

$$\textcircled{a} \quad y \approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, \quad y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}.$$

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

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

$$xy = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} x^n.$$

Thus,  $y'' + (x+1)y' + xy$

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

Thus, for  $n=0$ , we have:

$$a_2 = -\frac{1}{2} a_1, \text{ and } a_{n+2} = \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)} [(n+1) a_{n+1} + n a_n + a_{n-1}] \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

Thus,  $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 0, a_2 = 0,$

$$\textcircled{n=1} \quad a_3 = \frac{-1}{6} [2a_2 + a_1 + a_0] = \frac{-1}{6} [0 + 0 + 1] = \frac{-1}{6}$$

$$\textcircled{n=2} \quad a_4 = \frac{-1}{12} [3a_3 + 2a_2 + a_1] = \frac{-1}{12} \left[ \frac{-3}{6} + 0 + 0 \right] = \frac{-1}{12} \cdot \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{24}$$

$$\textcircled{n=3} \quad a_5 = \frac{-1}{20} [4a_4 + 3a_3 + a_2] = \frac{-1}{20} \left[ \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} + 0 \right] = \frac{-1}{20} \left[ \frac{-1}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{60}$$

Thus,  $y(x) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{6} x^3 + \frac{1}{24} x^4 + \frac{1}{60} x^5$

(b) The initial value problem can be transformed to the IVP for part (a) through the substitution  $t = x+1$ . The degree 5 polynomial is thus

$$y(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{6}(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{24}(x-1)^4 + \frac{1}{60}(x-1)^5$$