

4.4 Cauchy-Euler Differential equation  
A Cauchy Euler differential equation is the form

$$a_n x^n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 x y' + a_0 y = 0.$$

Homog

- Exercises (4.4)
- In problems 1 through 20 find the general solution of the following differential equations, where we suppose that  $x > 0$ .
- 1)  $x^2 y'' - y = 0$
  - 2)  $x^2 y'' + y = 0$
  - 3)  $x^2 y'' - y' = 0$
  - 4)  $x^2 y'' + y = 0$
  - 5)  $x^2 y'' + 4xy' + 2y = 0$
  - 6)  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' + 2y = 0$
  - 7)  $x^2 y'' - 3xy' - 2y = 0$
  - 8)  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' + 2y = 0$
  - 9)  $x^2 y'' + 4xy' - y = 0$
  - 10)  $x^2 y'' + 3xy' + 4y = 0$
  - 11)  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$
  - 12)  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' + 2y = 0$
  - 13)  $x^2 y'' + 4xy' + 2y = 0$
  - 14)  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' + 2y = 0$
  - 15)  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' + 2y = 0$
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  - 20)  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$
- In problems 21 through 25, solve the given differential equation by the substitution  $w = x^k$ .
- 21)  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$
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  - 24)  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$
  - 25)  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$

5)  $y = x^m \rightarrow y' = m x^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$   
 in D.E:  $m(m-1)x^m + 5m x^{m-1} + 3x^m = 0$   
 $[m^2 - m + 5m + 3]x^m = 0$   
 $(m^2 + 4m + 3) = 0 \quad (\because x^m \neq 0)$   
 $(m+3)(m+1) = 0$   
 $m = -3, m = -1$   
 $y = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$   
 $y = c_1 x^{-3} + c_2 x^{-1}$  ✓

6)  $y = x^m, y' = m x^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$   
 in D.E:  $m(m-1)x^m + m x^{m-1} + 4x^m = 0$   
 $[m^2 - m + m + 4]x^m = 0$   
 $(m^2 + 4) = 0 \quad (\because x^m \neq 0)$   
 $m = 2i, m = -2i$   
 $y = c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x)$   
 $y = c_1 \cos(2 \ln x) + c_2 \sin(2 \ln x)$  ✓

10)  $y = x^m, y' = m x^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$   
 in D.E:  $m(m-1)x^m + 5m x^{m-1} + 4x^m = 0$   
 $[m^2 - m + 5m + 4]x^m = 0$   
 $(m^2 + 4m + 4) = 0 \quad (\because x^m \neq 0)$   
 $(m+2)(m+2) = 0$   
 $m = -2$   
 $y = c_1 x^{-2} + c_2 \ln x x^{-2}$

11)  $x^2 y'' - x y' + 2y = 0$   
 $y = x^m, y' = m x^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$   
 in D.E:  $m(m-1)x^m - m x^{m-1} + 2x^m = 0$   
 $[m^2 - m - m + 2]x^m = 0$   
 $(m^2 - 2m + 2) = 0 \quad (\because x^m \neq 0)$   
 $m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2i}{2} = 1 \pm i$   
 $y = x \left[ c_1 \cos(\ln x) + c_2 \sin(\ln x) \right]$

17)  $x^2 y'' + x y' - y = 0$   
 $y = x^m, y' = m x^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$   
 $y'' = m(m-1)(m-2)x^{m-3}$   
 in D.E:  $m(m-1)(m-2)x^m + m x^{m-1} - x^m = 0$   
 $[m(m-1)(m-2) + m - 1]x^m = 0$   
 $(m^2 - 3m^2 + 3m + 2) = 0 \quad (\because x^m \neq 0)$   
 $m^2 - 1 + 3m(-m) = 0$   
 $(m-1)(m^2 + m + 1) - 3m(m-1) = 0$   
 $(m-1)[m^2 + m + 1 - 3m] = 0$   
 $(m-1)(m^2 - 2m + 1) = 0$   
 $(m-1)(m-1)(m-1) = 0$   
 $m = 1$   
 $y = c_1 x' + c_2 \ln x x' + c_3 (\ln x)^2 x'$

(21) #12:  $x^2 y'' + 3xy' + 6y = 0$   
 $y = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$   
 $y'' = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{x}$   
 $= -\frac{1}{x^3} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}$   
 $= -\frac{1}{x^3} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$   
 in D.E:  $\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt} + 6y = 0$   
 $(r, t): w^2 + 3w + 6 = 0$   
 $(m+3)(m+2) = 0$   
 $m = -3, m = -2$   
 $y = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$   
 $= c_1 x^{-3} + c_2 x^{-2}$

41)  $(x-1) y'' + 5(x-1) y' + 4y = 0, x > 1$   
 $y = (x-1)^m, y' = m(x-1)^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)(x-1)^{m-2}$   
 in D.E:  $m(m-1)(x-1)^m + 5m(x-1)^m + 4(x-1)^m = 0$   
 $[m^2 - m + 5m + 4](x-1)^m = 0$   
 $(m^2 + 4m + 4) = 0 \quad (\because (x-1)^m \neq 0)$   
 $(m+2)(m+2) = 0$   
 $m = -2$   
 $y = c_1 x^{-2} + c_2 \ln(x-1) x^{-2}$   
 $y = c_1 (x-1)^{-2} + c_2 \ln(x-1) (x-1)^{-2}$  ✓

45)  $y = c_1 \cos(\ln|x+2|) + c_2 \sin(\ln|x+2|)$