' + \lambda y = 0, x > 0$

is the Laguerre equation.

Show that $x=0$ is a regular singular point. Determine one solution.

Show that when constant $\lambda = m$ (a positive integer) this solution reduces to a polynomial. When properly normalized this polynomial is known as the Laguerre polynomial $L_m(x)$.