

Theorem 0.1. *Euler equations, equations in the form*

$$t^2 y'' + \alpha t y' + \beta y = 0 \quad (1)$$

where $t > 0$, α and β are real constants, can be transformed into an equation with constant coefficients by transforming x into $\ln t$.

Proof. $t^2 y'' + \alpha t y' + \beta y = 0$

$$t^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha t \frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y = 0$$

$$x = \ln(t) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \frac{dx}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{1}{t} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{1}{t} \frac{dy}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} &= \frac{d}{dt} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &= \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dy}{dx} \right] \\ \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} &= \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \\ \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} &= \frac{-1}{t^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{t^2} \cdot \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \end{aligned}$$

Going back to (1),

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 y'' + \alpha t y' + \beta y &= 0 \\ t^2 \frac{-1}{t^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{t^2} \cdot \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha t \frac{1}{t} \frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y &= 0 \\ \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (\alpha - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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An equation with constant coefficients

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