

Series solutions

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n + c_{n+1} x^{n+1} + c_{n+2} x^{n+2} + \dots$$

$$y' = 0 + c_1 + 2c_2 x + \dots + n c_n x^{n-1} + (n+1)c_{n+1} x^n + (n+2)c_{n+2} x^{n+1} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)c_{n+1} x^n$$

$$y'' = 0 + 0 + 2c_2 + \dots + n(n-1)c_n x^{n-2} + (n+1)n c_{n+1} x^{n-1} + (n+2)(n+1)c_{n+2} x^n + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)c_{n+2} x^n$$

ex $y' = ay$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$0 = y' - ay = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)c_{n+1} x^n \right) - a \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+1)c_{n+1} - a c_n) x^n$$

so $(n+1)c_{n+1} - a c_n = 0$ for $n \geq 0$

n	c_n
0	c_0
1	$c_1 = \frac{a}{0+1} c_0$
2	$c_2 = \frac{a}{1+1} c_1 = \frac{a^2}{2 \cdot 1} c_0$
3	$c_3 = \frac{a}{2+1} c_2 = \frac{a^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} c_0$

Guess: $c_n = \frac{a^n}{n!} c_0$

1. $c_0 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{a^0}{0!} c_0 = c_0 \checkmark$

2. $n \geq 1$, $c_n \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{a^n}{n!} c_0 = \frac{a}{n} \cdot \frac{a^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} c_0 = \frac{a}{n} c_{n-1} = c_n \checkmark$

0 1 2 3 4 ...

$$c_{n+1} = \frac{a}{n+1} c_n$$

recursion relation
recurrence

so: $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{n!} c_0 x^n$
 $y = c_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ax)^n}{n!} = c_0 e^{ax}$

(induction)

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

$$y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)c_{n+1} x^n$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)c_{n+2} x^n$$

ex $y'' + y = 0$

$y(0) = C_0$, so C_0 corr. to initial value problem

$$0 = y'' + y = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)C_{n+2}x^n \right) + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+2)(n+1)C_{n+2} + C_n) x^n$$

n	C_n
0	C_0
1	C_1
2	$C_2 = \frac{-C_0}{2 \cdot 1}$
3	$C_3 = \frac{-C_1}{3 \cdot 2}$
4	$C_4 = \frac{-C_2}{4 \cdot 3} = \frac{C_0}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$
5	$C_5 = \frac{-C_3}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{C_1}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2}$
6	$C_6 = \frac{-C_4}{6 \cdot 5} = \frac{-C_0}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$
7	$C_7 = \frac{-C_5}{7 \cdot 6} = \frac{-C_1}{7!}$

Guess: $C_{2k} = \frac{(-1)^k C_0}{(2k)!}$

$C_{2k+1} = \frac{(-1)^k C_1}{(2k+1)!}$

$$y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k C_0}{(2k)!} x^{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k C_1}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1}$$

$$y = C_0 \cos(x) + C_1 \sin(x)$$

$$(y = y(0) \cos(x) + y'(0) \sin(x))$$

so $(n+2)(n+1)C_{n+2} + C_n = 0$ for $n \geq 0$

$$C_{n+2} = \frac{-C_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

$$C_n = \frac{-C_{n-2}}{n(n-1)} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

$$y(0) = C_0$$

$$y'(0) = C_1$$

ex $y' = x^2 y$

$y' - x^2 y = 0$

$P = -x^2 \quad Q = 0 \quad I = e^{\int P dx} = e^{\int -x^2 dx} = e^{-\frac{1}{3}x^3}$

$y = \frac{1}{I} \int I Q dx = e^{\frac{1}{3}x^3} \int 0 dx = C e^{\frac{1}{3}x^3}$

$0 = y' - x^2 y = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) C_{n+1} x^n \right) - x^2 \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n \right) = C_1 + 2C_2 x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} ((n+1)C_{n+1} - C_{n-2}) x^n$

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+2} = C_0 x^2 + C_1 x^3 + C_2 x^4 + \dots = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} C_{n-2} x^n$

$\begin{cases} C_1 = 0 \\ 2C_2 = 0 \\ (n+1)C_{n+1} - C_{n-2} = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$

n	C _n
0	C ₀
1	C ₁ = 0
2	C ₂ = 0
3	C ₃ = $\frac{C_0}{3}$
4	C ₄ = $\frac{C_1}{4} = 0$
5	C ₅ = $\frac{C_2}{5} = 0$
6	C ₆ = $\frac{C_3}{6} = \frac{C_0}{6 \cdot 3}$
7	0
8	0
9	C ₉ = $\frac{C_6}{9} = \frac{C_0}{9 \cdot 6 \cdot 3}$

Guess $C_{3k} = \frac{C_0}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9 \cdot \dots \cdot (3k)}$

$= \frac{C_0}{(3 \cdot 1) \cdot (3 \cdot 2) \cdot (3 \cdot 3) \cdot \dots \cdot (3 \cdot k)} = \frac{C_0}{3^k \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot k} = \frac{C_0}{3^k k!}$

$y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_0}{3^k k!} x^{3k} = C_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^k = C_0 e^{\frac{1}{3}x^3}$

$C_{n+1} = \frac{C_{n-2}}{n+1} \text{ for } n \geq 2$

$C_n = \frac{C_{n-3}}{n} \text{ for } n \geq 3$