

1. Find the appropriate form using the Method of Undetermined Coefficients for a particular solution to the following. Do not solve for the unknown constants.

(a) 2 $y'' - y' - 6y = e^{3t} + 7t^2$

$$r^2 - r - 6 = 0$$

$$r = 3, r = -2$$

$$y_p = At^2 e^{3t} + Bt^2 + Ct + D$$

(b) 2 $y'' - 4y' + 4y = te^t + 3e^{4t}$

$$(r-2)^2 = 0$$

$$y_p = (At + B)e^{2t} + Ce^{4t}$$

(c) 2 $y'' - 4y' + 4y = t^2 e^{2t}$

$$y_p = t^2 (At^2 + Bt + C)e^{2t}$$

(d) 2 $y'' - 4y' + 4y = te^{2t} \cos t$

$$y_p = (At + B)e^{2t} \cos t + (Ct + D)e^{2t} \sin t$$

2. Find a general solution for the following.

(a) 4 $y'' - 3y' + 2y = (12t + 8)e^{-t}$

$$r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$$

$$(r-1)(r-2) = 0$$

$$r = 1, r = 2$$

$$y = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t}$$

$$y = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t} + (2t + 3)e^{-t}$$

$$y_p = (At + B)e^{-t}$$

$$y_p' = (A - At - B)e^{-t}$$

$$y_p'' = (-A - A + At + B)e^{-t}$$

Substituting gives

$$[At - 2A + B]e^{-t} + [-3A + 3At + 3B]e^{-t} + [2At + 2B]e^{-t} = (12t + 8)e^{-t}$$

$$te^{-t}: A + 3A + 2A = 12 \quad \text{so } A = 2$$

$$e^{-t}: -2A + B - 3A + 3B + 2B = 8 \quad \text{so } B = 3$$

(b) 4 $y'' - y' - 6y = (40t + 23)e^{3t} - 12t + 4$ $r^2 - r - 6 = 0$, $r = 3, r = -2$

$$y_p = t(At+B)e^{3t} + (Ct+D)$$

$$y_p' = (2At+B+3At^2+3Bt)e^{3t} + C$$

$$y_p'' = (2A+6At+3B+6At+3B+9At^2+9Bt)e^{3t}$$

so

$$\left[\underline{9At^2} + (12A+9B)t + 2A+6B \right] e^{3t} + \left[\underline{-3At^2} - (2A+3B)t - B \right] e^{3t} + \left[\underline{-6At^2 - 6Bt} \right] e^{3t} - 6Ct - C - 6D$$

$$t: -6C = -12 \quad \text{so } C = 2 \qquad \qquad \qquad = (40t + 23)e^{3t} - 12t + 4$$

$$t^0: -C - 6D = 4 \quad \text{so } D = -1$$

$$te^{3t}: 12A+9B-2A-3B-6B = 40 \quad \text{so } A = 4 \qquad y = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$$

$$e^{3t}: 2A+6B-B = 23 \quad \text{so } B = 3 \qquad \qquad \qquad + (4t^2+3t)e^{3t} + (2t-1)$$

(c) 4 $y'' - y' - 6y = 50t \cos t$ [WARNING: There be fractions here matey!]

$$y_p = (At+B) \cos t + (Ct+D) \sin t$$

$$y_p' = (Ct+D+A) \cos t + (C-At-B) \sin t$$

$$y_p'' = (2C-At-B) \cos t + (-Ct-D-2A) \sin t$$

Substituting gives

$$y_p'' - y_p' - 6y_p = \left[2C - At - B - Ct - D - A - 6At - 6B \right] \cos t + \left[-Ct - D - 2A - C + At + B - 6Ct - 6D \right] \sin t = 50t \cos t$$

$$t \cos t: -7A - C = 50$$

$$\cos t: 2C - A - 7B - D = 0$$

$$t \sin t: A - 7C = 0$$

$$\sin t: \underline{B - 2A - C - 7D = 0}$$

$$\text{so } A = -7, C = -1$$

$$B = \frac{2}{5}, D = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$y = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-2t} + \left(-7t + \frac{2}{5} \right) \cos t + \left(-t + \frac{11}{5} \right) \sin t$$