

**EXERCISES FUCHSIAN DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS FALL 2022**

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**17** Determine the kernels and images of the three operators

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acting on  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}} = \mathbb{C}[[x]]$ .

*Remark.* As you might expect, the answers are quite different, for different reasons. For more details, see [Gann-Hauser, JSC, p. 4 and p. 9], available on [www.hh.hauser.cc](http://www.hh.hauser.cc).

**18** Let  $y_1 = x^\rho, \dots, y_m = x^\rho \log(x)^{m-1}$  be the solutions of the Euler equation  $L_0 y = 0$  with respect to the local exponent  $\rho$  of multiplicity  $m$ , and let  $L \in \mathcal{O}[\partial]$  have initial form  $L_0$ . Assume that  $\rho$  is maximal with respect to  $\mathbb{Z}$  and that 0 is a regular point of  $L$ . Then the solutions of  $Ly = 0$  are of the form, for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,

$$y_1(x) = x^\rho h_1(x),$$

$$y_2(x) = x^\rho [h_2(x) + h_1(x) \log(x)],$$

$$y_i(x) = x^\rho [h_i(x) + h_{i-1}(x) \log(x) + \dots + h_1(x) \log(x)^{i-1}],$$

with  $h_1, \dots, h_m$  holomorphic functions in  $\mathcal{O}$ .

*Hint.* Use the description of the automorphism  $u$  of  $\mathcal{F} = x^\rho \mathcal{O}[z]_{< m}$  in the normal form theorem.

**19** Let  $E = x^3 \partial^3 - 4x^2 \partial^2 + 9x \partial - 9$  be an Euler operator with indicial polynomial  $\chi(t) = (t-1)(t-3)^2$  and local exponents  $\rho = 3$  of multiplicity  $m = 2$  and  $\sigma = 1$  of multiplicity 1. Let it act on  $x \mathcal{O}[z]_{< 2}$ . Then

$$\underline{E}(x^k z^i) = x^k [(k-1)(k-3)^2 z^i + (3k-5)(k-1) i z^{i-1} + (6k-14) i^2 z^{i-2} + 6i^3 z^{i-3}].$$

The kernel is  $\text{Ker}(E) = \mathbb{C}x \oplus \mathbb{C}x^3 \oplus \mathbb{C}x^3 z$ . Determine the image  $\text{Im}(E)$ !

**20** Let  $L$  be an operator with initial form  $L_0 = x^2 \partial^2 - x \partial$ , indicial polynomial  $\chi(t) = t(t-2)$  and local exponents  $\rho = 2$  and  $\sigma = 0$ , both of multiplicity 1. Find a suitable function space  $\mathcal{F} \subset x^\sigma \mathcal{O}[z]$  for which one may hope to get again a normal form theorem for the extension  $\underline{L}$  of  $L$ , reducing it to  $\underline{L}_0$  by means of an automorphism of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

*Hint.* A suitable  $\mathcal{F}$  will lie in  $x^\sigma \mathcal{O}[z]_{< 2} = x^\sigma \mathcal{O}z$ , where  $2 = m_\sigma + m_\rho$ .