

Exam 2 review:

To solve a single differential equation, for exam 2, use Ch 5 methods:  ~~$\Rightarrow x = 0$  regular singular pt~~

A.) If you have an Euler equation,  $x^2y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y = 0$  where  $\alpha, \beta$  are constants, use simple 5.4 method (guess  $y = |x|^r$ , breaks into standard 3 cases, see 5.4 handouts).

B.) Suppose you are interested in the solution near  $x = x_0$ , then we can find

(1.) exact solution solution by solving for the series solution (ex: see 5.2 handout)

(2.) An approximate solution by determining the first few terms in the series solution (ex: see 5.5 part 2 handout)

Determine if  $x_0$  is an ordinary point, regular singular value, or irregular singular value.

If  $x_0$  is an ordinary point, solution near  $x_0$  is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - x_0)^n$ .

If  $x_0$  is a regular singular point, solution near  $x_0$  is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - x_0)^{n+r}$ .

When (and where) do you know when solution exists?

What are the subparts of these problems?

Look at theory including existence, uniqueness, domain of solution, linearity.

To solve a system of differential equations use Ch 7 methods:

Linear: find eigenvalues, eigenvectors, breaks into standard 3 cases (plus a subcase) – see last 7.5 handout

When do you know a solution exists? uniqueness? Linearity properties?

Be able to translate an  $n$ th order linear differential equation into a system of  $n$  linear differential equations and write in matrix form.

Understand and be able to identify different types of critical points (equilibrium solutions = constant solutions) for both linear and non-linear systems.

~~stable center spiral~~  
~~asymptotically stable, stable, unstable~~  
~~sink, center, source~~  
~~spiral, node, saddle~~

Be able to graph phase portrait of a linear system of DE (trajectories in  $x_1, x_2$ -Plane). Also be able to graph  $x_i$  versus  $t$  for simple cases.

Completely understand Fig 9.1.9.

Look at theory including existence, uniqueness, domain of solution, linearity.

~~domain includes  $x_0$~~

IVP

domain need not include  $x_0$  Euler's eqn  
Example:  $\gamma = 1/2$

Spiral complex not linear not a + bi

$$\text{Ex: } y = c_1 |x|^{1/r} + c_2 |x|^3$$

Solve  $x^2y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y = 0$ . Let  $y = x^r$ ,  $y' = rx^{r-1}$ ,  $y'' = r(r-1)x^{r-2}$  (case when  $y = (-x)^r$  is similar).

$$x^2x^{r-2}r(r-1) + \alpha x^{r-1}r + \beta x^r = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } x^r \text{ is a solution iff } r = \frac{-(\alpha-1) \pm \sqrt{(\alpha-1)^2 - 4\beta}}{2}$$

**Case 1:** Two real roots,  $r_1, r_2$ .

General solution is  $y = c_1|x|^{r_1} + c_2|x|^{r_2}$

**Case 2:** Two complex roots,  $r_i = \lambda \pm i\mu$ :

Convert solution to form without complex numbers.

$$\text{Note } |x|^{\pm i\mu} = e^{ln(|x|) \pm i\mu} = e^{ln(|x|) \pm i\mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \cos(\pm \mu ln|x|) + i \sin(\pm \mu ln|x|) \\ &= \cos(\mu ln|x|) \pm i \sin(\mu ln|x|) \\ &= c_1 \cos(\mu ln|x|) + c_2 \sin(\mu ln|x|) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{General solution is } y = c_1|x|^{r_1} + c_2|x|^{r_2} = c_1|x|^{\lambda+i\mu} + c_2|x|^{\lambda-i\mu}$$

$$= |x|^\lambda (c_1|x|^i + c_2|x|^{-i})$$

$$= |x|^\lambda (c_1[\cos(\mu ln|x|) + i \sin(\mu ln|x|)] + c_2[\cos(\mu ln|x|) - i \sin(\mu ln|x|)])$$

$$= |x|^\lambda (k_1[c_1 + c_2] \cos(\mu ln|x|) + i[c_1 - c_2] \sin(\mu ln|x|))$$

$$= k_1|x|^\lambda \cos(\mu ln|x|) + k_2|x|^\lambda \sin(\mu ln|x|)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{x^{r_1}}{r_1 x^{r_1-1}} \frac{x^{r_1} \ln|x|}{r_1 x^{r_1-1} \ln|x| + x^{r_1-1}} \\ &= x^{r_1} (r_1 x^{r_1-1} \ln|x| + x^{r_1-1}) - x^{r_1} \ln|x| r_1 x^{r_1-1} \\ &= x^{2r_1-1} [r_1 \ln|x| + 1 - \ln|x|r_1] = x^{2r_1-1} \neq 0 \text{ for } x \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|x|^{r_1}$  is a solution. Find 2nd solution.

Domain is at least + as large as  $(-\infty, 0)$  or  $(0, \infty)$

**Method 1:** Reduction of order: Suppose  $y = u(x)|x|^{r_1}$  is a solution to  $x^2y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y = 0$ . Plug in and determine  $u(x)$

**Method 2:** Let  $L(y) = x^2y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y$  where  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$L(|x|^r) = |x|^r(r - r_1)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r}[L(|x|^r)] = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2}[|x|^r(r - r_1)^2] = (|x|^r)'(r - r_1)^2 + 2|x|^r(r - r_1) = 0$$

Suppose  $x$  is constant with respect to  $r$  and all the partial derivatives are continuous. Then  $\frac{\partial}{\partial r}[L(y)] = \frac{\partial}{\partial r}[x^2y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y] = x^2 \frac{\partial y''}{\partial r} + \alpha x \frac{\partial y'}{\partial r} + \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r}[\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}] + \alpha x \frac{\partial}{\partial r}[\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}] + \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ &= x^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}[\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}] + \alpha x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}[\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}] + \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ &= L(\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}) \text{ for all } r \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\frac{\partial |x|^r}{\partial r}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r}[L(|x|^r)] = 0 \text{ for } r = r_1. \\ \frac{\partial |x|^r}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial e^{r \ln|x|}}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial e^{r \ln|x|} \cdot x}{\partial r} = (e^{r \ln|x|}) \ln|x| = |x|^r \ln|x| \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|x|^{r_1} \ln|x|$  is a solution.

Thus general solution is  $y = c_1|x|^{r_1} + c_2|x|^{r_1} \ln|x|$  since by the Wronskian,  $|x|^{r_1}$  and  $|x|^{r_1} \ln|x|$  are linearly independent. Suppose  $x > 0$  and  $r_1 \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^{r_1} & x^{r_1} \ln|x| \\ r_1 x^{r_1-1} & r_1 x^{r_1-1} \ln|x| + x^{r_1-1} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x^{r_1} (r_1 x^{r_1-1} \ln|x| + x^{r_1-1}) - x^{r_1} \ln|x| r_1 x^{r_1-1} \\ &= x^{2r_1-1} [r_1 \ln|x| + 1 - \ln|x|r_1] = x^{2r_1-1} \neq 0 \text{ for } x \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Other cases for Wronskian are similar.

$\Rightarrow$  **2** soln to IVP

Solve  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$

Using quick 3.4 method. Guess  $y = e^{rt}$  and plug into equation to find  $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$ . Thus  $(r-2)^2 = 0$ . Hence  $r = 2$ . Therefore general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x}$ .

Use LONG 5.2 method (normally use this method only when other shorter methods don't exist) to find solution for values near  $x_0 = 0$ .

Suppose the solution  $y = f(x)$  is analytic at  $x_0 = 0$ .

That is  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}(x-0)^n$  for  $x$  near  $x_0 = 0$ .

Thus there are constants  $a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$  such that,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n.$$

Find a recursive formula for the constants of the series solution to  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$  near  $x_0 = 0$ .

We will determine these constants  $a_n$  by plugging  $f$  into the ODE.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n n x^{n-1}, f''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n n x^{n-2}.$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n n(n-1)x^{n-2} - 4\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n n x^{n-1} + 4\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0.$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+2}(n+2)(n+1)x^n - 4\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1}(n+1)x^n + 4\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0.$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [a_{n+2}(n+2)(n+1) - 4a_{n+1}(n+1) + 4a_n]x^n = 0.$$

$$a_{n+2}(n+2)(n+1) - 4a_{n+1}(n+1) + 4a_n = 0.$$

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{4a_{n+1}(n+1) - 4a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)}.$$

Hence the recursive formula (if know previous terms, can determine later terms) is

$$a_{n+2} = 4 \left( \frac{(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$$

$$n = 0 : a_2 = 4 \left( \frac{a_1 - a_0}{(2)(1)} \right) = 2 \left( \frac{2a_1 - 2a_0}{2} \right)$$

$$n = 1 : a_3 = 4 \left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right) = 2^2 \left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right)$$

$$n = 2 : a_4 = 4 \left( \frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{4!} \right) = 16 \left( \frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{4!} \right) = 8 \left( \frac{4a_1 - 6a_0}{4!} \right) = 2^3 \left( \frac{4a_1 - 6a_0}{4!} \right)$$

$$n = 3 : a_5 = 4 \left( \frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5!} \right) = 16 \left( \frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5!} \right) = 2^4 \left( \frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5!} \right)$$

$$\text{Hence it appears } a_k = \frac{2^{k-1} (ka_1 - 2(k-1)a_0)}{k!}$$

Given the recursive formula,  $a_{n+2} = 4 \left( \frac{(n+1)a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \right)$ , determine  $a_n$ .

Determine formula for  $a_k$  by noticing patterns. Note: It is easier to notice patterns if you do NOT simplify too much.

Find the first 6 terms of the series solution

$$n = 0 : a_2 = 4 \left( \frac{a_1 - a_0}{(2)(1)} \right)$$

$$n = 1 : a_3 = 4 \left( \frac{2a_2 - a_1}{(3)(2)} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{(2)(4) \left( \frac{a_1 - a_0}{(2)(1)} \right) - a_1}{(3)(2)} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{4(a_1 - a_0) - a_1}{(3)(2)} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right)$$

$$n = 2 : a_4 = 4 \left( \frac{3a_3 - a_2}{(4)(3)} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{3(4) \left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right) - 4 \left( \frac{a_1 - a_0}{2!} \right)}{(4)(3)} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{3 \left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right) - \left( \frac{a_1 - a_0}{2!} \right)}{3} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left( \frac{\left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{2!} \right) - \left( \frac{a_1 - a_0}{2!} \right)}{3} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{\left( 3a_1 - 4a_0 \right) - \left( a_1 - a_0 \right)}{3!} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{3!} \right)$$

$$n = 3 : a_5 = 4 \left( \frac{(4)a_4 - a_3}{(5)(4)} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{(4)4 \left( \frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{3!} \right) - 4 \left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right)}{(5)(4)} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left( \frac{4 \left( \frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{3!} \right) - \left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right)}{5} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{4(2a_1 - 3a_0) - (3a_1 - 4a_0)}{5(3!)} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5(3!)} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{3!} \right)$$

$$f(x) \sim a_0 + a_1 x + 4 \left( \frac{a_1 - 4a_0}{2!} \right) x^2 + 4 \left( \frac{3a_1 - 4a_0}{3!} \right) x^3 + 4 \left( \frac{2a_1 - 3a_0}{4!} \right) x^4 + 4 \left( \frac{5a_1 - 8a_0}{5!} \right) x^5$$

Recall  $f(x) = a_0 \phi_0(x) + a_1 \phi_1(x)$  for linearly independent solutions  $\phi_0$  and  $\phi_1$  to equation  $y' - 4y' + 4y = 0$ .

Find the first 5 terms in each of the 2 solns  $y = \phi_0(x)$  and  $y = \phi_1(x)$

$$\phi_0 \sim 1 + 4 \left( \frac{-1}{2!} \right) x^2 + 4 \left( \frac{-4}{3!} \right) x^3 + 4 \left( \frac{-8}{4!} \right) x^4 + 4 \left( \frac{5}{5!} \right) x^5$$

$$\phi_1 \sim x + 4 \left( \frac{1}{2!} \right) x^2 + 4 \left( \frac{3}{3!} \right) x^3 + 4 \left( \frac{2}{4!} \right) x^4 + 4 \left( \frac{5}{5!} \right) x^5$$

In general, to determine if there is a unique solution to the IVP,  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$ ,  $y'(x_0) = y_1$ , we solve for unknowns  $a_0$  and  $a_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y(x_0) &= a_0\phi_0(x_0) + a_1\phi_1(x_0) \\ y'(x_0) &= a_0\phi'_0(x_0) + a_1\phi'_1(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the above system of two equations has a unique solution for the two unknowns  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  if and only if  $\det \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0(x_0) & \phi_1(x_0) \\ \phi'_0(x_0) & \phi'_1(x_0) \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$

In other words the IVP has a unique solution iff the Wronskian of  $\phi_0$  and  $\phi_1$  evaluated at  $x_0$  is not zero. Recall that by theorem , this also implies that  $\phi_0$  and  $\phi_1$  are linearly independent and hence the general solution is  $y = a_0\phi_0(x) + a_1\phi_1(x)$  by theorem.

Show that  $\phi_0(x) = (-2)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}((n-1)!)}{n!}x^n$  and  $\phi_1(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}x^n$  are linearly independent by calculating the Wronskian of these two functions evaluated at  $x_0 = 0$ .

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x) & \phi_2(x) \\ \phi'_1(x) & \phi'_2(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (-2)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(n-1)}{n!}x^n & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}x^n \\ (-2)\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(n-1)}{(n-1)!x^{n-1}} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}x^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(0) = \begin{pmatrix} (-2)2^{0-1}(-1) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$$

Hence  $\phi_0(x) = (-2)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}((n-1)!)}{n!}x^n$  and  $\phi_1(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}x^n$  are linearly independent

When possible identify the functions giving the series solutions. Recall that by Taylor's theorem and the ratio test,  $e^{2x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x)}{n!}x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!}x^n$  for all  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a_1\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n2^{n-1}}{n!}x^n - 2a_0\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(n-1)}{n!}x^n \\ &= a_1\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n2^{n-1}}{n!}x^n - 2a_0\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n2^{n-1}}{n!}x^n + 2a_0\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{n!}x^n \\ &= (a_1 - 2a_0)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n2^{n-1}}{n!}x^n + a_0\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!}x^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (a_1 - 2a_0)x\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}x^{n-1} + a_0\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!}x^n \\ &= (a_1 - 2a_0)x\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!}x^n + a_0\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!}x^n \\ &= (a_1 - 2a_0)xe^{2x} + a_0e^{2x} \end{aligned}$$

Note we have recovered the solution we found using the 3.4 method.

Note a power series solutions exists in a neighborhood of  $x_0$  when the solution is analytic at  $x_0$ . I.e, the solution is of the form  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x - x_0)^n$  where this series has a nonzero radius of convergence about  $x_0$ . When do we know an analytic solution exists? I.e, when is this method guaranteed to work?

Special case:  $P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0$

Then  $y''(x) = -\frac{Q}{P}y' - \frac{R}{P}y$

Definition: The point  $x_0$  is an ordinary point of the ODE,  
 $P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0$   
if  $\frac{Q}{P}$  and  $\frac{R}{P}$  are analytic at  $x_0$ .

Theorem 5.3.1: If  $x_0$  is an ordinary point of the ODE  $P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0$ , then the general solution to this ODE is  
 $y = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x - x_0)^n = a_0\phi_0(x) + a_1\phi_1(x)$   
where  $\phi_i$  are power series solutions that are analytic at  $x_0$ . The solutions  $\phi_0, \phi_1$  form a fundamental set of solutions. The radius of convergence for each of these series solutions is at least as large as the minimum radii of convergence of the series for  $\frac{Q}{P}$  and  $\frac{R}{P}$ .

Theorem: If  $P$  and  $Q$  are polynomial functions, then  $y = Q(x)/P(x)$  is analytic at  $x_0$  if and only if  $P(x_0) \neq 0$ . Moreover if  $Q/P$  is reduced, the radius of convergence of  $Q(x)/P(x) = \min\{|x_0 - x| \mid x \in C, P(x) = 0\}$  where  $|x_0 - x| = \text{distance from } x_0 \text{ to } x \text{ in the complex plane.}$

~~ordinary point~~  
~~solve for  $y'$~~   
~~find  $f(x)$~~   
~~use ratio test~~  
~~linearly independent~~  
~~Wronskian~~  
~~by substitution~~  
 ~~$x_0$  → 0~~  
 ~~$x$  →  $\infty$~~

## 5.5 Series Solutions Near a Regular Singular Point, Part I

Theorem 5.3.1: If  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are analytic at  $x_0$  (i.e.,  $x_0$  is an ordinary point of the ODE  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ ), then the general solution to this ODE is

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n = a_0 \phi_0(x) + a_1 \phi_1(x)$$

where  $\phi_i$  are power series solutions that are analytic at  $x_0$ . The solutions  $\phi_0, \phi_1$  form a fundamental set of solutions. The radius of convergence for each of these series solutions is at least as large as the minimum radii of convergence of the series for  $\frac{Q}{P}$  and  $\frac{R}{P}$ .

If you prefer a power series expansion about 0, use  $u$ -substitution: let  $u = x - x_0$ . Then  $p(u + x_0)$  and  $q(u + x_0)$  are analytic at 0

(Semi-failed) attempt to transform 5.5 problem into 5.4 problem:

$$5.5: y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' + x^2 p(x)y' + x^2 q(x)y = 0$$

$x^2 y'' + [xp(x)]y' + [x^2 q(x)]y = 0$  where  $xp(x)$  and  $x^2 q(x)$  are functions of  $x$ .

$$5.4: x^2 y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y = 0 \text{ where } \alpha, \beta \text{ are constants.}$$

Combine 5.3/5.4 methods.

Def:  $x_0$  is a *regular singular value* if  $x_0$  is a singular value and  $xp(x)$  and  $x^2 q(x)$  are analytic at  $x_0$ . A singular value which is not regular is called *irregular*.

Examples:

$$y'' + \frac{y'}{x} + \frac{y}{x^2} = 0, \text{ regular singular value: } x = 0.$$

$$y'' + \frac{y'}{x^2} + \frac{y}{x} = 0, \text{ irregular singular value: } x = 0.$$

$$y'' + y' + \frac{y}{x^3} = 0, \text{ irregular singular value: } x = 0.$$

If  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are rational functions, then  $xp(x)$  and  $x^2 q(x)$  are analytic iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} xp(x)$  and iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 q(x)$  are finite. (i.e., after reducing fractions,  $x$  is not in the denominator.)

Ex:  $p(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  implies  $xp(x) = \frac{x}{x} = 1$

Ex:  $p(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  implies  $xp(x) = \frac{x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x}$

If  $x_0 = 0$  is a regular singular value of the linear homogeneous DE,  $x^2 y'' + x[xp(x)]y' + x^2 q(x)y = 0$  (\*), then  $xp(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n x^n$  and  $x^2 q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n x^n$  for constants  $p_n, q_n$ .

If  $y = x^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}$  is a solution to (\*) where  $r \neq 0$ .

$$y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)a_n x^{n+r-1} \text{ and } y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)a_n x^{n+r-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)a_n x^{n+r-2} + x[xp(x)]\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)a_n x^{n+r-1} \\ + [x^2 q(x)]\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)a_n x^{n+r} + [xp(x)]\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)a_n x^{n+r} \\ + [x^2 q(x)]\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1)a_n x^{n+r} + (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r})(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)a_n x^{n+r}) \\ + (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n x^n)(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the coefficient of  $x^r$  is  $r(r-1)a_0 + p_0 r a_0 + q_0 a_0 = 0$

We can take  $a_0 \neq 0$ . Thus  $r(r-1) + p_0 r + q_0 = 0$

Thus we can solve for  $r$  using the quadratic formula.

Case 1:  $r_1 > r_2$  both real and  $r_1 - r_2$  is not an integer.

Case 2:  $r_1 > r_2$  both real and  $r_1 - r_2 = p$ ,  $p$  an integer.

Case 3: one repeated root.

Case 4: two complex roots.

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- (a) Node if  $q > 0$  and  $\Delta \geq 0$ ;  
 (b) Saddle point if  $q < 0$ ;  
 (c) Spiral point if  $p \neq 0$  and  $\Delta < 0$ ;  
 (d) Center if  $p = 0$  and  $q > 0$ .

*Hint:* These conclusions can be reached by studying the eigenvalues  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . It may also be helpful to establish, and then to use, the relations  $r_1 r_2 = q$  and  $r_1 + r_2 = p$ .

21. Continuing Problem 20, show that the critical point  $(0, 0)$  is

- (a) Asymptotically stable if  $q > 0$  and  $p < 0$ ;  
 (b) Stable if  $q > 0$  and  $p = 0$ ;  
 (c) Unstable if  $q < 0$  or  $p > 0$ .

The results of Problems 20 and 21 are summarized visually in Figure 9.1.9.

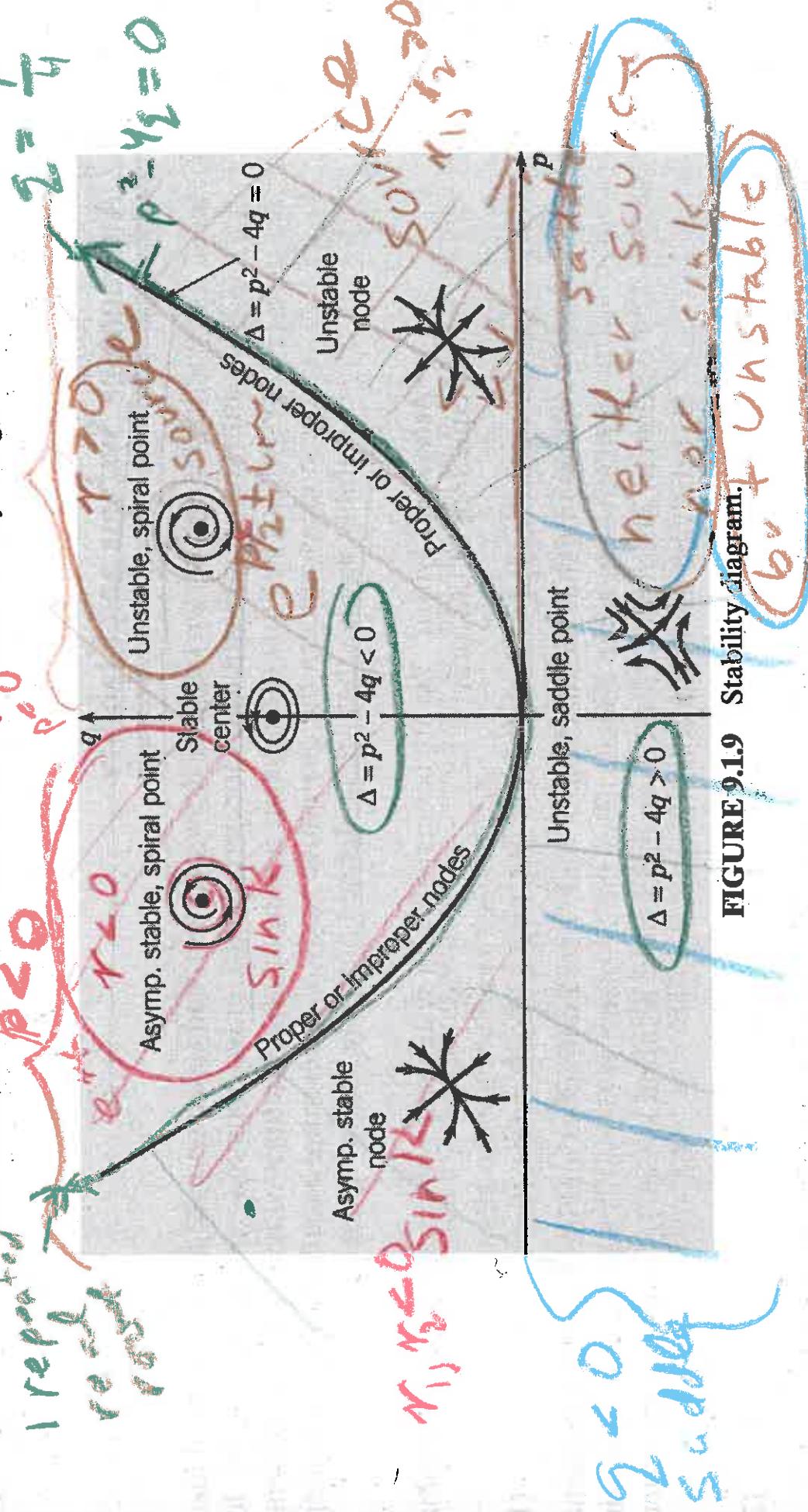


FIGURE 9.1.9 Stability diagram.

22. In this problem we illustrate how a  $2 \times 2$  system with eigenvalues  $\lambda \pm i\mu$  can be

$$\rho = a + d$$

$$\rho = ad - bc$$

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Suppose an object moves in the 2D plane (the  $x_1, x_2$  plane) so that it is at the point  $(x_1(t), x_2(t))$  at time  $t$ . Suppose the object's velocity is given by

$$\begin{cases} x'_1(t) = ax_1 + bx_2, \\ x'_2(t) = cx_1 + dx_2 \end{cases}$$

Or in matrix form  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

To solve, find eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-r & b \\ c & d-r \end{vmatrix} = (a-r)(d-r) - bc = r^2 - (a+d)r + ad - bc = 0.$$

$$\Delta = r^2 - 4ad$$

$$\text{Thus } r = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc)}}{2}$$

$$\text{Case 1: } (a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc) > 0$$

Hence the general solutions is  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{r_1 t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{r_2 t}$

Case 1a:  $r_1 > r_2 > 0$

$$r_1 > r_2$$

Case 1b:  $r_1 < r_2 < 0$

$$r_2 < r_1$$

Case 1c:  $r_2 < 0 < r_1$

$$r_1 > 0 > r_2$$

$\Delta \neq 0$  prented soln

Case 2:  $(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc) = 0$

Case 2i: Two independent eigenvectors:

$$\text{The general solution is } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{rt} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{rt}$$

Case 2ii: One independent eigenvectors:

$$\text{The general solution is } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{rt} + c_2 \left[ \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^{rt}$$

Case 2a:  $r > 0$

$$\Delta = r^2 - 4q$$

Case 2b:  $r < 0$

Case 3:  $(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc) < 0$ . I.e.,  $r = \lambda \pm i\mu$

Suppose the eigenvector corresponding to this eigenvalue is

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 + iw_1 \\ v_2 + iw_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then general solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \cos(\mu t) - w_1 \sin(\mu t) \\ v_2 \cos(\mu t) - w_2 \sin(\mu t) \end{pmatrix} (e^{\lambda t}) + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \sin(\mu t) + w_1 \cos(\mu t) \\ v_2 \sin(\mu t) + w_2 \cos(\mu t) \end{pmatrix} (e^{\lambda t})$$

Case 3a:  $\lambda > 0$

$$r_1 > 0 > r_2$$

Case 3a:  $\lambda < 0$

$$r_2 < 0 < r_1$$

Case 3a:  $\lambda = 0$