

Instructions:

1. There are three parts in this exam. Part I is multiple choice, Part II is True/False, and Part III consists of hand-graded problems.
2. The total number of points is 100.
3. You may use a calculator.
4. The scantron and Part III will be collected at the end of the exam. You may take Part I and Part II with you at the end of the exam.

Here are some Taylor series that might be useful:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\cosh x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\sinh x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

Part I. Multiple Choices  $5 \times 10 = 50$  points

1. Consider power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{2} x^n.$$

From the power series below, choose the one that is different from the above.

A.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{2} x^n$$

B.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{2} x^n$$

C.

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n-1)^2 x^n + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1) x^n$$

D.

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 x^{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1) x^n$$

E.

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)^2 x^{n+2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) x^{n+1}$$

F. none of the above

**C**

The power series in C has an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  from the first sum.

Clearly, A and B are the same as the original sum. For C, D and E, we rewrite the original sum as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{2} x^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)^2}{2} x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{2} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{2} x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2} x^n. \end{aligned}$$

Now we may shift the indices to obtain the forms in C, D and E. It turns out that the first sum in C should begin with  $n = 1$ , which means that the answer in C has an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

2. For initial value problem:

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

if  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is the power series solution about 0, then we have...

- A.  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = -2$
- B.  $a_0 = -2$  and  $a_1 = 0$
- C.  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$
- D.  $a_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $a_1 = 0$
- E.  $a_0 = -2$  and  $a_1 = -2$
- F. none of the above

**A**

If  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ , then

$$y(0) = a_0 = 0$$

and

$$y'(0) = a_1 = -2.$$

3. For differential equation:

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

if  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is the general power series solution about 0, then without calculating it explicitly, what is the lower bound of the radius of convergence?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- D.  $2\pi$
- E.  $\infty$
- F. none of the above

**B**

Rewriting (1), we obtain

$$y'' + \frac{1}{x-1}y' - \frac{2e^{x^2-1}}{x^2-1}y = 0,$$

Since  $\frac{1}{x-1}$  is analytic for  $x < 1$  and  $\frac{2e^{x^2-1}}{x^2-1}$  is analytic for  $-1 < x < 1$ , it follows that the general power series solution about 0 has radius of convergence at least 1.

4. If we write  $\cos[\ln(1+x)]$  as a power series about 0, that is,

$$\cos[\ln(1+x)] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n,$$

then what is the value of  $a_4$ ?

- A. 0
- B.  $-\frac{1}{3}$
- C.  $-\frac{1}{8}$
- D.  $\frac{1}{24}$
- E.  $-\frac{5}{12}$
- F. none of the above

**E**

$$\begin{aligned}\cos[\ln(1+x)] &= 1 - \frac{\ln^2(1+x)}{2!} + \frac{\ln^4(1+x)}{4!} - \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \right)^2 + \frac{1}{24} (x - \dots)^4 - \dots \\ &= 1 + \dots - \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{x^2}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1}{24} x^4 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \dots + \left( -\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{24} \right) x^4 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \dots - \frac{5}{12} x^4 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

5. Which one of the following functions is NOT a solution of the differential equation

$$4x^2y'' - 8xy' + 9y = 0, \quad x \neq 0. \quad (2)$$

A.  $y(x) = e^{\frac{3}{2} \ln |x|}$

B.  $y(x) = |x|^{\frac{3}{2}} \ln |x|$

C.  $y(x) = e^{1 + \frac{3}{2} \ln |x| + \ln(\ln |x|)}$

D.  $y(x) = \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}|x|\right) \cdot |x|^{\frac{3}{2}}$

E.  $y(x) = \left[ e - \ln\left(|x|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right) \right] \cdot |x|^{\frac{3}{2}}$

F. all of the above are solutions of (2)

**F**

The indicial equation of (2) is

$$4r(r - 1) - 8r + 9 = 0,$$

$$4r^2 - 12r + 9 = 0.$$

We have repeated roots

$$r_1 = r_2 = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Hence the general solution is

$$y(x) = (c_1 + c_2 \ln |x|)|x|^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Now you can verify that all of A, B, C, D and E are solutions.

6. For the initial value problem:

$$2x^2y'' - 5xy' + 5y = 0, \quad y(1) = 0, \quad y'(1) = \frac{3}{2},$$

find  $x_0$  where  $y'(x_0) = 0$ .

- A. 1
- B.  $(\frac{4}{25})^{\frac{1}{3}}$
- C.  $\frac{5}{2}$
- D.  $\frac{3}{2}$
- E.  $\ln 5 - \ln 2$
- F. none of the above

**B**

The indicial equation of (2) is

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(r-1) - 5r + 5 &= 0, \\ 2r^2 - 7r + 5 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We have the roots

$$r_1 = 1, \quad r_2 = \frac{5}{2},$$

and the general solution

$$y(x) = c_1x + c_2x^{\frac{5}{2}}.$$

The initial condition implies

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0, \quad c_1 + \frac{5}{2}c_2 = \frac{3}{2},$$

so we have  $c_1 = -1$ ,  $c_2 = 1$ , and

$$y(x) = -x + x^{\frac{5}{2}}.$$

Taking derivative, we get

$$y'(x) = -1 + \frac{5}{2}x^{\frac{3}{2}},$$

so it follows that  $x_0 = (\frac{4}{25})^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

7. Find the solution for the initial value problem:

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

- A.  $x + 1$
- B.  $x \cos(\ln x)$
- C.  $x \cos(\ln x) + x \sin(\ln x)$
- D.  $x \cos(\ln x) - x \sin(\ln x)$
- E.  $x^{1+i}$
- F. none of the above

**B**

The indicial equation of (2) is

$$\begin{aligned} r(r-1) - r + 2 &= 0, \\ r^2 - 2r + 2 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We have the roots

$$r_{1,2} = 1 \pm i,$$

and the general solution

$$y(x) = x [c_1 \cos(\ln x) + c_2 \sin(\ln x)].$$

Taking derivative, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y'(x) &= c_1 \cos(\ln x) + c_2 \sin(\ln x) - c_1 \sin(\ln x) + c_2 \cos(\ln x) \\ &= (c_1 + c_2) \cos(\ln x) + (-c_1 + c_2) \sin(\ln x). \end{aligned}$$

The initial condition implies

$$c_1 = 1, \quad c_1 + c_2 = 1,$$

so we have  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 0$ .



8. For the differential equation

$$(1 - \cos x) \cdot y'' + (e^x - 1) \cdot y' + \frac{3}{2}y = 0, \quad (3)$$

0 is a regular singular point. Find the indicial equation about 0.

- A.  $r^2 - r + \frac{3}{2} = 0$
- B.  $r^2 + 2r - 3 = 0$
- C.  $r^2 + r - 3 = 0$
- D.  $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$
- E.  $r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$
- F. none of the above

**F**

Rewriting (3), we get

$$y'' + \frac{e^x - 1}{1 - \cos x} \cdot y' - \frac{3}{2 - 2 \cos x} \cdot y = 0.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(e^x - 1)}{1 - \cos x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 + xe^x}{\sin x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x + e^x + xe^x}{\cos x} \\ &= 2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} q_0 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2}{2 - 2 \cos x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6x}{2 \sin x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6}{2 \cos x} \\ &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the indicial equation is

$$\begin{aligned} r(r - 1) + 2r + 3 &= 0, \\ r^2 + r + 3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

9. Consider the power series

$$\begin{aligned}y_1(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n, \\y_2(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n!} x^n.\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

What is the Wronskian at 0? That is, what is  $W(y_1, y_2)(0)$ ?

- A.  $a_0b_1 - a_1b_0$
- B.  $a_1b_0 - a_0b_1$
- C.  $\frac{a_0b_0}{2} - \frac{a_1b_1}{2}$
- D.  $\frac{a_0b_0}{2} - \frac{a_1b_1}{2}$
- E.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_{n+1} - a_{n+1} b_n$
- F. none of the above

**A**

In fact, we just need the first two terms of (4):

$$\begin{aligned}y_1(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + \dots, \\y_2(x) &= b_0 + b_1x + \dots,\end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}y_1(0) &= a_0, & y_1'(0) &= a_1, \\y_2(0) &= b_0, & y_2'(0) &= b_1.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$W(y_1, y_2)(0) = \begin{vmatrix} a_0 & b_0 \\ a_1 & b_1 \end{vmatrix} = a_0b_1 - a_1b_0.$$

10. Consider the differential equation

$$x^2 y'' + (6x + x^2)y' + xy = 0, \quad (5)$$

for which 0 is regular singular point. To solve (5) by power series, we should begin by finding the coefficients of a Frobenius series. Of the Frobenius series below, which one is the correct trial solution?

A.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

B.

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

C.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^{n-5}$$

D.

$$|x|^{-5} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right)$$

E.

$$|x|^{-5} \ln |x| \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right)$$

F. none of the above

**B**

It is easy to see that  $p_0 = 6$  and  $q_0 = 0$ , so the indicial equation is

$$r(r-1) + 6r = r^2 + 5r = 0.$$

The two roots are  $r_1 = 0$  and  $r_2 = -5$ , where 0 is the bigger root. Now, we follow the recipe outlined in Theorem 5.6.1 of Boyce-DiPrima.

Part II. True/False  $5 \times 2 = 10$  points

Choose 'A' if the statement is true; choose 'B' if the statement is false.

11. For a second order linear homogeneous ordinary differential equation with constant coefficients, there is no singular points.

12. For two convergent power series

$$y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n,$$

the Wronskian  $W(y_1, y_2)$  is never zero.

13. For a second order linear homogeneous ordinary differential equation, we can always find two linearly independent power series solutions about an ordinary point.

14. If  $x_0$  is a regular singular point of the differential equation

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0,$$

and the indicial equation has real roots, then the equation has at least one Frobenius series solution about  $x_0$ .

15. For the power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n,$$

if the radius of convergence is  $\rho$  and  $|x_1| > \rho$ , then the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x_1)^n$$

does not converge.

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Part III will be collected separately. Please write your NAME and your STUDENT NUMBER.

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Total:

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$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\cosh x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\sinh x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

Part III. Hand-graded problems      10 + 10 + 20 = 40 points

16. (10 points)

For the initial value problem:

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

the point 0 is an ordinary point. Show that the power series solution about 0 is given by

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_n}{n!} x^n,$$

where  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is the Fibonacci numbers defined by  $f_0 = 0$ ,  $f_1 = 1$ ,  $f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

Writing

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n,$$

we have

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n x^{n-1}, \quad y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n n(n-1) x^{n-2}.$$

Substituting these back into the differential equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n n(n-1) x^{n-2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+2} (n+2)(n+1) x^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} (n+1) x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} + \frac{a_{n+1}}{n+2}.$$

The initial condition implies

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 0 = \frac{f_0}{0!}, \\ a_1 &= 1 = \frac{f_1}{1!}. \end{aligned}$$

Assuming  $a_m = \frac{f_m}{m!}$  for  $m \leq n+1$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+2} &= \frac{a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} + \frac{a_{n+1}}{n+2} \\ &= \frac{f_n}{n!} \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)} + \frac{f_{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \frac{1}{n+2} \\ &= \frac{f_n + f_{n+1}}{(n+2)!} \\ &= \frac{f_{n+2}}{(n+2)!}. \end{aligned}$$

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17. (10 points)

The Hermite function

$$H_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-x^2})$$

is a polynomial of degree  $n$ . Compute  $H_4$  explicitly.

Hint: It is difficult to expand  $e^x$  as a power series and to calculate it term by term. Try something else.

$$\begin{aligned} H_4(x) &= e^{x^2} \frac{d^4}{dx^4} (e^{-x^2}) \\ &= e^{x^2} \frac{d^3}{dx^3} (-2xe^{-x^2}) \\ &= e^{x^2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} ((4x^2 - 2)e^{-x^2}) \\ &= e^{x^2} \frac{d}{dx} [((4x^2 - 2)(-2x) + 8x) e^{-x^2}] \\ &= e^{x^2} \frac{d}{dx} ((-8x^3 + 12x)e^{-x^2}) \\ &= e^{x^2} [(-8x^3 + 12x)(-2x) - 24x^2 + 12] e^{-x^2} \\ &= 16x^4 - 48x^2 + 12. \end{aligned}$$



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18. (5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 20 points)  
For the differential equation

$$2x^2y'' + 3xy' - (x^2 + 1)y = 0, \tag{6}$$

the point 0 is a regular singular point.

(a) Show that the roots of the indicial equation are  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $r_2 = -1$ .

Rewriting (6), we get

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

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} xp(x) &= x \cdot \frac{3}{2x} = \frac{3}{2}, \\ xq(x) &= x^2 \cdot \left( -\frac{x^2 + 1}{2x^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the indicial equation is

$$\begin{aligned} r(r - 1) + \frac{3}{2}r - \frac{1}{2} &= 0, \\ 2r^2 + r - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the roots are  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $r_2 = -1$ .

(b) Consider the Frobenius series solution

$$y(x) = |x|^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n.$$

Show that the recurrence relation is

$$a_n = \frac{a_{n-2}}{2(n+r)^2 + (n+r) - 1}, \quad n \geq 2,$$

and  $a_{2n+1} = 0$ .

For simplicity, we assume  $x > 0$  to drop the absolute value. We begin with

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}, \\ y'(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r) x^{n+r-1}, \\ y''(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r} + 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r) x^{n+r} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} &= 0, \\ 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r} + 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r) x^{n+r} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{n+r} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} &= 0, \\ [2r(r-1) + 3r - 1] a_0 x^r + [2(r+1)r + 3(r+1) - 1] a_1 x^{r+1} \\ + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{ [2(n+r)(n+r-1) + 3(n+r) - 1] a_n - a_{n-2} \} x^{n+r} &= 0, \\ (2r^2 + r - 1) a_0 x^r + (2r^2 + 5r + 2) a_1 x^{r+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{ [2(n+r)^2 + (n+r) - 1] a_n - a_{n-2} \} x^{n+r} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} (2r^2 + r - 1) a_0 &= 0, \\ (2r^2 + 5r + 2) a_1 &= 0, \\ [2(n+r)^2 + (n+r) - 1] a_n - a_{n-2} &= 0, \quad n \geq 2, \end{aligned}$$

and the recurrence relation

$$a_n = \frac{a_{n-2}}{2(n+r)^2 + (n+r) - 1}, \quad n \geq 2$$

follows. Since  $a_0 \neq 0$ , we have the indicial equation  $2r^2 + r - 1 = 0$ . For both  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $r_2 = -1$ , we have

$$2r^2 + 5r + 2 \neq 0.$$

It follows that  $a_1 = 0$ , and therefore  $a_{2n+1} = 0$ .

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(c) For  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ , compute the Frobenius solution  $y_1$  up to  $|x|^{\frac{1}{2}}x^6$ .

For  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ , the recurrence relation is

$$a_n = \frac{a_{n-2}}{2\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - 1} = \frac{a_{n-2}}{n(2n+3)}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 7} = \frac{a_0}{14}, \\ a_4 &= \frac{a_2}{4 \cdot 11} = \frac{a_0}{616}, \\ a_6 &= \frac{a_4}{6 \cdot 15} = \frac{a_0}{55440}, \end{aligned}$$

and it follows that

$$y_1(x) = a_0|x|^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{14} + \frac{x^4}{616} + \frac{x^6}{55440} + \dots \right).$$

(d) For  $r_2 = -1$ , compute the Frobenius solution  $y_2$  up to  $|x|^{-1}x^6$ .

For  $r_2 = -1$ , to distinguish from the case  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ , we write  $b_n$  in place of  $a_n$ , so the recurrence relation is

$$b_n = \frac{b_{n-2}}{2(n-1)^2 + (n-1) - 1} = \frac{b_{n-2}}{n(2n-3)}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} b_2 &= \frac{b_0}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{b_0}{2}, \\ b_4 &= \frac{b_2}{4 \cdot 5} = \frac{b_0}{40}, \\ b_6 &= \frac{b_4}{6 \cdot 9} = \frac{b_0}{2160}, \end{aligned}$$

and it follows that

$$y_2(x) = b_0|x|^{-1} \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{40} + \frac{x^6}{2160} + \dots \right).$$