

Lesson 47: Practice Problems

Euler-Cauchy Equations

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Part A: Basic Euler Equations (5 problems)

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

Part B: Repeated Roots Cases (5 problems)

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

Part C: Complex Roots Cases (5 problems)

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

- (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: $r(r-1) - 2r + 2 = 0$
 $r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$
 $(r-1)(r-2) = 0$
Roots: $r = 1, 2$
General solution: $y = c_{1t} + c_{2t}^2$
2. Characteristic equation: $r(r-1) + 3r + 1 = 0$
 $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$
 $(r+1)^2 = 0$
Repeated root: $r = -1$
General solution: $y = \frac{c_1 + c_2 \ln t}{t}$
3. Characteristic equation: $r(r-1) - r - 3 = 0$
 $r^2 - 2r - 3 = 0$
 $(r-3)(r+1) = 0$
Roots: $r = 3, -1$
General solution: $y = c_{1t}^3 + \frac{c_2}{t}$
4. Characteristic equation: $r(r-1) + 4r + 2 = 0$
 $r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0$
 $(r+1)(r+2) = 0$
Roots: $r = -1, -2$
General solution: $y = \frac{c_1}{t} + \frac{c_2}{t^2}$
5. Characteristic equation: $r(r-1) - 3r + 4 = 0$
 $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$
 $(r-2)^2 = 0$
Repeated root: $r = 2$
General solution: $y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t)t^2$

Part B: Repeated Roots Cases

6. Already solved in Part A, 5:
 $r = 2$ (double root)
General solution: $y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t)t^2$
7. Characteristic equation: $r^2 + 4r + 4 = 0$
 $(r+2)^2 = 0$
Repeated root: $r = -2$
General solution: $y = \frac{c_1 + c_2 \ln t}{t^2}$
8. Characteristic equation: $r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$
 $(r-1)^2 = 0$

Repeated root: $r = 1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Repeated root: $r = -1$

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

Part C: Complex Roots Cases

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

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

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

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

$$r = \pm i$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$r = \pm 2i$$

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

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

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

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

Part D: Using the Transform Method

11. 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: $y = c_1 t^2 + c_2 t^3$

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

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

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

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

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

13. Direct method: $r^2 - 2r - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 4, -2$

Transform method: $v'' - 2v' - 8v = 0$

Same characteristic equation!

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

14. Transform: $v'' + 4v' + 3v = 0$

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

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

$$\text{Back-transform: } y = \frac{c_1}{t} + \frac{c_2}{t^3}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part E: Initial Value Problems

16. From Part A 1: $y = c_1 t + c_2 t^2$

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

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

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

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

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

17. From Part A 2: $y = \frac{c_1 + c_2 \ln t}{t}$

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

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

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

$$c_2 = 1$$

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

18. From Part B 8: $y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln t)t$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

20. 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

21. (a) Bounded as $t \rightarrow \infty$: Need both roots to have negative real parts.
From $r^2 + (a-1)r + b = 0$: Need $a > 1$ and $b > 0$ (and $(a-1)^2 > 4b$ 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 $n^2 + (a-1)n + b = 0$.
22. (a) $y_1' = \alpha t^{\alpha-1}$, $y_1'' = \alpha(\alpha-1)t^{\alpha-2}$
Substitute: $\alpha(\alpha-1) - 2\alpha \cdot \alpha + \alpha(\alpha+1) = 0$
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- (b) Characteristic equation: $r^2 - (2\alpha+1)r + \alpha(\alpha+1) = 0$
 $(r-\alpha)(r-(\alpha+1)) = 0$
Second solution: $y_2 = t^{\alpha+1}$
- (c) This is the Euler equation whose solutions are consecutive powers of t .
23. Let $s = t + 1$, then the equation becomes:
 $s^2 y'' + 3s y' + y = 0$ (*standard Eulerins*)
Characteristic: $r^2 + 2r + 1 = (r+1)^2 = 0$
 $y = \frac{c_1 + c_2 \ln(t+1)}{t+1}$
24. (a) The t^2 in the last term makes this NOT a pure Euler equation.
- (b) For the indicial equation, consider $y = t^r(1 + a_1 t + \dots)$
Leading terms give: $r(r-1) + r - \nu^2 = 0$
 $r^2 - \nu^2 = 0$
- (c) Indices: $r = \pm \nu$
25. (a) Decouple: Fourth-order equations result.
For y : $(t^{2D^2} - 2tD + 2)(t^{2D^2} - 4tD + 6) - 1 = 0$
This gives $t^{4y(4)} - 6t^{3y''} + 15t^{2y''} - 15ty' + (12-1)y = 0$
Complex calculation yields general solutions.

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