

Euler-Cauchy Equations

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Any ODE of the form
 $x^2y'' + axy' + by = 0 \quad \dots (1)$
 is called a Euler-Cauchy eqn.
 where a & b are constants.

To solve eqn (1), put
 $y = x^m, y' = mx^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{To eqn (1)} \\ x^2y'' + m(m-1)x^{m-2} + ax.mx^{m-1} + bx^m = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (m^2 + (a-1)m + b)x^m = 0 \\ \text{For a non-trivial soln of (1)} \\ m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0 \quad \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

Eqn (2) is called the auxiliary eqn
 solving (2)

$$m_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1-a) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(1-a)^2 - b}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1-a) - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(1-a)^2 - b}$$

case-I (Real distinct roots)
 $m_1 \neq m_2$

$$y_1 = x^{m_1}, y_2 = x^{m_2}$$

are the two linearly independent (L.I.) solns of

(1). The general soln is

$$y = C_1 x^{m_1} + C_2 x^{m_2}$$

case-II A real double root
 $m_1 = m_2 = m$ say
 $m = \frac{1}{2}(1-a)$ occurs if and only if
 $b = \frac{1}{4}(a-1)^2$

$$\text{Then the soln is } y = x^{(1-a)/2}$$

The ODE (1) for $b = \frac{1}{4}(1-a)^2$ becomes

$$x^2y'' + axy' + \frac{1}{4}(1-a)^2y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' + \frac{a}{x}y' + \frac{(1-a)^2}{4x^2}y = 0 \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$$

$$\text{where } P(x) = \frac{a}{x}, Q(x) = \frac{(1-a)^2}{4x^2}$$

The L.I. soln
 $y_2 = u y_1, y_2' = u y_1' + u' y_1$
 $y_2'' = u y_1'' + u' y_1' + u'' y_1 + u' y_1'$
 using y_2'', y_2' and y_2 in (3)

$$(u y_1'' + u' y_1' + u'' y_1 + u' y_1')$$

$$+ P(x)(u y_1' + u' y_1)$$

$$+ Q(x)(u y_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(y_1'' + P y_1' + Q y_1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2u'y_1 + P u' y_1 + Q u y_1 = 0$$

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$$\text{?}$$

$$u = \log x, y_2 = \log x y_1$$

$y = (C_1 + C_2 \log x)x^m; m = \frac{1}{2}(1-a)$

case-III Complex conjugate roots

$$2+i\beta$$

$$y = x^\alpha [C_1 \cos(\beta \log x) + C_2 \sin(\beta \log x)]$$

$$\text{Ex:1 } x^2y'' + 1.5xy' - 0.5y = 0$$

The auxiliary eqn is

$$m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 + (1.5-1)m + (-0.5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 + 0.5m - 0.5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 0.5 \text{ and } -1$$

$$y_1 = x^{0.5}, y_2 = x^{-1}$$

The general soln is

$$y = C_1 x^{0.5} + C_2 x^{-1}$$

$$= C_1 \sqrt{x} + \frac{C_2}{x}$$

$$\text{Ex:2 } x^2y'' - 5xy' + 9y = 0$$

The auxiliary eqn is

$$m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$$

$$m^2 + (-5-1)m + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - 6m + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 3, 3$$

The general soln is

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 \log x)x^3$$

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$$\text{Ex:3 } x^2y'' + 0.6xy' + 16.04y = 0$$

The auxiliary eqn is

$$m^2 + (0.6-1)m + 16.04 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - 0.4m + 16.04 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 = 0.2 + 4i, m_2 = 0.2 - 4i$$

The general soln is

$$y = x^{0.2} [C_1 \cos(4x) + C_2 \sin(4x)]$$

$$\text{Ex:4 } 5x^2y'' + 23xy' + 16.2y = 0$$

$$\text{Ex:5. } xy'' + 2y' = 0$$

$$\text{Ex:6. } (x^2D^2 - xD + 5I)y = 0$$

$$\text{Ex:7. } x^2y'' + xy' + 9y = 0, y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 2.5$$