



10. $xy''_{xx} + (b - x)y'_x - ay = 0$.

Degenerate hypergeometric equation.

1°. If $b \neq 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots$, Kummer's series is a particular solution:

$$\Phi(a, b; x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k}{(b)_k} \frac{x^k}{k!},$$

where $(a)_k = a(a+1) \dots (a+k-1)$, $(a)_0 = 1$.

If $b > a > 0$, this solution can be written in terms of a definite integral:

$$\Phi(a, b; x) = \frac{\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b-a)} \int_0^1 e^{xt} t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-a-1} dt,$$

where $\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt$ is the gamma function.

2°. If b is not an integer, then the general solution has the form:

$$y = C_1 \Phi(a, b; x) + C_2 x^{1-b} \Phi(a - b + 1, 2 - b; x).$$

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