

Any ODE of the form  
 $x^2 y'' + a x y' + b y = 0 \dots (1)$

is called a Euler-Cauchy eq.  
 where  $a$  &  $b$  are constants

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

to eqn (1)  
 $x^2 \cdot m(m-1)x^{m-2} + a x \cdot m x^{m-1} + b x^m = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (m^2 + (a-1)m + b) x^m = 0$   
 For a non trivial soln of (1)  
 $m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0 \dots (2)$

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 (LI) 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  
 $m_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1-a)$  occurs if and only if  
 $b = \frac{1}{4}(a-1)^2$

Then the soln is  $y_1 = x^{(1-a)/2}$   
 The ode (1) for  $b = \frac{1}{4}(1-a)^2$   
 become

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

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

$$\Rightarrow y'' + p(x) y' + q(x) y = 0$$

where  $p(x) = \frac{a}{x}$ ,  $q(x) = \frac{(1-a)^2}{4x^2}$

The LI 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  $y_1''$ ,  $y_1'$  and  $y_1$  in (3)

$$(u y_1'' + u' y_1' + u'' y_1 + u' y_1') + p(x)(u y_1' + u' y_1) + q(x)(u y_1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u(y_1'' + p y_1' + q y_1) + 2u' y_1' + p u' y_1 + u'' y_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2u' y_1' + p u' y_1 + u'' y_1 = 0$$

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

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

case-III complex conjugate roots  
 $\alpha \pm i\beta$

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

Ex:1  $x^2 y'' + 1.5 x y' - 0.5 y = 0$

The auxiliary eqn is  
 $m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow m^2 + (1.5-1)m + (-0.5) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow m^2 + 0.5m - 0.5 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow m = 0.5$  and  $-1$

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

The general soln is  
 $y = C_1 x^{0.5} + C_2 x^{-1}$   
 $= C_1 \sqrt{x} + \frac{C_2}{x}$

Ex:2  $x^2 y'' - 5 x y' + 9 y = 0$

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

Ex:3 solve  $x^2 y'' + 0.6 x y' + 16.04 y = 0$

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

Ex:4  $5 x^2 y'' + 23 x y' + 16.2 y = 0$

Ex:5  $x y'' + 2 y' = 0$

Ex:6  $(x^2 D^2 - x D + 5 I) y = 0$

Ex:7  $x^2 y'' + x y' + 9 y = 0$ ,  $y(1) = 0$ ,  
 $y'(1) = 2.5$