

This sheet does not have room to work on it, so please submit your completed assignment on your own paper.

1. (a) Assume  $x = e^t$  so that  $t = \ln(x)$  on the interval  $I = (0, \infty)$ .

i. (2 points) Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt}$ .

ii. (5 points) Show that  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dt}$ .

Hint:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{dx} = \frac{d\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$  Then use part (i) and the product rule.

- iii. (2 point) Rewrite the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6y = 0$$

in terms of  $y$  and  $t$  instead of  $y$  and  $x$ .

- iv. (4 points) Solve the differential equation for  $y(t)$ .

- v. (2 point) Substitute  $t = \ln(x)$  to find  $y(x)$ . Simplify appropriately.

- (b) (3 points) Solve the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6y = 0$$

using the Cauchy-Euler approach (of assuming the answer is of the form  $y = x^m$ ) instead.

2. (4 points each) Solve the homogeneous Cauchy-Euler differential equations below.

(a)  $x^3y^{(3)} + x^2y'' - 2y = 0$

(b)  $x^3y^{(3)} - 12xy' + 24y = 0$

(c)  $x^4y^{(4)} + 2x^3y^{(3)} + 5x^2y'' + 19xy' - 39y = 0$

Hint: For (c), one of the solutions to the auxiliary equation is  $m = \sqrt{3}$ .

3. Consider the differential equation

$$(x - 5)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8(x - 5) \frac{dy}{dx} + 14y = 0.$$

- (a) Solution Method A:

i. (2 points) Use the substitution  $u = x - 5$  to rewrite the differential equation in terms of  $y$  and  $u$  instead of  $y$  and  $x$ .

ii. (3 points) Solve the differential equation from part (i) for  $y(u)$ .

iii. (1 point) Find  $y(x)$ .

- (b) (4 points) Solution Method B: Considering the original differential equation in  $y$  and  $x$ , use the guess of  $y = (x - 5)^m$  to solve the differential equation.