

Chapter 30: Power Series Solutions I: Basic Computational Methods

30.3 a. Set

$$y = y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \quad \text{and} \quad y' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} [a_k x^k] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} .$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= y' - 2y = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} - 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1}}_{n=k-1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-2) a_k x^k}_{n=k} \\ &= \sum_{n+1=1}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2) a_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2) a_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+1) a_{n+1} - 2a_n] x^n . \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$(n+1)a_{n+1} - 2a_n = 0 \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots .$$

Solving for a_{n+1} yields

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{2}{n+1} a_n \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots .$$

Reindexing by letting $k = n + 1$ then yields the recursion formula

$$a_k = \frac{2}{k} a_{k-1} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots .$$

Using this,

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{2}{1} a_{1-1} = \frac{2}{1} a_0 , \\ a_2 &= \frac{2}{2} a_{2-1} = \frac{2}{2} a_1 = \frac{2}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{1} a_0 = \frac{2^2}{2 \cdot 1} a_0 , \\ a_3 &= \frac{2}{3} a_{3-1} = \frac{2}{3} a_2 = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2^2}{2 \cdot 1} a_0 = \frac{2^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} a_0 , \\ a_4 &= \frac{2}{4} a_{4-1} = \frac{2}{4} a_3 = \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{2^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} a_0 = \frac{2^4}{4!} a_0 , \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,

$$a_k = \frac{2^k}{k!} a_0 \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots .$$

But also observe that, with $k = 0$, the right side of the last equation gives

$$\frac{2^0}{0!}a_0 = \frac{1}{1}a_0 = a_0 .$$

So, in fact,

$$a_k = \frac{2^k}{k!}a_0 \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots .$$

Hence,

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{k!} a_0 x^k = a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{k!} x^k$$

(which happens to also equal $a_0 e^{2x}$).

30.3 c. First, multiply the equation by $2x - 1$ to get it into the preferred form,

$$(2x - 1)y' + 2y = 0 .$$

Set

$$y = y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \quad \text{and} \quad y' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} [a_k x^k] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} .$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (2x - 1)y' + 2y \\ &= (2x - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= 2x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} - 1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k a_k x^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)k a_k x^{k-1}}_{n=k-1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2a_k x^k}_{n=k} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2na_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)(n+1)a_{n+1} x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2na_n x^n + \left[-(0+1)a_{0+1} x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)(n+1)a_{n+1} x^n \right] \\ &\quad + \left[2a_0 x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2a_n x^n \right] \\ &= [-a_1 + 2a_0]x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [2na_n - (n+1)a_{n+1} + 2a_n] x^n \\ &= [-a_1 + 2a_0]x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [2(n+1)a_n - (n+1)a_{n+1}] x^n . \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$-a_1 + 2a_0 = 0 \rightarrow a_1 = 2a_0 , \quad (\star)$$

and

$$2(n+1)a_n - (n+1)a_{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_{n+1} = 2a_n \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = 2a_{k-1} \quad \text{for } k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

The last equation is the recursion formula. Note that it also holds for $k = 1$ (see line (\star)). Using it, we get

$$a_1 = 2a_0 ,$$

$$a_2 = 2a_{2-1} = 2a_1 = 2 \cdot 2a_0 = 2^2 a_0 ,$$

$$a_3 = 2a_{3-1} = 2a_2 = 2 \cdot 2^2 a_0 = 2^3 a_0 ,$$

$$a_4 = 2a_{4-1} = 2a_3 = 2 \cdot 2^3 a_0 = 2^4 a_0 ,$$

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Clearly,

$$a_k = 2^k a_0 \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots .$$

The last equation also holds trivially for $k = 0$. So.

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k a_0 x^k = a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k x^k ,$$

which is a geometric series that reduces to $y(x) = \frac{a_0}{1-2x}$.

30.3 e. The equation is already in preferred form. Plugging the series for y and y' into the differential equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (1+x^2) y' - 2xy \\ &= (1+x^2) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} - 2x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= 1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} + x^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} - 2x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1}}_{n=k-1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k+1}}_{n=k+1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-2) a_k x^{k+1}}_{n=k+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) a_{n-1} x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-2) a_{n-1} x^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[(0+1)a_{0+1}x^0 + (1+1)a_{1+1}x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)a_{n+1}x^n \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)a_{n-1}x^n + \left[-2a_{1-1}x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-2)a_{n-1}x^n \right] \\
&= a_1x^0 + [2a_2 - 2a_0]x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+1)a_{n+1} + (n-3)a_{n-1}]x^n .
\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$a_1 = 0 ,$$

$$2a_2 - 2a_0 = 0 \rightarrow a_2 = a_0$$

and

$$(n+1)a_{n+1} + (n-3)a_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_{n+1} = -\frac{n-3}{n+1}a_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = -\frac{k-1-3}{k}a_{k-1-1} = \frac{4-k}{k}a_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 3 .$$

The last is the recursion formula. Using the above:

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= 0 , \\
a_2 &= \frac{4-2}{2}a_{2-2} = \frac{2}{2}a_0 , \\
a_3 &= \frac{4-3}{3}a_{3-2} = \frac{1}{3}a_1 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0 = 0 , \\
a_4 &= \frac{4-4}{4}a_{4-2} = 0 , \\
a_5 &= \frac{4-5}{5}a_{5-2} = \frac{-1}{5}a_3 = \frac{-1}{5} \cdot 0 = 0 , \\
a_6 &= \frac{4-6}{6}a_{6-2} = \frac{-2}{6}a_4 = \frac{-2}{6} \cdot 0 = 0 , \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $a_k = 0$ if $k \geq 3$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
y(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 \\
&= a_0 + 0x + \frac{2}{2}a_0 x^2 = a_0 [1 + x^2] .
\end{aligned}$$

30.3 g. We get the differential equation into preferred form by multiplying through by $x - 1$:

$$(x-1)y' + y = 0 .$$

Since $x_0 = 3$, we set $Y(X) = y(x)$ with $X = x - 3$. Hence $x = X + 3$,

$$x - 1 = [X + 3] - 1 = X + 2$$

and, in terms of X and Y , the last differential equation is

$$(X + 2)Y' + Y = 0 .$$

Plugging in the power series for $Y(X)$ about $X = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (X + 2)Y' + Y \\ &= (X + 2) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k X^{k-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k X^k \\ &= X \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k X^{k-1} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k X^{k-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k X^k \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k X^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k a_k X^{k-1}}_{n=k-1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k X^k}_{n=k} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n X^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2(n+1) a_{n+1} X^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n X^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n X^n + \left[2(0+1)a_{0+1} X^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2(n+1) a_{n+1} X^n \right] \\ &\quad + \left[a_0 X^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n X^n \right] \\ &= [2a_1 + a_0] X^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+1)a_n + 2(n+1)a_{n+1}] X^n . \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$2a_1 + a_0 = 0 \implies a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}a_0$$

and

$$(n+1)a_n + 2(n+1)a_{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_{n+1} = -\frac{1}{2}a_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = -\frac{1}{2}a_{k-1} \quad \text{for } k \geq 2 .$$

The last is the recursion formula. Note that, because of the formula for a_1 , it actually holds for $k \geq 1$. Applying this formula:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}a_0 , \\ a_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}\left[-\frac{1}{2}a_0\right] = (-1)^2 \frac{1}{2^2}a_0 , \\ a_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}a_2 = -\frac{1}{2}\left[(-1)^2 \frac{1}{2^2}a_0\right] = (-1)^3 \frac{1}{2^3}a_0 , \\ a_4 &= -\frac{1}{2}a_3 = -\frac{1}{2}\left[(-1)^3 \frac{1}{2^3}a_0\right] = (-1)^4 \frac{1}{2^4}a_0 , \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, for $k \geq 1$,

$$a_k = (-1)^k \frac{1}{2^k} a_0 .$$

This equation also holds trivially for $k = 0$. So

$$Y(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k X^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{1}{2^k} a_0 X^k = a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^k X^k ,$$

and, since $X = x - 3$,

$$y(x) = a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^k (x - 3)^k ,$$

which happens to be a geometric series that reduces to $y(x) = \frac{2a_0}{x - 1}$.

30.3i. The equation is already in preferred form. Plugging in the series for y and y' :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (2 - x^3)y' - 3x^2y \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} - x^3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} - 3x^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k a_k x^{k-1}}_{n=k-1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)ka_k x^{k+2}}_{n=k+2} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-3)a_k x^{k+2}}_{n=k+2} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2(n+1)a_{n+1}x^n + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (-1)(n-2)a_{n-2}x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-3)a_{n-2}x^n \\ &= \left[2(0+1)a_{0+1}x^0 + 2(1+1)a_{1+1}x^1 + 2(2+1)a_{2+1}x^2 + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} 2(n+1)a_{n+1}x^n \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (-1)(n-2)a_{n-2}x^n + \left[-3a_{2-2}x^2 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (-3)a_{n-2}x^n \right] \\ &= 2a_1x^0 + 4a_2x^2 + [2 \cdot 3a_3 - 3a_0] + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} [2(n+1)a_{n+1} - (n+1)a_{n-2}]x^n . \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we must have

$$a_1 = 0 , \quad a_2 = 0 , \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{2}a_0$$

and

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}a_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 3 .$$

Letting $k = n + 1$ and noting the above formula for a_3 , we see that we have the recursion formula

$$a_k = \frac{1}{2}a_{k-3} \quad \text{for } k \geq 3 .$$

Using the recursion formula and fact that $a_1 = 0 = a_2$, we get that all the terms are 0 except a_0 and

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 &= \frac{1}{2}a_0 , \\ a_6 &= \frac{1}{2}a_3 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}a_0 = \frac{1}{2^2}a_0 , \\ a_9 &= \frac{1}{2}a_6 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^2}a_0 = \frac{1}{2^3}a_0 , \\ a_{12} &= \frac{1}{2}a_9 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^3}a_0 = \frac{1}{2^4}a_0 , \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= a_0x^0 + a_3x^3 + a_6x^6 + a_9x^9 + a_{12}x^{12} + \dots \\ &= a_0 \left[x^0 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2^2}x^6 + \frac{1}{2^3}x^9 + \frac{1}{2^4}x^{12} + \dots \right] \\ &= a_0 \left[x^{3 \cdot 0} + \frac{1}{2}x^{3 \cdot 1} + \frac{1}{2^2}x^{3 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2^3}x^{3 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2^4}x^{3 \cdot 4} + \dots \right] \\ &= a_0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^m} x^{3m} . \end{aligned}$$

30.3 k.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (1+x)y' - xy \\ &= 1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} + x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} - x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1}}_{n=k-1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)a_k x^{k+1}}_{n=k+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)a_{n+1}x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)a_{n-1}x^n \\ &= \left[(0+1)a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)a_{n+1}x^n \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)a_{n-1}x^n \\ &= a_1 x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+1)a_{n+1} + na_n - a_{n-1}] x^n . \end{aligned}$$

So, $a_1 = 0$ and

$$(n+1)a_{n+1} + na_n - a_{n-1} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1}a_{n-1} - \frac{n}{n+1}a_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = \frac{1}{k}a_{k-2} - \frac{k-1}{k}a_{k-1} \quad \text{for } k \geq 2 .$$

This last is the recursion formula. Using it and the fact that $a_1 = 0$ (and not attempting to find any patterns), we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 0 \quad , \\ a_2 &= \frac{1}{2}a_{2-2} - \frac{2-1}{2}a_{2-1} = \frac{1}{2}a_0 - \frac{1}{2}a_1 = \frac{1}{2}a_0 \quad , \\ a_3 &= \frac{1}{3}a_{3-2} - \frac{3-1}{3}a_{3-1} = \frac{1}{3}a_1 - \frac{2}{3}a_2 = -\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}a_0 = -\frac{1}{3}a_0 \quad , \\ a_4 &= \frac{1}{4}a_{4-2} - \frac{4-1}{4}a_{4-1} = \frac{1}{4}a_2 - \frac{3}{4}a_3 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}a_0 - \frac{3}{4} \left[-\frac{1}{3}a_0 \right] = \frac{3}{8}a_0 \quad , \\ a_5 &= \frac{1}{5}a_{5-2} - \frac{5-1}{5}a_{5-1} = \frac{1}{5}a_3 - \frac{4}{5}a_4 = \frac{1}{5} \left[-\frac{1}{3}a_0 \right] - \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{8}a_0 = -\frac{11}{30}a_0 \quad , \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + \dots \\ &= a_0 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{3}{8}x^4 - \frac{11}{30}x^5 + \dots \right] \quad . \end{aligned}$$

30.4 a. Since the coefficients of the differential equation are nonzero constants, there are no singular points. Hence the radius of analyticity, R , is infinite and the power series solution is valid on $I = (-\infty, \infty)$.

30.4 c. Writing the differential equation in preferred form,

$$(2x - 1)y' + y = 0 \quad ,$$

we see that the first coefficient, $2x - 1$, is 0 if and only if $x = \frac{1}{2}$. So this differential equation has one singular point, $z_s = \frac{1}{2}$.

The radius of analyticity about $x_0 = 0$ is then

$$R = |z_s - x_0| = \left| \frac{1}{2} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{2} \quad ,$$

and the interval over which the power series solution is valid is

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) = \left(0 - \frac{1}{2}, 0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad .$$

30.4 e. The equation,

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

is in preferred form, and the singular points are where the first coefficient is 0:

$$1 + z_s^2 = 0 \implies z_s = \pm i \quad .$$

Both are equally close to $x_0 = 0$. So

$$R = |z_s - x_0| = |i - 0| = |i| = 1 \quad ,$$

and

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) = (0 - 1, 0 + 1) = (-1, 1) \quad .$$

30.4 g. Writing the differential equation in preferred form,

$$(x - 1)y' + y = 0 ,$$

we see that the first coefficient, $x - 1$, is 0 if and only if $x = 1$. So this differential equation has one singular point, $z_s = 1$.

The radius of analyticity about $x_0 = 3$ is then

$$R = |z_s - x_0| = |1 - 3| = 2 ,$$

and the interval over which the power series solution is valid is

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) = (3 - 2, 3 + 2) = (1, 5) .$$

30.4 i. The equation,

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

is in preferred form, and the singular points are where the first coefficient is 0. Using basic algebra (hint: factor out $z - \sqrt[3]{2}$):

$$2 - z_s^3 = 0 \implies z_s = \sqrt[3]{2}, \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt[3]{4}} .$$

Now,

$$\left| \sqrt[3]{2} - 0 \right| = \sqrt[3]{2}$$

and

$$\left| \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt[3]{4}} - 0 \right| = \frac{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2}}{\sqrt[3]{4}} = \dots = \sqrt[3]{2} .$$

So all the singular points are the same distance from $x_0 = 0$,

$$R = |z_s - x_0| = \left| \sqrt[3]{2} - 0 \right| = \sqrt[3]{2} ,$$

and

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) = \left(-\sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{2} \right) .$$

30.4 k. The equation,

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

is in preferred form, and the only singular point is where the first coefficient is 0, $z_s = -1$.

So

$$R = |z_s - x_0| = |-1 - 0| = 1 ,$$

and

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) = (-1, 1) .$$

30.5 a. Set

$$y = y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k , \quad y' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} [a_k x^k] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1}$$

and

$$y'' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} [a_k x^k] = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} .$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (1+x^2) y'' - 2y \\ &= (1+x^2) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= 1 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} + x^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2}}_{n=k-2} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-2)a_k x^k}_{n=k} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)a_n x^n \\ &= \left[(0+2)(0+1)a_{0+2}x^0 + (1+2)(1+1)a_{1+2}x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n + \left[-2a_0 x^0 - 2a_1 x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-2)a_n x^n \right] \\ &= [2a_2 - 2a_0]x^0 + [3 \cdot 2a_3 - 2a_1]x^1 \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + [n(n-1)-2]a_n]x^n \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$2a_2 - 2a_0 = 0 \implies a_2 = a_0 ,$$

$$3 \cdot 2a_3 - 2a_1 = 0 \implies a_3 = \frac{1}{3}a_1 ,$$

and, for $n \geq 2$,

$$(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + [n(n-1)-2]a_n = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + [n^2 - n - 2]a_n = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + (n-2)(n+1)a_n = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_{n+2} = -\frac{n-2}{n+2}a_n = 0 .$$

Letting $k = n+2$ in the last equation gives the recursion formula

$$a_k = -\frac{k-4}{k}a_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 4 .$$

And if you check the formulas for a_2 and a_3 , you see that this recursion formula actually holds for $k \geq 2$.

Computing the coefficients from the above:

$$a_2 = a_0 ,$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3}a_1 ,$$

$$a_4 = -\frac{4-4}{4}a_{4-2} = 0 ,$$

$$a_5 = -\frac{5-4}{5}a_{5-2} = -\frac{1}{5}a_3 = -\frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3}a_1 = -\frac{1}{5 \cdot 3}a_1 ,$$

$$a_6 = -\frac{6-4}{6}a_{6-2} = -\frac{2}{6}a_4 = -\frac{2}{6} \cdot 0 = 0 ,$$

$$a_7 = -\frac{7-4}{7}a_{7-2} = -\frac{3}{7}a_5 = -\frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{-1}{5 \cdot 3}a_1 = \frac{1}{7 \cdot 5}a_1 ,$$

$$a_8 = -\frac{8-4}{8}a_{8-2} = -\frac{4}{8}a_6 = -\frac{4}{8} \cdot 0 = 0 ,$$

$$a_9 = -\frac{9-4}{9}a_{9-2} = -\frac{5}{9}a_7 = -\frac{5}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{7 \cdot 5}a_1 = -\frac{1}{9 \cdot 7}a_1 ,$$

$$a_{10} = -\frac{10-4}{10}a_{10-2} = -\frac{6}{10}a_8 = -\frac{6}{10} \cdot 0 = 0 ,$$

$$a_{11} = -\frac{11-4}{11}a_{11-2} = -\frac{7}{11}a_9 = -\frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{-1}{9 \cdot 7}a_1 = \frac{1}{11 \cdot 9}a_1 ,$$

⋮

There are two patterns, with the even indexed coefficients being 0 if $k > 2$. Because of the two different patterns, we will split our summation into two summations, one with even terms and one with odd terms:

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= \sum_k^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= [a_0 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4 + a_6 x^6 + a_8 x^8 + a_{10} x^{10} \dots] \\ &\quad + [a_1 x + a_3 x^3 + a_5 x^5 + a_7 x^7 + a_9 x^9 + a_{11} x^{11} + \dots] \\ &= a_0 [1 + 1x^2 + 0x^4 + 0x^6 + 0x^8 + 0] \\ &\quad + a_1 [x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{5 \cdot 3}x^5 + \frac{1}{7 \cdot 5}x^7 - \frac{1}{9 \cdot 7}x^9 + \frac{1}{11 \cdot 9}x^{11} + \dots] \\ &= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$y_1(x) = 1 + x^2$$

and

$$y_2(x) = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{5 \cdot 3}x^5 + \frac{1}{7 \cdot 5}x^7 - \frac{1}{9 \cdot 7}x^9 + \frac{1}{11 \cdot 9}x^{11} + \dots .$$

To get a ‘simple’ pattern for the coefficients in y_2 , recall that $k = 2m + 1$ generates the nonnegative odd integers for $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$, and observe that, using $k = 2m + 1$ for $m = 2, 3, 4, 5$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_{2 \cdot 2+1} &= a_5 = -\frac{1}{5 \cdot 3}a_1 = (-1)^{2+1}\frac{1}{(2 \cdot 2+1)(2 \cdot 2-1)}a_1 , \\ a_{2 \cdot 3+1} &= a_7 = \frac{1}{7 \cdot 5}a_1 = (-1)^{3+1}\frac{1}{(2 \cdot 3+1)(2 \cdot 3-1)}a_1 , \\ a_{2 \cdot 4+1} &= a_9 = -\frac{1}{9 \cdot 7}a_1 = (-1)^{4+1}\frac{1}{(2 \cdot 4+1)(2 \cdot 4-1)}a_1 , \end{aligned}$$

and

$$a_{2 \cdot 5+1} = a_{11} = \frac{1}{11 \cdot 9}a_1 = (-1)^{5+1}\frac{1}{(2 \cdot 5+1)(2 \cdot 5-1)}a_1 .$$

indicating that we have a pattern

$$a_{2m+1} = (-1)^{m+1}\frac{1}{(2m+1)(2m-1)}a_1$$

at least for $m \geq 2$. Checking this pattern with $m = 0$ and $m = 1$ and the formulas for a_1 and a_3 , we have

$$(-1)^{0+1}\frac{1}{(2 \cdot 0+1)(2 \cdot 0-1)}a_1 = -\frac{1}{-1}a_1 = a_1$$

and

$$(-1)^{1+1}\frac{1}{(2 \cdot 1+1)(2 \cdot 1-1)}a_1 = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 1}a_1 = \frac{1}{3}a_1 = a_3 .$$

So, we will use

$$a_{2m+1} = (-1)^{m+1}\frac{1}{(2m+1)(2m-1)}a_1 \quad \text{for } m \geq 0 .$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(x) &= a_1x + a_3x^3 + a_5x^5 + a_7x^7 + a_9x^9 + a_{11}x^{11} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{2m+1}x^{2m+1} \\ &= a_1 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{m+1}\frac{1}{(2m+1)(2m-1)}x^{2m+1} . \end{aligned}$$

30.5 c. Set

$$y = y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k , \quad y' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} [a_k x^k] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1}$$

and

$$y'' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} [a_k x^k] = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} .$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (4+x^2)y'' + 2xy' \\ &= (4+x^2) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} + 2x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} + x^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} + 2x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} \\
&= \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} 4k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2}}_{n=k-2} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2ka_k x^k}_{n=k} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2na_n x^n \\
&= \left[4(0+2)(0+1)a_{0+2} x^0 + 4(1+2)(1+1)a_{1+2} x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} x^n \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n + \left[2 \cdot 1a_1 x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 2na_n x^n \right] \\
&= 4 \cdot 2a_2 x^0 + [4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2a_3 + 2a_1] x^1 \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + [n(n-1) + 2n]a_n] x^n \\
&= 4 \cdot 2a_2 x^0 + 2[4 \cdot 3a_3 + a_1] x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + n(n+1)a_n] x^n .
\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$4 \cdot 2a_2 = 0 \iff a_2 = 0 ,$$

$$2[4 \cdot 3a_3 + a_1] = 0 \iff a_3 = -\frac{1}{4 \cdot 3}a_1$$

and

$$4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + n(n+1)a_n = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_{n+2} = -\frac{n}{4(n+2)}a_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = -\frac{k-2}{4k}a_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 4 .$$

The last is the recursion formula. Checking back at the formulas for a_2 and a_3 , we see that it actually holds for $k \geq 2$.

Using the above to compute the a_k 's:

$$\begin{aligned}
a_2 &= 0 , \\
a_3 &= \frac{-1}{4 \cdot 3}a_1 , \\
a_4 &= -\frac{4-2}{4 \cdot 4}a_{4-2} = -\frac{2}{4 \cdot 4}a_2 = -\frac{2}{4 \cdot 4}[0] = 0 , \\
a_5 &= -\frac{5-2}{4 \cdot 5}a_{5-2} = -\frac{3}{4 \cdot 5}a_3 = -\frac{3}{4 \cdot 5}\left[\frac{-1}{4 \cdot 3}a_1\right] = \frac{(-1)^2}{4^2 \cdot 5}a_1 , \\
a_6 &= -\frac{6-2}{4 \cdot 6}a_{6-2} = -\frac{4}{4 \cdot 6}a_4 = -\frac{4}{4 \cdot 6}[0] = 0 ,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_7 &= -\frac{7-2}{4 \cdot 7} a_{k-2} = -\frac{5}{4 \cdot 7} a_5 = -\frac{5}{4 \cdot 7} \left[\frac{(-1)^2}{4^2 \cdot 5} a_1 \right] = \frac{(-1)^3}{4^3 \cdot 7} , \\
a_8 &= -\frac{8-2}{4 \cdot 8} a_{k-2} = -\frac{6}{4 \cdot 8} a_6 = -\frac{6}{4 \cdot 8} [0] = 0 , \\
a_9 &= -\frac{9-2}{4 \cdot 9} a_{k-2} = -\frac{7}{4 \cdot 9} a_7 = -\frac{7}{4 \cdot 9} \left[\frac{(-1)^3}{4^3 \cdot 7} \right] = \frac{(-1)^4}{4^4 \cdot 9} , \\
a_{10} &= -\frac{10-2}{4 \cdot 10} a_{k-2} = -\frac{8}{4 \cdot 10} a_8 = -\frac{8}{4 \cdot 10} [0] = 0 , \\
a_{11} &= -\frac{11-2}{4 \cdot 11} a_{k-2} = -\frac{9}{4 \cdot 11} a_9 = -\frac{9}{4 \cdot k} \left[\frac{(-1)^4}{4^4 \cdot 9} \right] = \frac{(-1)^5}{4^5 \cdot 11} , \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

There are two patterns, with the even indexed coefficients being 0 if $k > 0$. Because of the two different patterns, we will split our summation into two summations, one with even terms and one with odd terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
y(x) &= \sum_k^{\infty} a_k x^k \\
&= \left[a_0 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x^4 + a_6 x^6 + a_8 x^8 + a_{10} x^{10} \dots \right] \\
&\quad + \left[a_1 x + a_3 x^3 + a_5 x^5 + a_7 x^7 + a_9 x^9 + a_{11} x^{11} + \dots \right] \\
&= a_0 \left[1 + 0x^2 + 0x^4 + 0x^6 + 0x^8 + 0 \right] \\
&\quad + a_1 \left[x + \frac{-1}{4 \cdot 3} x^3 + \frac{(-1)^2}{4^2 \cdot 5} x^5 + \frac{(-1)^3}{4^3 \cdot 7} x^7 + \frac{(-1)^4}{4^4 \cdot 9} x^9 + \dots \right] \\
&= a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$y_1(x) = 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2(x) &= x + \frac{-1}{4 \cdot 3} x^3 + \frac{(-1)^2}{4^2 \cdot 5} x^5 + \frac{(-1)^3}{4^3 \cdot 7} x^7 + \frac{(-1)^4}{4^4 \cdot 9} x^9 + \dots \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{4^m (2m+1)} .
\end{aligned}$$

30.5 e. Using the power series about $x_0 = 0$ for y , y' and y'' :

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= (4 - x^2) y'' - 5xy' - 3y \\
&= (4 - x^2) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - 5x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} - 3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - x^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} \\
&\quad - 5x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} - 3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\
&= \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} 4k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2}}_{n=k-2} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (-1)k(k-1)a_k x^k}_{n=k} \\
&\quad + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-5)ka_k x^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-3)a_k x^k}_{n=k} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)n(n-1)a_n x^n \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-5)na_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-3)a_n x^n \\
&= \left[4(0+2)(0+1)a_{0+2} x^0 + 4(1+2)(1+1)a_{1+2} x^1 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} x^n \right] + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)n(n-1)a_n x^n \\
&\quad + \left[-5a_1 x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-5)na_n x^n \right] + \left[-3a_0 x^0 - 3a_1 x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-3)a_n x^n \right] \\
&= [4 \cdot 2a_2 - 3a_0] x^0 + [4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2a_3 - 8a_1] x^1 \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + [-n(n-1) - 5n - 3]a_n] x^n \\
&= [4 \cdot 2a_2 - 3a_0] x^0 + 4 \cdot 2 [3a_3 - a_1] x^1 \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [4(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - [(n+3)(n+1)]a_n] x^n .
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{4 \cdot 2} a_0 , \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{3} a_1$$

and

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{n+3}{4(n+2)} a_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = \frac{k+1}{4k} a_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 4 .$$

The last is the recursion formula. Checking the above formulas for a_2 and a_3 it is seen that, in fact, the recursion formula holds for $k \geq 2$.

Using the recursion formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_2 &= \frac{2+1}{4 \cdot 2} a_{2-2} = \frac{3}{4 \cdot 2} a_0 , \\
 a_3 &= \frac{3+1}{4 \cdot 3} a_{3-2} = \frac{4}{4 \cdot 3} a_1 , \\
 a_4 &= \frac{4+1}{4 \cdot 4} a_{4-2} = \frac{5}{4 \cdot 4} a_2 = \frac{5}{4 \cdot 4} \left[\frac{3}{4 \cdot 2} a_0 \right] = \frac{5 \cdot 3}{4^2(4 \cdot 2)} a_0 , \\
 a_5 &= \frac{5+1}{4 \cdot 5} a_{5-2} = \frac{6}{4 \cdot 5} a_3 = \frac{6}{4 \cdot 5} \left[\frac{4}{4 \cdot 3} a_1 \right] = \frac{6 \cdot 4}{4^2(5 \cdot 3)} a_1 , \\
 a_6 &= \frac{6+1}{4 \cdot 6} a_{6-2} = \frac{7}{4 \cdot 6} a_4 = \frac{7}{4 \cdot 6} \left[\frac{5 \cdot 3}{4^2(4 \cdot 2)} a_0 \right] = \frac{7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3}{4^3(6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2)} a_0 , \\
 a_7 &= \frac{7+1}{4 \cdot 7} a_{7-2} = \frac{8}{4 \cdot 7} a_5 = \frac{8}{4 \cdot 7} \left[\frac{6 \cdot 4}{4^2(5 \cdot 3)} a_1 \right] = \frac{8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4}{4^3(7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3)} a_1 , a_8 = \frac{8+1}{4 \cdot 8} a_{8-2} = \frac{9}{4 \cdot 8} a_6 = \frac{9}{4 \cdot 8} \left[\frac{7}{4^3(6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2)} a_0 \right] , \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(x) &= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots \\
 &= \dots = a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \frac{3}{4 \cdot 2} x^2 + \frac{5 \cdot 3}{4^2(4 \cdot 2)} x^4 + \frac{7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3}{4^3(6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2)} x^6 + \dots$$

and

$$y_2(x) = x + \frac{4}{4 \cdot 3} x^3 + \frac{6 \cdot 4}{4^2(5 \cdot 3)} x^5 + \frac{8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4}{4^3(7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3)} x^7 + \dots .$$

By the way, it can be shown that

$$y_1(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2m+1)!}{4^{2m}(m!)^2} x^{2m} \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(m+1)!m!}{(2m+1)!} x^{2m+1} .$$

30.5 g. Using the power series about $x_0 = 0$ for y , y' and y'' :

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= y'' - 2xy' + 6y \\
 &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - 2x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} + 6 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\
 &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2}}_{n=k-2} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-2k)a_k x^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 6a_k x^k}_{n=k} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-2n)a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 6a_n x^n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[(0+2)(0+1)a_{0+2}x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-2n)a_nx^n \\
&\quad + \left[6a_0x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 6a_nx^n \right] \\
&= 2[a_2 + 3a_0]x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - 2(n-3)a_n]x^n .
\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$a_2 = -3a_0$$

and

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{2(n-3)}{(n+2)(n+1)}a_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = \frac{2(k-5)}{k(k-1)}a_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 3 .$$

The last is the recursion formula. Comparing the above formula for a_2 with what the recursion formula yields when $k = 2$, we see that, in fact, this recursion formula holds for $k \geq 2$.

Repeatedly using the recursion formula:

$$a_2 = \frac{2(2-5)}{2(2-1)}a_{2-2} = \frac{2(-3)}{2 \cdot 1}a_0 ,$$

$$a_3 = \frac{2(3-5)}{3(3-1)}a_{3-2} = \frac{3(-2)}{2 \cdot 2}a_1 ,$$

$$a_4 = \frac{2(4-5)}{4(4-1)}a_{4-2} = \frac{2(-1)}{4 \cdot 3}a_2 = \frac{2(-1)}{4 \cdot 3} \left[\frac{2(-3)}{2 \cdot 1}a_0 \right] = \frac{2^2(-1)(-3)}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}a_0 ,$$

$$a_5 = \frac{2(5-5)}{4(4-1)}a_{4-2} = 0 ,$$

$$a_6 = \frac{2(6-5)}{6(6-1)}a_{6-2} = \frac{2(1)}{6 \cdot 5} \left[\frac{2^2(-1)(-3)}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}a_0 \right] = \frac{2^3(1)(-1)(-3)}{6!}a_0 ,$$

$$a_7 = \frac{2(7-5)}{7(7-1)}a_{7-2} = \frac{2(2)}{7 \cdot 6}[0] = 0 ,$$

$$a_8 = \frac{2(8-5)}{8(8-1)}a_{8-2} = \frac{2(3)}{8 \cdot 7} \left[\frac{2^3(1)(-1)(-3)}{6!}a_0 \right] = \frac{2^4(3)(1)(-1)(-3)}{8!}a_0 ,$$

⋮

Plugging into the power series for y then yields

$$\begin{aligned}
y(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \cdots \\
&= \cdots = a_0y_1(x) + a_1y_2(x)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1(x) &= 1 + \frac{2(-3)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{2^2[(-1)(-3)]}{4!}x^4 + \frac{2^3[(1)(-1)(-3)]}{6!}x^6 \\
&\quad + \frac{2^3[(3)(1)(-1)(-3)]}{8!}x^8 + \cdots
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$y_2(x) = x - \frac{2}{3}x^3 .$$

30.5 i. Since $x_0 = -2 \neq 0$, set $Y(X) = y(x)$ with

$$X = x - x_0 = x - (-2) = x + 2 .$$

The differential equation then becomes

$$Y'' + XY' + 2Y = 0 .$$

Using the power series about $X_0 = 0$ for Y , Y' and Y'' , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= Y'' + XY' + 2Y \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k X^{k-2} + X \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k X^{k-1} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k X^k \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k X^{k-2}}_{n=k-2} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k X^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2a_k X^k}_{n=k} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} X^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n X^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n X^n \\ &= \left[(0+2)(0+1)a_{0+2} X^0 + (1+2)(1+1)a_{1+2} X^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} X^n \right] \\ &\quad + \left[1a_1 X^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} na_n X^n \right] + \left[2a_0 X^0 + 2a_1 X^1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n X^n \right] \\ &= [2a_2 + 2a_0] X^0 + [3 \cdot 2a_3 + 3a_1] X^1 \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + (n+2)a_n] X^n . \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$a_2 = -a_0 , \quad a_3 = \frac{-1}{2}a_1$$

and

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{-1}{n+1}a_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = \frac{-1}{k-1}a_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 4 .$$

The last equation gives the recursion formula. Checking the formulas for a_2 and a_3 , we see that the recursion formula actually holds for $k \geq 2$.

Computing a_k for $k = 3, 4, \dots$:

$$a_2 = -a_0 ,$$

$$a_3 = \frac{-1}{2}a_1 ,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_4 &= \frac{-1}{4-1}a_{4-2} = \frac{-1}{3}a_2 = \frac{-1}{3}[-a_0] = \frac{(-1)^2}{3}a_0 , \\
a_5 &= \frac{-1}{5-1}a_{5-2} = \frac{-1}{4}a_3 = \frac{-1}{4}\left[\frac{-1}{2}a_1\right] = \frac{(-1)^3}{4 \cdot 2}a_1 , \\
a_6 &= \frac{-1}{6-1}a_{6-2} = \frac{-1}{5}a_4 = \frac{-1}{5}\left[\frac{(-1)^2}{3}a_0\right] = \frac{(-1)^3}{5 \cdot 3}a_0 , \\
a_7 &= \frac{-1}{7-1}a_{7-2} = \frac{-1}{6}a_5 = \frac{-1}{6}\left[\frac{(-1)^3}{4 \cdot 2}a_1\right] = \frac{(-1)^4}{6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2}a_1 \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging this back into the power series for Y yields

$$Y(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + a_3X^3 + \dots = \dots = a_0Y_1(X) + a_1Y_2(X)$$

with

$$Y_1(X) = 1 - X^2 + \frac{(-1)^2}{3}X^4 + \frac{(-1)^3}{5 \cdot 3}X^6 + \dots$$

and

$$Y_2(X) = X + \frac{(-1)}{2}X^3 + \frac{(-1)^3}{4 \cdot 2}X^5 + \frac{(-1)^4}{6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2}X^7 + \dots .$$

Finally, since our answer $y(x)$ is given by $Y(X)$ with $X = x + 2$,

$$y(x) = a_0y_1(x) + a_1y_2(x)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1(x) &= Y_1(x+2) \\
&= 1 - (x+2)^2 + \frac{(-1)^2}{3}(x+2)^4 + \frac{(-1)^3}{5 \cdot 3}(x+2)^6 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2(x) &= Y_2(x+2) \\
&= (x+2) + \frac{(-1)}{2}(x+2)^3 + \frac{(-1)^3}{4 \cdot 2}(x+2)^5 + \frac{(-1)^4}{6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2}(x+2)^7 + \dots .
\end{aligned}$$

By the way, it can be shown that

$$y_1(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^m m!}{(2m)!} (x+2)^{2m} \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{2^m m!} (x+2)^{2m+1} .$$

30.5 k. Using the power series about $x_0 = 0$ for y , y' and y'' , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= y'' - 2y' - xy \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} - x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\
&= \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2}}_{n=k-2} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-2)ka_k x^{k-1}}_{n=k-1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)a_k x^{k+1}}_{n=k+1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)(n+1)a_{n+1}x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)a_{n-1}x^n \\
&= \left[(0+2)(0+1)a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n \right] \\
&\quad + \left[-2(0+1)a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-2)(n+1)a_{n+1}x^n \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)a_{n-1}x^n \\
&= [2a_2 - 2a_1]x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - 2(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_{n-1}]x^n .
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$a_2 = a_1$$

and

$$(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - 2(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_{n-1} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_{n+2} = \frac{2}{n+2}a_{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)}a_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow a_k = \frac{2}{k}a_{k-1} + \frac{1}{k(k-1)}a_{k-3} \quad \text{for } k \geq 3 .$$

The last is the recursion formula.

Using the above (and not attempting to find any ‘pattern’):

$$a_2 = a_1 ,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_3 &= \frac{2}{3}a_{3-1} + \frac{1}{3(3-1)}a_{3-3} \\
&= \frac{2}{3}a_2 + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2}a_0 \\
&= \frac{2}{3}a_1 + \frac{1}{6}a_0 = \frac{1}{6}a_0 + \frac{2}{3}a_1 ,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_4 &= \frac{2}{4}a_{4-1} + \frac{1}{4(4-1)}a_{4-3} \\
&= \frac{2}{4}a_3 + \frac{1}{12}a_1 \\
&= \frac{2}{4} \left[\frac{2}{3}a_1 + \frac{1}{6}a_0 \right] + \frac{1}{12}a_1 = \frac{1}{12}a_0 + \frac{5}{12}a_1 ,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_5 &= \frac{2}{5}a_{5-1} + \frac{1}{5(5-1)}a_{5-3} \\
&= \frac{2}{5}a_4 + \frac{1}{20}a_2 \\
&= \frac{2}{5} \left[\frac{1}{12}a_0 + \frac{5}{12}a_1 \right] + \frac{1}{20}a_1 = \frac{1}{30}a_0 + \frac{13}{60}a_1 \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + \dots \\
 &= a_0 + a_1x + [a_1]x^2 + \left[\frac{1}{6}a_0 + \frac{2}{3}a_1\right]x^3 + \left[\frac{1}{12}a_0 + \frac{5}{12}a_1\right]x^4 \\
 &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{30}a_0 + \frac{13}{60}a_1\right]x^5 + \dots \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= a_0y_1(x) + a_1y_2(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \frac{1}{30}x^5 + \dots$$

and

$$y_2(x) = x + x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \frac{5}{12}x^4 + \frac{13}{60}x^5 + \dots .$$

30.6 a. The differential equation

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

is in preferred form. So the singular points are the points on the complex plane where the first coefficient is zero:

$$1 + z^2 = 0 \implies z_s = \pm i .$$

Thus,

$$R = |x_0 - z_s| = |0 - (\pm i)| = 1$$

and

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + I) = (0 - 1, 0 + 1) = (-1, 1) .$$

30.6 c. The differential equation

$$(4+x^2)y'' + 2xy' = 0$$

is in preferred form. So the singular points are the points on the complex plane where the first coefficient is zero:

$$4 + z^2 = 0 \implies z_s = \pm 2i .$$

Thus,

$$R = |x_0 - z_s| = |0 - (\pm 2i)| = 2$$

and

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + I) = (0 - 2, 0 + 2) = (-2, 2) .$$

30.6 e. The differential equation

$$(4-x^2)y'' - 5xy' - 3y = 0$$

is in preferred form. So the singular points are the points on the complex plane where the first coefficient is zero:

$$4 - z^2 = 0 \implies z_s = \pm 2 .$$

Thus,

$$R = |x_0 - z_s| = |0 - (\pm 2)| = 2$$

and

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + I) = (0 - 2, 0 + 2) = (-2, 2) .$$

- 30.6 g.** The differential equation is in preferred form, and the first coefficient is the constant 1 (which is never 0). So there are no singular points, $R = \infty$ and

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- 30.7 a.** Starting with the first and using the hint:

$$6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = (2 \cdot 3)(2 \cdot 2)(2 \cdot 1) = [2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2][3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1] = 2^3 3! .$$

For the second:

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 &= (2 \cdot 4)(2 \cdot 3)(2 \cdot 2)(2 \cdot 1) \\ &= [2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2][4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1] = 2^3 3! . \end{aligned}$$

In general:

$$\begin{aligned} (2m)(2m-2)(2m-4) \cdots 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 &= (2m)(2[m-1])(2[m-2]) \cdots (2 \cdot 3)(2 \cdot 2)(2 \cdot 1) \\ &= \underbrace{[2 \cdot 2 \cdots 2 \cdot 2]}_{m \text{ times}} [m \cdot (m-1) \cdot (m-2) \cdots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1] = 2^m m! . \end{aligned}$$

- 30.8.** This exercise set is similar to exercise set 30.9, which is worked out in detail.

- 30.9 a.** Letting $y = y_\lambda(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (1-x^2)y'' - xy' + \lambda y \\ &= (1-x^2) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \\ &= 1 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - x^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} - x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1} + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2}}_{n=k-2} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (-1)k(k-1)a_k x^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)ka_k x^k}_{n=k} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda a_k x^k}_{n=k} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)n(n-1)a_n x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)na_n x^n \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda a_n x^n \\
&= \left[(0+2)(0+1)a_{0+2}x^0 + (1+2)(1+1)a_{1+2}x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)n(n-1)a_n x^n + \left[-1a_1 x^1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)na_n x^n \right] \\
&\quad + \left[\lambda a_0 x^0 + \lambda a_1 x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \lambda a_n x^n \right] \\
&= [2a_2 + \lambda a_0] x^0 + [3 \cdot 2a_3 - (1-\lambda)a_1] x^1 \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - [n^2 - \lambda]a_n \right] x^n .
\end{aligned}$$

This means

$$a_2 = \frac{-\lambda}{2}a_0 , \quad a_3 = \frac{1-\lambda}{3 \cdot 2}a_1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{n+2} &= \frac{n^2 - \lambda}{(n+2)(n+1)}a_n \quad \text{for } n \geq 2 \\
\hookrightarrow a_k &= \frac{(k-2)^2 - \lambda}{k(k-1)}a_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 4 .
\end{aligned}$$

However, if we plug $k = 2$ and $k = 3$ into the last equation, we find that we rederive the already derived formulas for a_2 and a_3 . So our recursion formula is

$$a_k = \frac{(k-2)^2 - \lambda}{k(k-1)}a_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 3 .$$

30.9 b. Because the recursion formula is

$$a_k = \underbrace{\frac{(k-2)^2 - \lambda}{k(k-1)} a_{k-2}}_{\rho(k)} \quad \text{for } k \geq 2 ,$$

theorem 30.5 on page 612 immediately applies and tells us that

$$y_\lambda(x) = a_0 y_{\lambda,E}(x) + a_1 y_{\lambda,O}(x)$$

where $y_{\lambda,E}$ and $y_{\lambda,O}$ are, respectively, the even- and odd-termed series

$$y_{\lambda,E}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{2m} x^{2m} \quad \text{and} \quad y_{\lambda,O}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{2m+1} x^{2m+1}$$

with $c_0 = c_1 = 1$ and the other c_k 's satisfying the recursion formula

$$c_k = \rho(k) c_{k-2} = \frac{(k-2)^2 - \lambda}{k(k-1)} c_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 2 .$$

30.9 c. Using the recursion formula derived earlier,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{N+2} &= \rho(N+2) a_N = \frac{([N+2]-2)^2 - \lambda}{[N+2]([N+2]-1)} a_N = 0 \cdot a_N \\ \hookrightarrow \quad \rho(N+2) &= \frac{N^2 - \lambda}{(N+2)(N+1)} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \lambda_N = \lambda = N^2 . \end{aligned}$$

30.9 d. Let ρ be as above,

$$\rho(k) = \frac{(k-2)^2 - \lambda}{k(k-1)} .$$

Remember, for any positive integer K , the corresponding coefficients of $y_{\lambda,E}(x)$ and $y_{\lambda,O}(x)$ are given, respectively, by

$$\begin{aligned} c_{2K} &= \rho(2K) c_{2K-2} = \rho(2K) \rho(2K-2) c_{2K-4} \\ &= \cdots = \rho(2K) \rho(2K-2) \cdots \rho(2) c_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} c_{2K+1} &= \rho(2K+1) c_{2K-1} = \rho(2K+1) \rho(2K-1) c_{2K-3} \\ &= \cdots = \rho(2K+1) \rho(2K-1) \cdots \rho(3) c_1 . \end{aligned}$$

Since $c_0 = c_1 = 1$, this reduces to

$$c_{2K} = \rho(2K) \rho(2K-2) \cdots \rho(2)$$

and

$$c_{2K+1} = \rho(2K+1) \rho(2K-1) \cdots \rho(3) .$$

From this, we see that

- $c_{2K} = 0$ if and only if there is an even nonnegative integer $m = 2n \leq 2K$ with $\rho(m) = \rho(2n) = 0$,

and

- $c_{2K+1} = 0$ if and only if there is an even nonnegative integer $m = 2n+1 \leq 2K+1$ with $\rho(m) = \rho(2n+1) = 0$,

Combining this with the fact (derived in earlier) that $\rho(k) = 0$ if and only if $\lambda = N^2$ and $k = N+2$ for some nonnegative integer N , then yields the following:

1. If $\lambda = N^2$ for some nonnegative even integer $N = 2n$, then $\rho(m) = 0$ for $m = N + 2 = 2n + 2$, which, in turn, means that

$$c_{2m} = 0 \quad \text{for } 2m = 2n + 2, 2n + 4, 2n + 6, \dots ,$$

$$c_{2m} \neq 0 \quad \text{for } 2m = 0, 2, 4, \dots, 2n$$

and

$$c_{2m+1} \neq 0 \quad \text{for } 2m + 1 = 1, 3, 5, \dots .$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{\lambda, E}(x) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{2m} x^{2m} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n c_{2m} x^{2m} + \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} c_{2m} x^{2m} = p_N(x) + 0 \end{aligned}$$

where, taking into account the facts that $c_0 = 1$ and $c_{2n} = c_N \neq 0$,

$$p_m(x) = 1 + c_2 x^2 + c_4 x^4 + \dots + c_N x^N$$

is an even N^{th} degree polynomial.

Moreover, because every coefficient in

$$y_{\lambda, O}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{2m+1} x^{2m+1}$$

is nonzero, this series does not reduce to a polynomial.

2. If $\lambda = N^2$ for some nonnegative odd integer $N = 2n + 1$, then $\rho(m) = 0$ for $m = N + 2 = 2n + 3$, which, in turn, means that

$$c_{2m+1} = 0 \quad \text{for } 2m + 1 = 2n + 3, 2n + 5, 2n + 7, \dots ,$$

$$c_{2m+1} \neq 0 \quad \text{for } 2m + 1 = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n + 1$$

and

$$c_{2m} \neq 0 \quad \text{for } 2m = 0, 2, 4, \dots .$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{\lambda, O}(x) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{2m+1} x^{2m+1} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n c_{2m+1} x^{2m+1} + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} c_{2m+1} x^{2m+1} = p_m(x) + 0 \end{aligned}$$

where, taking into account the facts that $c_1 = 1$ and $c_N = c_{2n+1} \neq 0$,

$$p_N(x) = x + c_3 x^3 + c_5 x^5 + \dots + c_N x^N$$

is an odd m^{th} degree polynomial.

Moreover, because every coefficient in

$$y_{\lambda, E}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{2m} x^{2m}$$

is nonzero, this series does not reduce to a polynomial.

3. If $\lambda \neq N^2$ for any nonnegative integer N , then for every nonnegative integer m

$$c_{2m} \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad c_{2m+1} \neq 0 .$$

Hence, no term in either $y_{\lambda,E}(x)$ or $y_{\lambda,O}(x)$ is zero, and, thus, neither reduces to a polynomial.

30.9 e i. $\lambda_0 = 0^2 = 0$ and $p_0(x) = \sum_{m=1}^0 c_{2m}x^{2m} = c_0 = 1 .$

30.9 e iii. $\lambda_2 = 2^2 = 4$ and $p_2(x) = \sum_{m=1}^1 c_{2m}x^{2m} = c_0 + c_2x^2 = 1 + c_2x^2$

where

$$c_2 = \rho(2)c_0 = \frac{(2-2)^2 - \lambda_2}{2(2-1)} \cdot 1 = \frac{0-4}{2} = -2 .$$

So, $p_2(x) = 1 - 2x^2 .$

30.9 e v. $\lambda_4 = 4^2 = 16$ and

$$p_4(x) = \sum_{m=1}^2 c_{2m}x^{2m} = c_0 + c_2x^2 + c_4x^4 = 1 + c_2x^2 + c_4x^4$$

where

$$c_2 = \rho(2)c_0 = \frac{(2-2)^2 - \lambda_4}{2(2-1)} \cdot 1 = \frac{0-16}{2} = -8$$

and

$$c_4 = \rho(4)c_2 = \frac{(4-2)^2 - \lambda_4}{4(4-1)}c_2 = \frac{4-16}{12}(-8) = 8 .$$

So, $p_4(x) = 1 - 8x^2 + 8x^4 .$

30.9 f. The singular points for the Chebyshev equation

$$(1-x^2)y'' - xy' + \lambda y = 0$$

are given by

$$1-z^2 = 0 \implies z_s = z = \pm 1 .$$

So, $R = |x_0 - z_s| = |0 - (\pm 1)| = 1$ and the series are guaranteed to converge on

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) = (-1, 1) .$$

The two series solutions are

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{2m}x^{2m} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{2m+1}x^{2m+1} .$$

To apply the limit ratio test, we need to compute

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(k+1)^{\text{st term}}}{k^{\text{th term}}} \right|$$

For either series, this is

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+2}x^{k+2}}{a_k x^k} \right| &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\rho(k+2)a_k x^{k+2}}{a_k x^k} \right| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \rho(k+2)x^2 \right| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(k-2)^2 - \lambda}{k(k-1)} x^2 \right| = \dots = |x^2| , \end{aligned}$$

provided the series does not reduce to a polynomial. By the limit ratio test, the series converges if

$$1 > \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+2}x^{k+2}}{a_k x^k} \right| = |x^2|$$

and diverges if

$$1 < \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+2}x^{k+2}}{a_k x^k} \right| = |x^2| .$$

Thus, the series converges if $|x| < 1$ and diverges if $|x| > 1$. Consequently, each series that does not reduce to a polynomial has a radius of convergence of $R = 1$, and the largest interval of convergence is

$$I = (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) = (-1, 1) .$$

30.9 g. Both *i* and *ii* follow immediately from the results given in exercise 30.9 d, while *iii* is the result obtained from exercise 30.9 f.

30.11 a. We need to find $\sum_{k=0}^5 \frac{y^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$ with the derivatives at 0 all in terms of two arbitrary constants a_0 and a_1 .

We start by rewriting the equation as

$$y'' = -4y , \quad (1)$$

and setting

$$y(0) = a_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = a_1 .$$

Thus,

$$y''(0) = -4y(0) = -4a_0 .$$

Differentiating equation (1) gives us

$$y''' = \frac{d}{dx} [y''] = \frac{d}{dx} [-4y] = -4y' .$$

So,

$$y^{(3)} = -4y' . \quad (2)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(3)}(0) = -4y'(0) = -4a_1 .$$

Differentiating equation (2) gives us

$$y^{(4)} = \frac{d}{dx} [y'''] = \frac{d}{dx} [-4y'] = -4y'' .$$

So,

$$y^{(4)} = -4y'' . \quad (3)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(4)}(0) = -4y''(0) = -4[-4a_0] = 4^2 a_0 .$$

Differentiating equation (3) gives us

$$y^{(5)} = \frac{d}{dx} [y^{(4)}] = \frac{d}{dx} [-4y''] = -4y''' .$$

So,

$$y^{(5)} = -4y''' . \quad (4)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(5)}(0) = -4y'''(0) = -4[-4a_1] = 4^2 a_1 .$$

Plugging the above values for the derivatives at 0 into the corresponding 5th degree Taylor polynomial then yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^5 \frac{y^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k &= \frac{y(0)}{0!} x^0 + \frac{y'(0)}{1!} x^1 + \frac{y''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{y'''(0)}{3!} x^3 \\ &\quad + \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!} x^4 + \frac{y^{(5)}(0)}{5!} x^5 \\ &= \frac{a_0}{0!} x^0 + \frac{a_1}{1!} x^1 + \frac{-4a_0}{2!} x^2 + \frac{-4a_1}{3!} x^3 \\ &\quad + \frac{4^2 a_0}{4!} x^4 + \frac{4^2 a_1}{5!} x^5 \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x - \frac{4a_0}{2!} x^2 - \frac{4a_1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{4^2 a_0}{4!} x^4 + \frac{4^2 a_1}{5!} x^5 \\ &= a_0 \left[1 - \frac{4}{2!} x^2 + \frac{4^2}{4!} x^4 \right] + a_1 \left[x - \frac{4}{3!} x^3 + \frac{4^2}{5!} x^5 \right] . \end{aligned}$$

Since this is a second-order linear equation with constant coefficients, there are no singular points, and theorem 30.7 on page 613 assures us that $I = (-\infty, \infty)$.

30.11 c. We need to find $\sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{y^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$ with the derivatives at 0 all in terms of two arbitrary constants a_0 and a_1 .

We start by rewriting the equation as

$$y'' = -e^{2x} y , \quad (1)$$

and setting

$$y(0) = a_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = a_1 .$$

Thus,

$$y''(0) = -e^{2 \cdot 0} y(0) = -a_0 .$$

Differentiating equation (1) gives us

$$y^{(3)} = \frac{d}{dx} [y''] = \frac{d}{dx} [-e^{2x} y] = -2e^{2x} y - e^{2x} y' = -e^{2x} [2y + y'] .$$

So,

$$y^{(3)} = -e^{2x} [2y + y'] . \quad (2)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(3)}(0) = -e^{2 \cdot 0} [2y(0) + y'(0)] = -2a_0 - a_1 .$$

Differentiating equation (2) gives us

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(4)} &= \frac{d}{dx} [y^{(3)}] = \frac{d}{dx} [-e^{2x} [2y + y']] \\ &= -2e^{2x} [2y + y'] - e^{2x} [2y' + y''] , \end{aligned}$$

which simplifies to

$$y^{(4)} = -e^{2x} [4y + 4y' + y''] . \quad (3)$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(4)}(0) &= -e^{2 \cdot 0} [4y(0) + 4y'(0) + y''(0)] \\ &= -4a_0 - 4a_1 - [-a_0] = -3a_0 - 4a_1 . \end{aligned}$$

Plugging the above values for the derivatives at 0 into the corresponding 4th degree Taylor polynomial then gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{y^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k &= \frac{y(0)}{0!} x^0 + \frac{y'(0)}{1!} x^1 + \frac{y''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{y^{(3)}(0)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!} x^4 \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + \frac{-a_0}{2!} x^2 + \frac{-2a_0 - a_1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{-3a_0 - 4a_1}{4!} x^4 \\ &= a_0 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2!} x^2 - \frac{2}{3!} x^3 - \frac{3}{4!} x^4 \right] + a_1 \left[x - \frac{1}{3!} x^3 - \frac{4}{4!} x^4 \right] . \end{aligned}$$

30.11 e. Rewrite the equation as

$$y'' = \sin(x) - xy , \quad (1)$$

and set

$$y(0) = a_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = a_1 .$$

Thus,

$$y''(0) = \sin(0) - 0y(0) = 0 .$$

Differentiating equation (1) gives us

$$y^{(3)} = \frac{d}{dx} [y''] = \frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x) - xy] = \cos(x) - y - xy' .$$

So,

$$y^{(3)} = \cos(x) - y - xy' . \quad (2)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(3)}(0) = \cos(0) - y(0) - 0y'(0) = 1 - a_0 .$$

Differentiating equation (2) gives us

$$y^{(4)} = \frac{d}{dx} [y^{(3)}] = \frac{d}{dx} [\cos(x) - y - xy'] = -\sin(x) - y' - y' - xy'' .$$

So,

$$y^{(4)} = -\sin(x) - 2y' - xy'' . \quad (3)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(4)}(0) = -\sin(0) - 2y'(0) - 0y''(0) = -2a_1 .$$

Differentiating equation (3) gives us

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(5)} &= \frac{d}{dx} [y^{(4)}] = \frac{d}{dx} [-\sin(x) - 2y' - xy''] \\ &= -\cos(x) - 2y'' - y'' - xy''' . \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$y^{(5)} = -\cos(x) - 3y'' - xy''' . \quad (3)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(5)}(0) = -\cos(0) - 3y''(0) - 0y'''(0) = -1 - 3[0] = -1 .$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^5 \frac{y^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k &= \frac{y(0)}{0!} x^0 + \frac{y'(0)}{1!} x^1 + \frac{y''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{y^{(3)}(0)}{3!} x^3 \\ &\quad + \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!} x^4 + \frac{y^{(5)}(0)}{5!} x^5 \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + \frac{0}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1-a_0}{3!} x^3 + \frac{-2a_1}{4!} x^4 + \frac{-1}{5!} x^5 \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + \frac{1-a_0}{3!} x^3 - \frac{2a_1}{4!} x^4 - \frac{1}{5!} x^5 . \end{aligned}$$

30.11 g. Rewrite the equation as

$$y'' = y^2 , \quad (1)$$

and set

$$y(0) = a_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = a_1 .$$

Thus,

$$y''(0) = [y(0)]^2 = a_0^2 .$$

Differentiating equation (1) gives us

$$y^{(3)} = \frac{d}{dx} [y''] = \frac{d}{dx} [y^2] = 2yy' .$$

So,

$$y^{(3)} = 2yy' . \quad (2)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(3)}(0) = 2y(0)y'(0) = 2a_0a_1 .$$

Differentiating equation (2) gives us

$$y^{(4)} = \frac{d}{dx} [y^{(3)}] = \frac{d}{dx} [2yy'] = 2y'y' + 2yy'' .$$

So,

$$y^{(4)} = 2[y']^2 + 2yy'' . \quad (3)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(4)}(0) = 2[y'(0)]^2 + 2y(0)y''(0) = 2a_1^2 + 2a_0[a_0^2] = 2[a_0^3 + a_1^2] .$$

Differentiating equation (3) gives us

$$y^{(5)} = \frac{d}{dx} [y'''] = \frac{d}{dx} [2[y']^2 + 2yy''] = 4y'y'' + 2y'y'' + 2yy^{(3)} .$$

So,

$$y^{(5)} = 6y'y'' + 2yy^{(3)} . \quad (3)$$

In particular,

$$y^{(5)}(0) = 5y'(0)y''(0) + 2y(0)y^{(3)}(0) = 6a_1[a_0^2] + 2a_0[2a_0a_1] = 10a_0^2a_1 .$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^5 \frac{y^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k &= \frac{y(0)}{0!} x^0 + \frac{y'(0)}{1!} x^1 + \frac{y''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{y^{(3)}(0)}{3!} x^3 \\ &\quad + \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!} x^4 + \frac{y^{(5)}(0)}{5!} x^5 \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + \frac{a_0^2}{2!} x^2 + \frac{2a_0a_1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{2[a_0^3 + a_1^2]}{4!} x^4 + \frac{10a_0^2a_1}{5!} x^5 . \end{aligned}$$