

4.7: Cauchy-Euler Eq^m

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1. $x^2 y'' - 2y = 0.$

$$y = x^m \Rightarrow [m(m-1) - 2] x^m = 0 \text{ on } (0, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - m - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-2)(m+1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2 \text{ or } m = -1.$$

General solution is $y = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^{-1}.$

5. $x^2 y'' + x y' + 4y = 0.$

$$x^m [m(m-1) + m + 4] = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 2i.$$

General solution is $y = c_1 \cos(2 \ln x) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln x).$

15. $x^3 y''' - 6y = 0.$

$$x^m [m(m-1)(m-2) - 6] = 0 \Rightarrow (m^2 - m)(m-2) - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^3 - 3m^2 + 2m - 6 = 0. \text{ By inspection, } m=3 \text{ works.}$$

$$(m-3) \frac{m^3 - 3m^2 + 2m - 6}{m^2 + 2}$$

$$(m-3)(m^2 + 2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow m = 3 \text{ or } m = \pm \sqrt{2}i$$

$$\frac{2m-6}{2m-6}$$

$$\frac{2m-6}{0}$$

General solution is

$$y = c_1 x^3 + c_2 \cos(\sqrt{2} \ln x) + c_3 \sin(\sqrt{2} \ln x).$$

26. $x^2 y'' - x y' + y = 2x$. Solve for $(ax-x) = y$ and $2x$.

$$x^m [m(m-1) - m + 1] = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m=1.$$

$$y_c = c_1 \underbrace{x}_{y_1} + c_2 \underbrace{x \ln x}_{y_2}. \quad y'' - x^{-1} y' + x^{-2} y = \frac{2x^{-1}}{x}$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x \ln x \\ 1 & \ln x + 1 \end{vmatrix} = x.$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x \ln x \\ 2x^{-1} & \ln x + 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \ln x. \quad u_1 = \int \frac{-2 \ln x}{x} dx = -2 \int \ln x dx = -2(-x \ln x + x) = 2x \ln x - 2x.$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 1 & 2x^{-1} \end{vmatrix} = 2. \quad u_2 = \int \frac{2}{x} dx = 2 \ln x.$$

$$y = c_1 x + c_2 x \ln x - x (\ln x)^2 + 2x (\ln x)^2 \\ = c_1 x + c_2 x \ln x + x (\ln x)^2.$$

27. $x^2 y'' + x y' + y = 0, y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 2.$

$$x^m (m(m-1) + m + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm i.$$

$$y = c_1 \cos(\ln x) + c_2 \sin(\ln x). \quad y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = c_1.$$

$$y' = -c_1 \sin(\ln x) \frac{1}{x} + c_2 \cos(\ln x) \frac{1}{x}. \quad y'(1) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 = c_2.$$

$$\therefore y = \cos(\ln x) + 2 \sin(\ln x).$$

40. Use $y = (x-x_0)^m$ to solve $x(x-1)^2 y'' - (x-1)y' + 5y = 0$.

Let $y = (x-1)^m$. Then $0 = [1+m - (1-m)m] x$

$$(x-1)^m [m(m-1) - m + 5] = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 - 2m + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-20}}{2} = 1 \pm 2i. \quad \alpha=1, \beta=2.$$

General solution is:

$$y = (x-1) [c_1 \cos(2 \ln(x-1)) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln(x-1))].$$