

**Exercise sheet 10 for Math 263: ODEs for Engineers** Matt Roberts  
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1. What is the power series expansion of

- (a)  $x^3$  about 2?
- (b)  $\sin x$  about 0?
- (c)  $\ln x$  about 1?

2. Consider the ODE

$$y'' - x^3y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

By substituting the power series expansion  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ , develop a recurrence relation for  $a_{n+5}$  in terms of  $a_n$  and calculate  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$  and  $a_6$ .

3. Describe the form of the solutions to

$$y'' + \frac{\sin x}{x}y' + \frac{14 \cos x}{89x^2}y = 0.$$

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