

## M343 Homework 8

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### Section 5.1

1.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x-3)^n$ . To determine the radius of convergence of this series we apply the ratio test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-3)^{n+1}}{(x-3)^n} \right| = |x-3| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = |x-3| \cdot 1 < 1 \implies -1 < x-3 < 1 \implies 2 < x < 4$$

Hence, if  $x \in (2, 4)$  the series absolutely converges. By definition, the radius of convergence is  $\boxed{\rho = 1}$

3.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{n!}$ . To determine the radius of convergence of this series we apply the ratio test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2(n+1)}}{\frac{(n+1)!}{n!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+2} \cdot n!}{x^{2n} \cdot (n+1)!} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^2}{n+1} \right| = x^2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = x^2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Hence, this series converges everywhere. By definition, the radius of convergence is  $\boxed{\rho = \infty}$

8.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!x^n}{n^n}$ . To determine the radius of convergence of this series we apply the ratio test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)!x^{n+1}}{\frac{n!x^n}{n^n}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1) \cdot x \cdot n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \right| = |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^n} \right| = |x| \cdot \frac{1}{e} < 1 \implies |x| < e$$

Hence, if  $x \in (-e, e)$  the series absolutely converges. By definition, the radius of convergence is  $\boxed{\rho = e}$

19.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-1)^{n+1}$ . If we make the change  $m = n+1 \implies n = m-1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-1)^{n+1} &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{m-1}(x-1)^m && \text{Since if } n=0 \text{ then } m=1 \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1}(x-1)^n && \text{Changing } m=n. \text{ This shows the result.} \end{aligned}$$

20.  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{k+1}x^k + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_kx^{k+1}$ . If we change the power of the second series to  $x^k$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{k+1}x^k + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_kx^{k+1} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{k+1}x^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k-1}x^k \\ &= a_1 \cdot x^0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k+1}x^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k-1}x^k && \text{Starting the first series from } k=1 \\ &= a_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_{k+1} + a_{k-1})x^k && \text{Summing the series. This shows the result.} \end{aligned}$$

21.  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_nx^{n-2}$ . If we make the change  $m = n-2 \implies n = m+2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_nx^{n-2} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+2)(m+1)a_{m+2}x^m && \text{Since if } n=2 \text{ then } m=0 \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n && \text{Changing } m=n. \text{ This shows the result.} \end{aligned}$$

23.  $x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ . Relabeling  $n$  for  $k$  in the second series:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n && \text{Multiplying by } x \text{ the first sum} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n + a_0 && \text{Starting the second sum from 1.} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (na_n + a_n)x^n + a_0 && \text{Summing the two series} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)a_n x^n + a_0 && \text{Common factor } a_n \\
 &= \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)a_n x^n} && \text{Starting from } n = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

25.  $S = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m(m-1)a_m x^{m-2} + x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^{k-1}$ . Changing  $k = m - 2$  then  $m = k + 2$  in the first series:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+1)a_{k+2} x^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^k && \text{Multiplying by } x \text{ the second sum} \\
 &= 2a_2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+1)a_{k+2} x^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k x^k && \text{Starting the first sum from 1.} \\
 &= 2a_2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k+2)(k+1)a_{k+2} + ka_k] x^k && \text{Summing the two series} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [(k+2)(k+1)a_{k+2} + ka_k] x^k && \text{Starting from } k = 0 \\
 &= \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + na_n] x^n} && \text{Relabeling } k = n.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Section 5.2

2. Find the power series solutions of  $y'' - xy' - y = 0$ ; about the point  $x_0 = 0$ .

Let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . Then,  $y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1}$  and  $y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}$ . Suppose  $y$  satisfies the O.D.E.:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} - x \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1} \right) - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} x^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n && \text{Changing the power of the first series} \\
 &= 2a_2 - a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - na_n - a_n] && \text{Starting from } n = 1 \text{ and summing the series} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - na_n - a_n] && \text{Starting from } n = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the recurrence relation is  $(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - na_n - a_n = 0$ . Written in standard form:

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

For  $n$  even;  $a_0$  free

For  $n$  odd;  $a_1$  free

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{a_0}{2} & a_3 &= \frac{a_1}{3} \\ a_4 &= \frac{a_2}{4} = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 4} & a_5 &= \frac{a_1}{3} = \frac{a_3}{5} = \frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 5} \\ a_6 &= \frac{a_4}{6} = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} & a_7 &= \frac{a_5}{7} = \frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} \\ &\vdots & &\vdots \\ a_{2k} &= \frac{a_0}{2^k \cdot k!} & a_{2k+1} &= \frac{a_1 \cdot 2^k \cdot k!}{(2k+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

Plugging the coefficients back into the solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{2k} x^{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{2k+1} x^{2k+1} \\ &= a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{2^k k!} + a_1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k k! x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\boxed{y_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{2^k k!}}$  and  $\boxed{y_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k k! x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}}$ . These solutions form a F.S.O.S since:

$$W(y_1, y_2)(x_0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} (0) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

The first four terms are:  $y_1 = 1 + \frac{x^2}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{x^4}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^6}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}$  and  $y_2 = x + \frac{x^3}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{x^5}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} + \frac{x^7}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}$

3. Find the power series solutions of  $y'' - xy' - y = 0$ ; about the point  $x_0 = 0$ .

Let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-1)^n$ . Then,  $y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n (x-1)^{n-1}$  and  $y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n (x-1)^{n-2}$ . Suppose  $y$  satisfies the O.D.E.:

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

Therefore, the recurrence relation is  $(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - (n+1)a_{n+1} - (n+1)a_n = 0$ . Written in standard form:

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

For  $n$  even;  $a_0, a_1$  free

For  $n$  odd;  $a_0, a_1$  free

$$a_2 = \frac{a_1 + a_0}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{a_2 + a_1}{3} = \frac{3a_1 + a_0}{3 \cdot 2}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{a_3 + a_2}{4} = \frac{3a_1 + 2a_0}{4 \cdot 3}$$

Plugging the coefficients back into the solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-1)^n \\ &= a_0 + a_1(x-1) + a_2(x-1)^2 + a_3(x-1)^3 + a_4(x-1)^4 + \dots \\ &= a_0 + a_1(x-1) + \left(\frac{a_1}{2} + \frac{a_0}{2}\right)(x-1)^2 + \left(\frac{a_1}{2} + \frac{a_0}{6}\right)(x-1)^3 + \left(\frac{a_1}{4} + \frac{a_0}{6}\right)(x-1)^4 + \dots \\ &= a_0\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{6}(x-1)^4 + \dots\right) + a_1\left((x-1) + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4 + \dots\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\boxed{y_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{6}(x-1)^4 + \dots} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{y_2 = (x-1) + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^4 + \dots}$$

These solutions form a F.S.O.S since:

$$W(y_1, y_2)(x_0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}(1) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

5. Find the power series solutions of  $(1-x)y'' + y = 0$ ; about the point  $x_0 = 0$ .

Let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . Then,  $y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$  and  $y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$ . Suppose  $y$  satisfies the O.D.E.:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (1-x) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+2)(m+1) a_{m+2} x^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (m+1)(m) a_{m+1} x^m + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m \\ &= 2a_2 + a_0 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x^m [(m+2)(m+1) a_{m+2} - (m+1)(m) a_{m+1} + a_m] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the recurrence relation is:

$$\begin{cases} 2a_2 + a_0 = 0 & \text{for } n = 0 \\ (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - (n+1)(n)a_{n+1} + a_n = 0 & \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

Written in standard form:

$$\begin{cases} a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{2} & \text{for } n = 0; \quad a_0 \text{ free} \\ a_{n+2} = \frac{(n+1)(n)a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+2)(n+1)} & \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

For  $n$  even;  $a_0, a_1$  free

For  $n$  odd;  $a_0, a_1$  free

$$a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{2a_2 - a_1}{3 \cdot 2} = \frac{-a_0 - a_1}{3 \cdot 2}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{6a_3 - a_2}{4 \cdot 3} = \frac{-a_0 - 2a_1}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2}$$

Plugging the coefficients back into the solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + \left(-\frac{a_0}{2}\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{-a_0}{6} - \frac{a_1}{6}\right)x^3 + \left(\frac{-a_0}{24} - \frac{a_1}{12}\right)x^4 + \dots \\ &= a_0\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \dots\right) + a_1\left(x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \dots\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\boxed{y_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{24}x^4 + \dots}$  and  $\boxed{y_2 = x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \dots}$

These solutions form a F.S.O.S since:

$$W(y_1, y_2)(x_0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} (0) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

15. Consider the I.V.P  $y'' - xy' - y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 2$ ;  $y'(0) = 1$ .

The general solution was already computed in (2):  $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$ , where:  $\boxed{y_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{2^k k!}}$  and  $\boxed{y_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k k! x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}}$ .

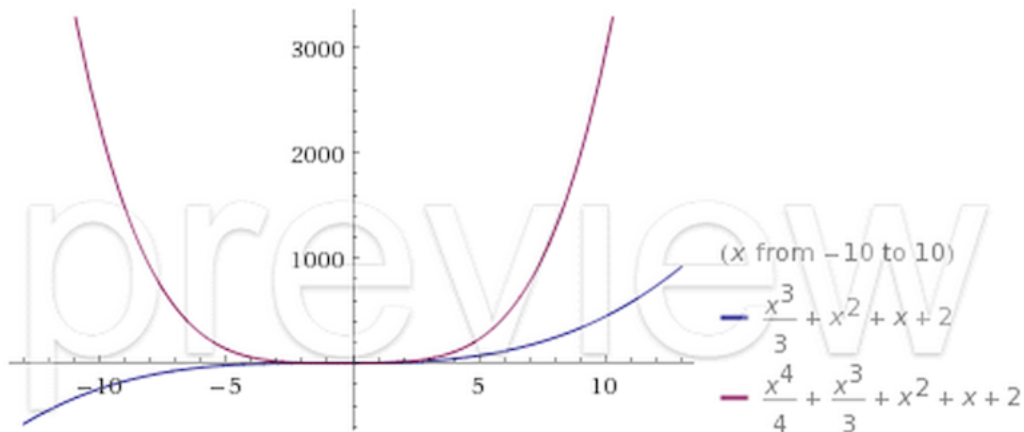
Hence,

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = 2 = C_1 + 0 \cdot C_2 \implies \boxed{C_1 = 2} \\ y'(0) = 1 = 2\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{2^k k!}\right)' \Big|_{x=0} + C_2\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k k! x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}\right)' \Big|_{x=0} = 2 \cdot 0 + C_2 \implies \boxed{C_2 = 1} \end{cases}$$

So, the solution to the I.V.P is given by

$$y = 2y_1 + y_2 \iff \boxed{y = 2 + x + x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \dots}$$

From the plot below, we can see that if  $|x| < 0.7$ , then the four-term approximation is reasonably accurate.



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17. Consider the I.V.P  $y'' + xy' + 2y = 0$ ;  $y(0) = 4$ ;  $y'(0) = -1$ .

Let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . Then,  $y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$  and  $y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$ . Suppose  $y$  satisfies the O.D.E.:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + x \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \right) + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2 a_n x^n && \text{Changing the power of the first series} \\
 &= 2a_2 + 2a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n [(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + n a_n + 2a_n] && \text{Starting from } n = 1 \text{ and summing the series} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n [(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + n a_n + 2a_n] && \text{Starting from } n = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the recurrence relation is  $(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + n a_n + 2a_n$ . Written in standard form:

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

For  $n$  even;  $a_0$  free

For  $n$  odd;  $a_1$  free

$$a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{1}$$

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

$$a_4 = \frac{-a_2}{3} = \frac{a_0}{3}$$

$$a_5 = -\frac{a_3}{4} = \frac{a_1}{2 \cdot 4}$$

$$a_6 = -\frac{a_4}{5} = -\frac{a_0}{3 \cdot 5}$$

$$a_7 = -\frac{a_5}{6} = -\frac{a_1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}$$

$\vdots$

$\vdots$

$$a_{2k} = \frac{a_0 (-1)^k}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)}$$

$$a_{2k+1} = \frac{a_1 (-1)^k}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2k)}$$

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Plugging the coefficients back into the solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{2k} x^{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{2k+1} x^{2k+1} \\
 &= a_0 \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)} x^{2k} \right) + a_1 \left( x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2k)} x^{2k+1} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, solve for  $a_0, a_1$

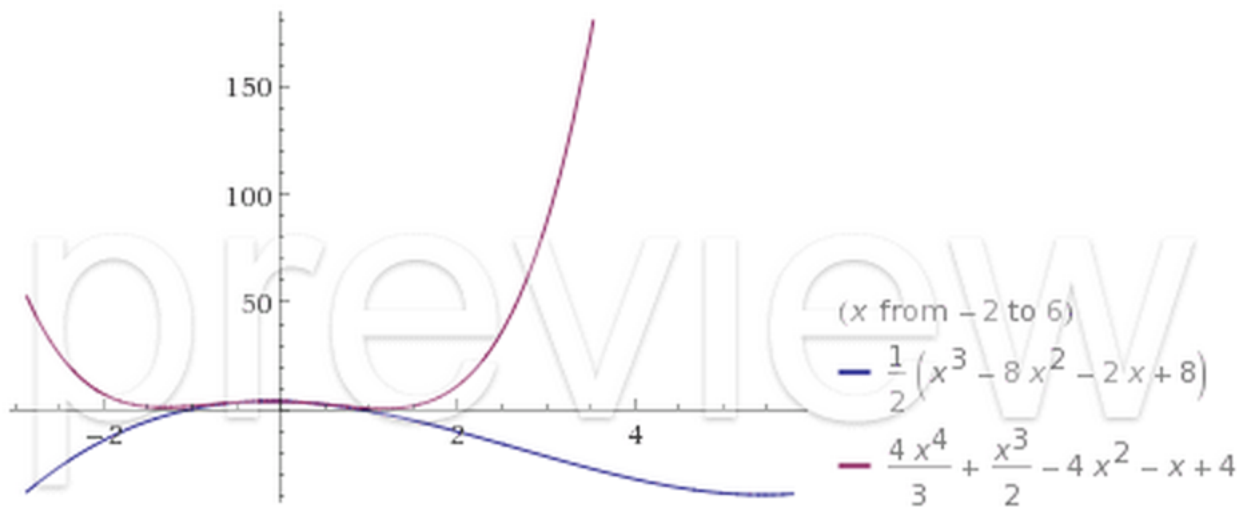
$$\begin{cases}
 y(0) = 4 = a_0 + 0 \cdot a_1 \implies \boxed{a_0 = 4} \\
 y'(0) = -1 = 0 \cdot a_0 + a_1 \implies \boxed{a_1 = -1}
 \end{cases}$$

The solution to the I.V.P is:

$$y = 4 \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)} x^{2k} \right) - \left( x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2k)} x^{2k+1} \right) \iff$$

$$y = 4 - x - 4x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{4}{3}x^4 - \frac{1}{8}x^5 + \dots$$

From the plot below, we can see that if  $|x| < 0.5$ , then the four-term approximation is reasonably accurate.



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