

**Method of Undetermined Coefficients**

To find a particular solution to

$$ay'' + by' + cy = P_m(t)e^{rt}$$

where  $P_m(t)$  is a polynomial of degree  $m$ , use the form

$$y_p(t) = t^s (A_m t^m + \cdots + A_1 t + A_0) e^{rt};$$

if  $r$  is not a root of the associated auxiliary equation, take  $s = 0$ ; if  $r$  is a simple root, take  $s = 1$ ; and if  $r$  is a double root, take  $s = 2$ .

To find a particular solution to

$$ay'' + by' + cy = P_m(t)e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t + Q_n(t)e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t$$

where  $P_m(t)$  and  $Q_n(t)$  are polynomials of degree  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively, use the form

$$y_p(t) = t^s \left( A_k t^k + \cdots + A_1 t + A_0 \right) e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t + t^s \left( B_k t^k + \cdots + B_1 t + B_0 \right) e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t;$$

where  $k$  is the larger of  $m$  and  $n$ . If  $\alpha + i\beta$  is not a root of the associated auxiliary equation, take  $s = 0$ ; if so take  $s = 1$ .

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

(b)  $y'' - 2y' + y = 8 - 4e^t$

(c)  $y'' - 2y' + y = 3t \sin t$

(d)  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t \cos 3t$

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 Find the form of a particular solution to  $y'' + y = \sin .9t$ . **Do not** solve for the unknown constants. Do solutions of this form stay bounded as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

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 Find the form of a particular solution to  $y'' + y = \sin t$ . **Do not** solve for the unknown constants. Do solutions of this form stay bounded as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

4. 4 Find a general solution for the following.

$$y'' - y = 7e^{2t} - t^2$$