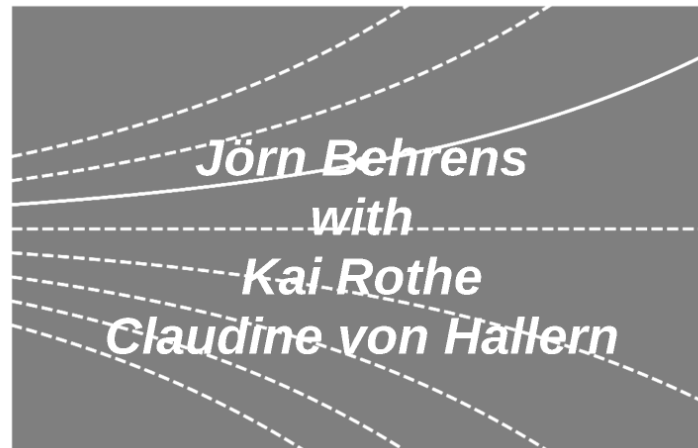


Differential Equations I



Solution by Power Series

Chapters 6.11-6.12

Recap Laplace Transformation

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Remark: It is not possible to estimate the accuracy, because a general formula for $y^{(n)}(x_0)$ is unknown.

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$$y(x) = x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k+r}$$

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in general $a_{2k} = \frac{a_0}{(-1)^k 2^k k!(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+k)}$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$)

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Proof of indefinite convergence: Set

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For the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k u^k$ it holds

$$\frac{|b_k|}{|b_{k+1}|} = (k+1)(n+k+1), \quad \text{so} \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|b_k|}{|b_{k+1}|} = \infty.$$

According to proposition (2nd term) the series converges for all $u \in \mathbb{R}$ and thus for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

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$$J_{-n}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\Gamma(k+1)\Gamma(-n+k+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k-n}$$

- The formula holds for $n \neq 0, 1, 2, \dots$
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Bessel Function of ν^{th} Order of Second Kind

- **Definition:** Solution for $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- **Series:** Set $\nu = n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- **Obtain:** for $0 < \epsilon < 1 - 1/n$ let $\epsilon = k + 1 - n$. Then set the coefficient to zero.
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