

# Lesson 47: Practice Problems

## Euler-Cauchy Equations

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### Part A: Basic Euler Equations (5 problems)

1. Solve:  $t^2 y''' - 2ty' + 2y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
2. Solve:  $t^2 y''' + 3ty' + y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
3. Solve:  $t^2 y''' - ty' - 3y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
4. Solve:  $t^2 y''' + 4ty' + 2y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
5. Solve:  $t^2 y''' - 3ty' + 4y = 0$  for  $t > 0$

### Part B: Repeated Roots Cases (5 problems)

1. Solve:  $t^2 y''' - 3ty' + 4y = 0$  for  $t > 0$  (verify repeated root)
2. Solve:  $t^2 y''' + 5ty' + 4y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
3. Solve:  $t^2 y''' - ty' + y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
4. Solve:  $4t^2 y''' + 8ty' + y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
5. Solve:  $t^2 y''' + 3ty' + y = 0$  for  $t > 0$

### Part C: Complex Roots Cases (5 problems)

1. Solve:  $t^2 y''' - ty' + 5y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
2. Solve:  $t^2 y''' + ty' + y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
3. Solve:  $t^2 y''' - 3ty' + 13y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
4. Solve:  $t^2 y''' + ty' + 4y = 0$  for  $t > 0$
5. Solve:  $t^2 y''' + 3ty' + 5y = 0$  for  $t > 0$

## Part D: Using the Transform Method (5 problems)

1. Using  $x = \ln t$ , transform and solve:  $t^{2y''} - 4ty' + 6y = 0$
2. Transform and solve:  $t^{2y''} + 2ty' - 2y = 0$
3. Show that the transform method gives the same solution as the direct method for:  $t^{2y''} - ty' - 8y = 0$
4. Use the transform to solve:  $t^{2y''} + 5ty' + 3y = 0$
5. Transform the third-order equation:  $t^{3y'''} + 3t^{2y''} - 2ty' + 2y = 0$

## Part E: Initial Value Problems (5 problems)

1. Solve:  $t^{2y''} - 2ty' + 2y = 0, y(1) = 3, y'(1) = 5$
2. Solve:  $t^{2y''} + 3ty' + y = 0, y(1) = 2, y'(1) = -1$
3. Solve:  $t^{2y''} - ty' + y = 0, y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 1$
4. Solve:  $t^{2y''} - ty' + 5y = 0, y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 2$
5. Solve:  $t^{2y''} - 3ty' + 4y = 0, y(2) = 8, y'(2) = 12$

## Part F: Exam-Style Problems (5 problems)

1. (Prof. Ditkowski style) Consider the equation  $t^{2y''} + aty' + by = 0$ .
  2. For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  are all solutions bounded as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?
  3. For what values do solutions oscillate on a logarithmic scale?
  4. Find conditions for polynomial solutions.

The equation  $t^{2y''} - 2\alpha ty' + \alpha(\alpha + 1)y = 0$  has  $y_1 = t^\alpha$  as a solution.

- (a) Verify this directly.
- (b) Find the second solution.
- (c) What is special about this equation?

Transform the equation  $(t + 1)^{2y''} + 3(t+1)y' + y = 0$  to an Euler equation and solve.

For the equation  $t^{2y''} + ty' + (t^2 - \nu^2)y = 0$  (Bessel's equation of order  $\nu$ ):

- (a) Show this is NOT a pure Euler equation.
- (b) Find the indicial equation at  $t = 0$ .
- (c) What are the indices?

Consider the system of Euler equations:

$$\begin{cases} t^2 y'' - 2ty' + 2y = z \\ t^2 z'' - 4tz' + 6z = y \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the general solution for  $y$  and  $z$ .
- (b) Determine if solutions can remain bounded as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ .

# Solutions

## Part A: Basic Euler Equations

1. Characteristic equation:  $r(r - 1) - 2r + 2 = 0$

$$r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$$

$$(r-1)(r-2) = 0$$

$$\text{Roots : } r = 1, 2$$

$$\text{Generalsolution : } y = c_1 t + c_2 t^2$$

2. Characteristic equation:  $r(r - 1) + 3r + 1 = 0$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$$

$$(r+1)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Repeatedroot : } r = -1$$

$$\text{Generalsolution : } y = c_1 + c_2 \ln t$$

3. Characteristic equation:  $r(r - 1) - r - 3 = 0$

$$r^2 - 2r - 3 = 0$$

$$(r-3)(r+1) = 0$$

$$\text{Roots : } r = 3, -1$$

$$\text{Generalsolution : } y = c_1 t^3 + c_2 t^{-1}$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } r(r - 1) + 4r + 2 = 0$$

$$r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0$$

$$(r+1)(r+2) = 0$$

$$\text{Roots : } r = -1, -2$$

$$\text{Generalsolution : } y = c_1 \frac{1}{t+2} + c_2 \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } r(r - 1) - 3r + 4 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$$

$$(r-2)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Repeatedroot : } r = 2$$

$$\text{Generalsolution : } y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t) t^2$$

## Part B: Repeated Roots Cases

3. Already solved in Part A, 5:

$$r = 2 \text{ (double root)}$$

$$\text{General solution: } y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t) t^2$$

4. Characteristic equation:  $r^2 + 4r + 4 = 0$

$$(r+2)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Repeatedroot : } r = -2$$

$$\text{Generalsolution : } y = c_1 + c_2 \ln t$$

5. Characteristic equation:  $r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$

$$(r-1)^2 = 0$$

*Repeated root* :  $r = 1$

*General solution* :  $y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t)t$

6. Divide by 4:  $t^2 y'' + 2ty' + 1 \frac{1}{4y=0}$

Characteristic equation:  $r^2 + r + 1 \frac{1}{4=0}$

$$(r + \frac{1}{2})^2 = 0$$

*Repeated root* :  $r = -1 \frac{1}{2}$

General solution:  $y = c_1 + c_2 \ln t \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$

Characteristic equation:  $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$

$$(r+1)^2 = 0$$

*Repeated root* :  $r = -1$

*General solution* :  $y = c_1 + c_2 \ln t \frac{1}{t}$

## Part C: Complex Roots Cases

3. Characteristic equation:  $r^2 - 2r + 5 = 0$

$$r = 2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20} \frac{1}{2 = 1 \pm 2i}$$

General solution:  $y = t[c_1 \cos(2 \ln t) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln t)]$

4. Characteristic equation:  $r^2 + 1 = 0$

$$r = \pm i$$

General solution:  $y = c_1 \cos(\ln t) + c_2 \sin(\ln t)$

5. Characteristic equation:  $r^2 - 4r + 13 = 0$

$$r = 4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 52} \frac{1}{2 = 2 \pm 3i}$$

General solution:  $y = t^2[c_1 \cos(3 \ln t) + c_2 \sin(3 \ln t)]$

6. Characteristic equation:  $r^2 + 4 = 0$

$$r = \pm 2i$$

General solution:  $y = c_1 \cos(2 \ln t) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln t)$

7. Characteristic equation:  $r^2 + 2r + 5 = 0$

$$r = -2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20} \frac{1}{2 = -1 \pm 2i}$$

General solution:  $y = \frac{1}{t}[c_1 \cos(2 \ln t) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln t)]$

## Part D: Using the Transform Method

3. Let  $x = \ln t$ ,  $v(x) = y(t)$

Transform:  $v'' - 5v' + 6v = 0$

Characteristic:  $\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

$$v = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x}$$

Back-transform:  $y = c_1 t^2 + c_2 t^3$

4. Transform:  $v'' + v' - 2v = 0$

Characteristic:  $\lambda^2 + \lambda - 2 = 0$

$$(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$v = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^x$$

$$\text{Back-transform: } y = c_1 \bar{t}^2 + c_2 t$$

$$\text{Direct method: } r^2 - 2r - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 4, -2$$

$$\text{Transform method: } v'' - 2v' - 8v = 0$$

Same characteristic equation!

$$\text{Solution: } y = c_1 t^4 + c_2 \bar{t}^2$$

$$\text{Transform: } v'' + 4v' + 3v = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 3) = 0$$

$$v = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-3x}$$

$$\text{Back-transform: } y = c_1 \overline{t+c}^2 \bar{t}^3$$

Let  $D = d/dx$ . Transform gives:

$$(D^3 - 3D^2 + 2D) + 3(D^2 - D) - 2D + 2 = 0$$

$$D^3 - D - 2D + 2 = D^3 - 3D + 2 = 0$$

$$\text{Characteristic: } \lambda^3 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$v = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^x + c_3 e^{-2x}$$

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t)t + c_3 \bar{t}^2$$

## Part E: Initial Value Problems

$$3. \text{ From Part A 1: } y = c_1 t + c_2 t^2$$

$$y(1) = c_1 + c_2 = 3$$

$$y'(t) = c_1 + 2c_2 t$$

$$y'(1) = c_1 + 2c_2 = 5$$

$$\text{Solving: } c_2 = 2, c_1 = 1$$

$$\text{Solution: } y = t + 2t^2$$

$$4. \text{ From Part A 2: } y = c_1 + c_2 \ln \bar{t}$$

$$y(1) = c_1 = 2$$

$$y'(t) = c_2 - c_1 - c_2 \ln \bar{t}^2$$

$$y'(1) = c_2 - c_1 = -1$$

$$c_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Solution: } y = 2 + \ln \bar{t}$$

$$\text{From Part B 8: } y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t)t$$

$$y(1) = c_1 = 0$$

$$y'(t) = c_1 + c_2(1 + \ln t)$$

$$y'(1) = c_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Solution: } y = t \ln t$$

$$\text{From Part C 11: } y = t[c_1 \cos(2 \ln t) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln t)]$$

$$y(1) = c_1 = 1$$

$$y'(t) = [c_1 \cos(2 \ln t) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln t)] + t[-2c_1 \sin(2 \ln t)/t + 2c_2 \cos(2 \ln t)/t]$$

$$y'(1) = 1 + 2c_2 = 2$$

$$c_2 = 1/2$$

$$\text{Solution: } y = t[\cos(2 \ln t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2 \ln t)]$$

$$\text{From Part A 5: } y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t)t^2$$

$$y(2) = 4c_1 + 4c_2 \ln 2 = 8$$

$$y'(t) = 2(c_1 + c_2 \ln t)t + c_2 t$$

$$y'(2) = 8c_1 + 8c_2 \ln 2 + 2c_2 = 12$$

$$\text{From first: } c_1 + c_2 \ln 2 = 2$$

$$\text{From second: } 4c_1 + 4c_2 \ln 2 + c_2 = 6$$

$$c_2 = -2, c_1 = 2 + 2 \ln 2$$

$$\text{Solution: } y = [2 + 2 \ln 2 - 2 \ln t]t^2 = 2t^2[1 + \ln(4/t)]$$

## Part F: Exam-Style Problems

3. (a) Bounded as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ : Need both roots to have negative real parts.

$$\text{From } r^2 + (a-1)r + b = 0: \text{ Need } a < 1 \text{ and } b < 0 \text{ (and } (a-1)^2 < 4b \text{ for real roots).}$$

- (b) Oscillation: Need complex roots, so  $(a-1)^2 > 4b$ .

- (c) Polynomial solutions: Need positive integer roots. For example,  $r = n$  requires  $n^2 + (a-1)n + b = 0$ .

4. (a)  $y_1' = \alpha t^{\alpha-1}$ ,  $y_1'' = \alpha(\alpha-1)t^{\alpha-2}$

$$\text{Substitute: } \alpha(\alpha-1) - 2\alpha \cdot \alpha + \alpha(\alpha+1) = 0 \checkmark$$

- (b) Characteristic equation:  $r^2 - (2\alpha+1)r + \alpha(\alpha+1) = 0$

$$(r-\alpha)(r-(\alpha+1)) = 0$$

$$\text{Second solution: } y_2 = t^{\alpha+1}$$

- (c) This is the Euler equation whose solutions are consecutive powers of  $t$ .

5. Let  $s = t + 1$ , then the equation becomes:

$$s^2 y'' + 3s y' + y = 0 \text{ (standard Euler's)}$$

$$\text{Characteristic: } r^2 + 2r + 1 = (r+1)^2 = 0$$

$$y = c_1 + c_2 \ln(t+1)$$

6. (a) The  $t^2$  in the last term makes this NOT a pure Euler equation.

- (b) For the indicial equation, consider  $y = t^r(1 + a_1 t + \dots)$

$$\text{Leading terms give: } r(r-1) + r - \nu^2 = 0$$

$$r^2 - \nu^2 = 0$$

- (c) Indices:  $r = \pm \nu$

7. (a) Decouple: Fourth-order equations result.

$$\text{For } y: (t^{2D^2} - 2tD + 2)(t^{2D^2} - 4tD + 6) - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{This gives } t^{4y(4)} - 6t^{3y'''} + 15t^{2y''} - 15ty' + (12-1)y = 0$$

$$\text{Complex calculation yields general solutions.}$$

- (b) As  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ : Solutions behave like  $t^r$  where  $r$  are the characteristic roots. Bounded only if  $\text{all } \text{Re}(r) \geq 0$ .