

Inverse Differential Operator and Particular Integral

Consider the differential equation

$$F(D)y = f(x) \quad \text{---(1)}$$

Operating $1/F(D)$ on both the sides, we get

$$\frac{1}{F(D)}\{F(D)y\} = \frac{1}{F(D)}f(x) \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Here $1/F(D)$ is called inverse differential operator and (2) becomes,

$$y = \frac{1}{F(D)}f(x)$$

This is the solution of the differential equation (1) called the particular integral.

Basic Method of Finding Particular Integral

Let us consider the 1st order linear differential equation with constant coefficients of the form

$$(D - a)y = f(x) \quad \text{---(1)}$$

A.E. is $m - a = 0$

$$m = a$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{ax}$$

Given equation is $(D - a)y = f(x)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - ay = f(x)$$

Which is 1st order linear equation with

$$P = -a \quad \text{and} \quad Q = f(x)$$

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int P dx} = e^{-\int a dx} = e^{-ax}$$

Therefore, general solution of the given equation is

$$y(\text{I.F.}) = \int (\text{I.F.})Q dx + c$$

$$ye^{-ax} = \int e^{-ax} f(x) dx + c$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{e^{-ax}} \left\{ \int e^{-ax} f(x) dx + c \right\}$$

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$$\text{i.e., } y = e^{ax} \left\{ \int e^{-ax} f(x) dx + c \right\}$$

$$\text{i.e., } y = e^{ax} \int e^{-ax} f(x) dx + ce^{ax} \quad \text{---(2)}$$

We know that the general solution for non-homogeneous equation is

$$\text{G.S.} = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$$

Hence, from equation (2), we have

$$\text{P.I.} = e^{ax} \int e^{-ax} f(x) dx$$

$$\text{i.e., } \text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D-a} f(x) = e^{ax} \int e^{-ax} f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Note If } a = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{D} f(x) = \int f(x) dx$$

Worked Examples

1. Solve $(D^2 - 3D + 2)y = x$

► The A.E. is $m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$

$$m^2 - 2m - m + 2 = 0$$

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

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

$$m = 1, 2$$

Therefore,

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{x}{D^2 - 3D + 2} = \frac{x}{(D-1)(D-2)} = \frac{1}{D-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{D-2} (x) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{D-1} \left\{ e^{2x} \int e^{-2x} x dx \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{D-1} \left\{ e^{2x} \left[x \frac{e^{-2x}}{-2} - \int 1 \frac{e^{-2x}}{-2} dx \right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{D-1} \left\{ e^{2x} \left[-\frac{x}{2} e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{-2x}}{-2} \right] \right\}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{D-1} \left\{ -\frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right\} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{D-1} \{(2x+1)\} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} e^x \int e^{-x} (2x+1) dx \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} e^x \left\{ (2x+1) \frac{e^{-x}}{-1} - \int 2 \frac{e^{-x}}{-1} dx \right\} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} e^x \left\{ -(2x+1)e^{-x} + 2 \frac{e^{-x}}{-1} \right\} = \frac{2x+1+2}{4} e^{-x} = \frac{2x+3}{4} e^{-x}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

Hence $y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} + \frac{2x+3}{4} e^{-x}$ ■

2. Solve $y'' + 3y' + 2y = \sin(e^x)$

► The A.E. is $m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$
 $m^2 + m + 2m + 2 = 0$
 $m(m+1) + 2(m+1) = 0$
 $(m+2)(m+1) = 0$
 $m = -2, -1$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{P.I.} &= \frac{\sin(e^x)}{(D^2 + 3D + 2)} = \frac{\sin(e^x)}{(D+2)(D+1)} \\
&= \frac{1}{D+2} \left\{ \frac{1}{D+1} \sin(e^x) \right\} = \frac{1}{D+2} \left\{ e^{-x} \int e^x \sin(e^x) dx \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{D+2} \left\{ e^{-x} \int \sin t dt \right\} = \frac{1}{D+2} \left\{ e^{-x} (-\cos t) \right\} \\
&= \frac{-1}{D+2} \left\{ e^{-x} \cos(e^x) \right\} = -e^{-2x} \int e^{2x} (e^{-x} \cos(e^x)) dx \\
&= -e^{-2x} \int e^x \cos(e^x) dx = -e^{-2x} \int \cos t dt = -e^{-2x} \sin t
\end{aligned}$$

P.I. = $-e^{-2x} \sin e^x$

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Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

Hence, $y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x} - e^{-2x} \sin e^x$ ■

Particular integral when $f(x) = ke^{ax}$

Consider the differential equation

$$F(D)y = f(x)$$

$$F(D)y = ke^{ax}$$

Therefore, P.I. = $\frac{1}{F(D)} ke^{ax}$ ---(1)

We have, $F(D)e^{ax} = (a_n D^n + a_{n-1} D^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 D^2 + a_1 D + a_0)e^{ax}$

$$= (a_n a^n + a_{n-1} a^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 a^2 + a_1 a + a_0)e^{ax}$$

$$F(D)e^{ax} = F(a)e^{ax}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{F(a)} e^{ax} = \frac{1}{F(D)} e^{ax}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{F(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{1}{F(a)} e^{ax} \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Since $De^{ax} = ae^{ax}$, $D^2 e^{ax} = a^2 e^{ax}$ --- $D^n e^{ax} = a^n e^{ax}$

Using equation (2) in (1), we get

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{F(a)} ke^{ax} \text{ provided } F(a) \neq 0$$

If $F(a) = 0$, then the case fails and we proceed as follows

$$F(a) = 0 \Rightarrow a \text{ is a root of A.E.}$$

$$\Rightarrow (D - a) \text{ is a factor of } F(D)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(D) = (D - a)\phi(D)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{F(D)} ke^{ax} = \frac{1}{(D - a)\phi(D)} ke^{ax}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D - a)\phi(a)} ke^{ax} = \frac{k}{\phi(a)} \frac{1}{D - a} e^{ax}$$

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$$= \frac{k}{\phi(a)} \left\{ e^{ax} \int e^{-ax} \cdot e^{ax} dx \right\} = \frac{k}{\phi(a)} \{ e^{ax} \cdot x \} = x \frac{1}{\phi(a)} ke^{ax}$$

$$\text{Since } F(D) = (D - a)\phi(D)$$

$$F'(D) = (D - a)\phi'(D) + 1 \cdot \phi(D)$$

$$F'(a) = 0 + \phi(a) = \phi(a)$$

$$\text{Thus, P.I.} = x \cdot \frac{1}{F'(a)} ke^{ax}, \text{ provided } F'(a) \neq 0.$$

$$\text{If } F'(a) = 0, \text{ then P.I.} = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{F''(a)} ke^{ax} \text{ provided } F''(a) \neq 0.$$

$$\text{If } F''(a) = 0, \text{ then P.I.} = x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{F'''(a)} ke^{ax} \text{ provided } F'''(a) \neq 0, \text{ and so on.}$$

Working Rule

$$\text{If } f(x) = ke^{ax}, \text{ then P.I.} = \frac{1}{F(D)} ke^{ax} = \frac{1}{F(a)} ke^{ax}, F(a) \neq 0$$

$$\text{If } F(a) = 0, \text{ then P.I.} = x \frac{1}{F'(a)} ke^{ax}, F'(a) \neq 0.$$

$$\text{If } F'(a) = 0 \text{ then P.I.} = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{F''(a)} ke^{ax}, F''(a) \neq 0 \text{ and so on.}$$

Note If $f(x) = k$, then

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{k}{F(D)} = \frac{ke^{0 \cdot x}}{F(D)} = \frac{ke^{0 \cdot x}}{F(0)} = \frac{k}{F(0)}, \text{ provided } F(0) \neq 0$$

Worked Examples

1. Solve $y'' - y' - 2y = e^{3x}$

► The given equation can be written as

$$(D^2 - D - 2)y = e^{3x}$$

The AE is $m^2 - m - 2 = 0$

$$(m - 2)(m + 1) = 0$$

$$m = 2, -1$$

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Therefore,

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{e^{3x}}{D^2 - D - 2} = \frac{e^{3x}}{4}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

$$\text{Hence, } y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-x} + \frac{1}{4} e^{3x}$$

2. Solve $(D^2 - 4D + 3)y = e^x$

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare \text{ The AE is } m^2 - 4m + 3 &= 0 \\ (m-1)(m-3) &= 0 \\ m &= 1, 3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{3x}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{e^x}{D^2 - 4D + 3} = x \cdot \frac{e^x}{2D - 4} = -\frac{1}{2} x e^x$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

$$\text{Hence, } y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{3x} - \frac{1}{2} x e^x$$

Note If the RHS of the given differential equation is a part of C.F. then we get zero in the denominator when finding P.I.

3. Solve $y'' + 5y' + 6y = e^{-2x}$

► The given equation can be written as

$$(D^2 + 5D + 6)y = e^{-2x}$$

The AE is $m^2 + 5m + 6 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} (m+2)(m+3) &= 0 \\ m &= -2, -3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-3x}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{e^{-2x}}{D^2 + 5D + 6} = x \cdot \frac{e^{-2x}}{2D + 5} = x e^{-2x}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

$$\text{Hence, } y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-3x} + x e^{-2x}$$

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4. Solve $(D^2 + D - 2)y = 3e^x$

The A.E is $m^2 + m - 2 = 0$
 $m^2 + 2m - m - 2 = 0$
 $m(m+2) - 1(m+2) = 0$
 $(m-1)(m+2) = 0$
 $m = 1, -2$

Therefore,

$$C.F = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P.I &= \frac{3e^x}{D^2 + D - 2} \\
 &= x \cdot \frac{3e^x}{2D + 1} = x \cdot \frac{3e^x}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P.I = xe^x$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-2x} + xe^x$$

5. Solve $y'' - 6y' + 9y = e^x$

The A.E is $m^2 - 6m + 9 = 0$
 $(m-3)^2 = 0$
 $m = 3, 3$

Therefore,

$$C.F = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{3x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P.I &= \frac{e^x}{D^2 - 6D + 9} \\
 &= \frac{e^x}{4} = \frac{1}{4}e^x
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{3x} + \frac{1}{4}e^x$$

6. Solve $(D^2 - 13D + 12)y = e^{2x} + 5e^x$

The A.E is $m^2 - 13m + 12 = 0$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 m^2 - 12m - m + 12 &= 0 \\
 m(m-12) - 1(m-12) &= 0 \\
 (m-1)(m-12) &= 0 \\
 m &= 1, 12
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$C.F = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{12x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P.I &= \frac{e^{2x} + 5e^x}{D^2 - 13D + 12} \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x}}{D^2 - 13D + 12} + 5 \frac{e^x}{D^2 - 13D + 12} \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x}}{4 - 26 + 12} + 5 \frac{e^x}{2D - 13} \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x}}{-10} + 5x \cdot \frac{e^x}{-11}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P.I = -\frac{1}{10} e^{2x} - \frac{5}{11} x e^x$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{12x} - \frac{1}{10} e^{2x} - \frac{5}{11} x e^x \quad \blacksquare$$

7. Solve $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = e^x$

► The given equation can be written as

$$(D^3 - 3D^2 + 4D - 2)y = e^x$$

The AE is $m^3 - 3m^2 + 4m - 2 = 0$

$m = 1$ is one of the roots of AE

$m = 1$	1	-3	4	-2
	0	1	-2	2
	1	-2	2	0

$$m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0$$

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$$m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = 1 \pm i$$

$$m = 1, 1 \pm i$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 e^x + e^x (c_2 \cos x + c_3 \sin x)$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{e^x}{D^3 - 3D^2 + 4D - 2} = x \cdot \frac{e^x}{3D^2 - 6D + 4} = \frac{x e^x}{1}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

Hence, $y = c_1 e^x + e^x (c_2 \cos x + c_3 \sin x) + x e^x$ ■

8. Solve $(D^2 + 7D + 12)y = \cosh x$

► The AE is $m^2 + 7m + 12 = 0$

$$m^2 + 3m + 4m + 12 = 0$$

$$m(m+3) + 4(m+3) = 0$$

$$(m+4)(m+3) = 0$$

$$m = -4, -3$$

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{-4x} + c_2 e^{-3x}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{\cosh x}{D^2 + 7D + 12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2 + 7D + 12} \left[\frac{1}{2} (e^x + e^{-x}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^x}{D^2 + 7D + 12} + \frac{e^{-x}}{D^2 + 7D + 12} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^x}{20} + \frac{e^{-x}}{6} \right]$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{40} e^x + \frac{1}{12} e^{-x}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

Hence, $y = c_1 e^{-4x} + c_2 e^{-3x} + \frac{1}{40} e^x + \frac{1}{12} e^{-x}$ ■

9. Solve $y'' - 4y = \sinh^2 x$

► The given equation can be written as

$$(D^2 - 4)y = \sinh^2 x$$

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The A.E is $m^2 - 4 = 0$

$$m = \pm 2$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D^2 - 4} \sinh^2 x \\ &= \frac{1}{D^2 - 4} \left[\frac{1}{2} (e^x - e^{-x}) \right]^2 = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4} \left[\frac{1}{4} (e^{2x} + e^{-2x} - 2) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4(D^2 - 4)} + \frac{1}{4(D^2 - 4)} - \frac{1}{2(D^2 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} x \cdot \frac{e^{2x}}{(2D)} + \frac{1}{4} x \cdot \frac{e^{-2x}}{(2D)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(D^2 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{1}{16} x e^{2x} - \frac{1}{16} x e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{8} \\ \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{16} (x e^{2x} - x e^{-2x} + 2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

Hence, $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{16} (x e^{2x} - x e^{-2x} + 2)$

10. Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 2 \cosh x$

► The given equation can be written as

$$(D^2 + 4D + 5)y = 2 \cosh x$$

The A.E is $m^2 + 4m + 5 = 0$

$$m = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(5)(1)}}{2(1)} = -2 \pm i$$

Therefore, C.F. = $e^{-2x} (c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D^2 + 4D + 5} (2 \cosh x) = \frac{1}{D^2 + 4D + 5} (e^x + e^{-x}) \\ &= \frac{e^x}{D^2 + 4D + 5} + \frac{e^{-x}}{D^2 + 4D + 5} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{10}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

$$\text{Hence, } y = e^{-2x}(c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x) + \frac{1}{10}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$$

11. Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4y = \cosh(2x-1) + 3^x$

► The given equation can be written as

$$(D^2 - 4)y = \cosh(2x-1) + 3^x$$

The AE is $m^2 - 4 = 0$,

$$m = \pm 2$$

Therefore,

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4} [\cosh(2x-1) + 3^x]$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2 - 4} \left[\frac{1}{2}(e^{2x-1} + e^{-(2x-1)}) + 3^x \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{2x-1}}{D^2 - 4} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{-2x+1}}{D^2 - 4} + \frac{3^x}{D^2 - 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x \cdot \frac{e^{2x-1}}{2D} + \frac{1}{2} x \cdot \frac{e^{-2x+1}}{2D} + \frac{e^{x \log 3}}{D^2 - 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} x e^{2x-1} - \frac{1}{8} x e^{-2x+1} + \frac{e^{x \log 3}}{(\log 3)^2 - 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} x \left(\frac{e^{2x-1} - e^{-(2x-1)}}{2} \right) + \frac{3^x}{(\log 3)^2 - 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} x \sinh(2x-1) + \frac{3^x}{(\log 3)^2 - 4}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

$$\text{Hence, } y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{4} x \sinh(2x-1) + \frac{3^x}{(\log 3)^2 - 4}$$

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12. Solve $(D^2 + 5D + 10)y = e^x + 4^x$

► The AE is $m^2 + 5m + 10 = 0$

$$m = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 4(1)(10)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{15}i}{2} = \frac{5}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}i$$

Therefore, C.F. = $e^{\frac{5}{2}x} \left[c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x\right) \right]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{e^x + 4^x}{D^2 + 5D + 10} \\ &= \frac{e^x}{D^2 + 5D + 10} + \frac{4^x}{D^2 + 5D + 10} = \frac{e^x}{16} + \frac{e^{x \log 4}}{D^2 + 5D + 10} \\ &= \frac{1}{16}e^x + \frac{e^{x \log 4}}{(\log 4)^2 + 5 \log 4 + 10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{16}e^x + \frac{4^x}{(\log 4)^2 + 5 \log 4 + 10}$$

Thus, G.S. = C.F. + P.I.

Hence,

$$y = e^{\frac{5}{2}x} \left[c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x\right) \right] + \frac{1}{16}e^x + \frac{4^x}{(\log 4)^2 + 5 \log 4 + 10} \quad \blacksquare$$

Exercises

- 1) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = e^x$
- 2) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = e^x - e^{-2x}$
- 3) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^{-2x} + 2 \sinh x$
- 4) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = (1 + e^x)^2$
- 5) $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + y = 5e^x + 3$
- 6) $y''' - y'' - y' + y = e^x$
- 7) $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} = e$

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- 8) $(D^2 - a^2)y = e^{ax} + e^{nx}$, $a \neq n$
- 9) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2k\frac{dy}{dx} + k^2y = e^x$, $k \neq 1$
- 10) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 3e^{-2x}$ given that $y = 4$ and $y' = -7$ when $x = 0$
- 11) $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dx}{dt} + x = 2e^{-t}$
- 12) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \cosh x$
- 13) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = \cosh 2x$
- 14) $y'' - 6y' + 9y = \sinh 3x$
- 15) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 7\frac{dy}{dx} + 10y = (1 + e^x)^2$
- 16) $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} - 4 = \sinh(2x + 3)$
- 17) $(D^3 + 2D^2 - D - 2)y = 2\cosh x$
- 18) $(D^2 + 5D + 6)y = e^{-2x} + e^{-3x}$
- 19) $(D^2 + 5D + 6)y = e^x - e^{-2x}$
- 20) $(D^2 - 5D + 6)y = (e^x + 1)^2$
- 21) $y'' - 2y' + y = 3e^{2x}$
- 22) $(D^3 - D^2 + 4D - 4)y = e^x + 2\cosh 3x$
- 23) $(D^3 - D^2 - 2D)y = e^{-x}$
- 24) $(D^3 - 3D^2 + 4D - 2)y = e^x$
- 25) $(D^3 - 3aD^2 + 3a^2D - a^3)y = e^{ax}$
- 26) $(D^4 - D^3 - 3D^2 + 5D - 2)y = e^{3x}$
- 27) $(D^4 - 2D^2 + 1)y = 4 + e^x$

Answers

- 1) $y = (c_1 + c_2x)e^{3x} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-x}$
- 2) $y = c_1e^{-x} + c_2e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{12}e^x - xe^{-2x}$
- 3) $y = (c_1 + c_2x)e^x + \frac{1}{9}e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{2}x^2e^x + \frac{1}{4}e^{-x}$
- 4) $y = c_1e^{2x} + c_2e^{3x} + e^x - xe^{2x} + \frac{1}{6}$

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- 5) $y = c_1 e^{-x} + e^{\frac{x}{2}} \left[c_2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}x}{2}\right) + c_3 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}x}{2}\right) \right] + 3 + \frac{5}{2} e^x$
- 6) $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^x + c_3 e^{-4x} + \frac{x^2}{4} e^x$
- 7) $y = c_1 + (c_2 + c_3 x) e^{-x} + \frac{1}{18} e^{2x}$
- 8) $y = c_1 e^{ax} + c_2 e^{-ax} + \frac{x}{2a} e^{ax} + \frac{1}{a^2 - 1} e^{ax}$
- 9) $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{kx} + \frac{1}{k^2 - 2k + 1} e^x$
- 10) $y = e^{-2x} (\cos x + \sin x) + 3e^{-2x}$
- 11) $x = (c_1 + c_2 t) e^t + \frac{2}{9} e^{-9t}$
- 12) $y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} x e^x + \frac{1}{12} e^{-x}$
- 13) $y = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \frac{1}{8} \cosh 2x$
- 14) $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{2x} + \frac{x^2}{4} e^{3x} - \frac{1}{36} e^{-3x}$
- 15) $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{5x} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{2} e^x - \frac{x}{3} e^{2x}$
- 16) $y = c_1 e^x + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x + \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{e^{2x+3}}{2} + \frac{e^{-(2x+3)}}{3} \right]$
- 17) $y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} + c_3 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{6} x e^x - \frac{1}{2} x e^{-x}$
- 18) $y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-3x} + x(e^{-2x} - e^{-3x})$
- 19) $y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-3x} + \frac{1}{12} e^x - x e^{-2x}$
- 20) $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x} + e^x - x e^{2x} + \frac{1}{6}$
- 21) $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^x + 3e^{2x}$

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$$22) y = c_1 e^x + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x + \frac{x e^x}{5} + \frac{e^{3x}}{26} - \frac{e^{-3x}}{52}$$

$$23) y = c_1 + c_2 e^{-x} + c_3 e^{2x} + \frac{x}{3} e^{-x}$$

$$24) y = c_1 e^x + e^x (c_2 \cos x + c_3 \sin x) + x e^x$$

$$25) y = (c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2) e^{ax} + \frac{x^3}{6} e^{ax}$$

$$26) y = (c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2) e^x + c_4 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{40} e^{3x}$$

$$27) y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^x + (c_3 + c_4 x) e^{-x} + 4 + \frac{x^2}{8} e^x$$

Particular Integral when $f(x) = k \sin(ax+b)$ or $k \cos(ax+b)$

We have $D \sin(ax+b) = a \cos(ax+b)$

$$D^2 \sin(ax+b) = -a^2 \sin(ax+b)$$

i.e., $(D^2) \sin(ax+b) = (-a^2) \sin(ax+b)$

$$D^3 \sin(ax+b) = -a^3 \cos(ax+b)$$

$$D^4 \sin(ax+b) = a^4 \sin(ax+b)$$

i.e., $(D^2)^2 \sin(ax+b) = (-a^2)^2 \sin(ax+b)$

In general $(D^2)^n \sin(ax+b) = (-a^2)^n \sin(ax+b)$

Therefore, $g(D^2) \sin(ax+b) = g(-a^2) \sin(ax+b)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{g(D^2)} g(D^2) \sin(ax+b) = \frac{1}{g(D^2)} g(-a^2) \sin(ax+b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{g(-a^2)} \sin(ax+b) = \frac{1}{g(D^2)} \sin(ax+b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{g(D^2)} \sin(ax+b) = \frac{1}{g(-a^2)} \sin(ax+b) \text{ provided } g(-a^2) \neq 0$$

i.e., we replace D^2 by $-a^2$

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If $g(-a^2) = 0$, then the case fails and we proceed as follows.

We have $\cos(ax+b) + i \sin(ax+b) = e^{i(ax+b)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \frac{1}{g(D^2)} \sin(ax+b) &= \text{I.P. of } \frac{e^{i(ax+b)}}{g(D^2)} \\ &= \text{I.P. of } x \cdot \frac{e^{i(ax+b)}}{\frac{d}{dD} [g(D^2)]} \\ &= x \cdot \frac{\sin(ax+b)}{g'(D^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{g(D^2)} \sin(ax+b) = \frac{\sin(ax+b)}{g'(-a^2)}, \text{ provided } g'(-a^2) \neq 0$$

If $g'(a^2) = 0$, then

$$\frac{1}{g(D^2)} \sin(ax+b) = x^2 \cdot \frac{\sin(ax+b)}{g''(-a^2)}, \text{ provided } g''(-a^2) \neq 0$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{1}{g(D^2)} \cos(ax+b) = \frac{1}{g(-a^2)} \cos(ax+b), \text{ provided } g(-a^2) \neq 0$$

If $g(-a^2) = 0$, then

$$\frac{1}{g(D^2)} \cos(ax+b) = x \cdot \frac{1}{g'(-a^2)} \cos(ax+b), \text{ provided } g'(-a^2) \neq 0.$$

If $g'(-a^2) = 0$, then

$$\frac{1}{g(D^2)} \cos(ax+b) = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{g''(-a^2)} \cos(ax+b)$$

where $g'(-a^2)$ and $g''(-a^2)$ denotes the derivatives of $g(D^2)$ with respect to D at $D^2 = -a^2$

Working Rule

If $f(x) = k \sin(ax+b)$, then

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{P.I.} &= \frac{\sin(ax+b)}{F(D)} = \frac{\sin(ax+b)}{\phi(D^2) + D\psi(D^2)} \\
 &= \frac{\sin(ax+b)}{\phi(-a^2) + D\psi(-a^2)} \\
 &= \frac{\phi(-a^2) - D\psi(-a^2)}{[\phi(-a^2)]^2 - D^2[\psi(-a^2)]^2} \sin(ax+b) \\
 &= \frac{\phi(-a^2) - D\psi(-a^2)}{[\phi(-a^2)]^2 - (-a^2)[\psi(-a^2)]^2} \sin(ax+b) \\
 &= \frac{\phi(-a^2)\sin(ax+b) - a\psi(-a^2)\cos(ax+b)}{[\phi(-a^2)]^2 + a^2[\psi(-a^2)]^2}, \text{ provided } Dr \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

If $Dr = 0$, then

$$\text{P.I.} = x \frac{\sin(ax+b)}{F'(D)} \Big|_{D^2=-a^2}, \text{ provided } F'(D) \Big|_{D^2=-a^2} \neq 0$$

If $F'(D) \Big|_{D^2=-a^2} = 0$, then

$$\text{P.I.} = x^2 \cdot \frac{\sin(ax+b)}{F''(D)} \Big|_{D^2=-a^2}, \text{ provided } F''(D) \Big|_{D^2=-a^2} \neq 0 \text{ and so on.}$$

Similarly we use the same procedure for $\cos(ax+b)$

Worked Examples

1. Solve $y'' - 4y = \cos 2x$

► The AE is $m^2 - 4 = 0$

$$m = 2, -2$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{\cos 2x}{D^2 - 4} = \frac{\cos 2x}{-2^2 - 4} = -\frac{1}{8} \cos 2x$$

Hence, the general solution is

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$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{8} \cos 2x$$

2. Solve $(D^2 + 5D + 6)y = \sin x$

► The A.E is $m^2 + 5m + 6 = 0$

$$m = -3, -2$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{\sin x}{D^2 + 5D + 6} \\ &= \frac{\sin x}{-1^2 + 5D + 6} = \frac{1}{5(D+1)} \sin x \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \frac{(D-1)}{(D+1)(D-1)} \sin x = \frac{1}{5} \frac{D-1}{(D^2-1)} \sin x \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \frac{(D-1)}{(-1^2-1)} \sin x = -\frac{1}{10} (\cos x - \sin x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{10} (\cos x - \sin x)$$

3. Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \cos 2x$

► The A.E is $m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$

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

$$m = 1, 2$$

Therefore,

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{\cos 2x}{D^2 - 3D + 2} \\ &= \frac{\cos 2x}{-2^2 - 3D + 2} = \frac{\cos 2x}{-3D - 2} \\ &= -\frac{\cos 2x}{3D + 2} \times \frac{3D - 2}{3D - 2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{-(3D-2)\cos 2x}{9D^2-4} \\
 &= \frac{-(3D-2)\cos 2x}{9(-2^2)-4} = \frac{-(3D-2)\cos 2x}{-40} \\
 &= \frac{1}{40} [3(-\sin 2x \cdot 2) - 2\cos 2x] \\
 &= \frac{1}{40} (-6\sin 2x - 2\cos 2x) = -\frac{1}{20} (3\sin 2x + \cos 2x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} - \frac{1}{20} (3\sin 2x + \cos 2x)$$

4. Solve $(D^2 + 1)y = \sin(2x + 3)$

► The AE is $m^2 + 1 = 0$

$$m = \pm i$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{\sin(2x+3)}{D^2+1} = \frac{\sin(2x+3)}{-2^2+1} = -\frac{1}{3} \sin(2x+3)$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x - \frac{1}{3} \sin(2x+3)$$

5. Solve $(D^2 + a^2)y = \cos ax$

► The AE is $m^2 + a^2 = 0$

$$m = \pm ai$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 \cos ax + c_2 \sin ax$

$$\text{P.F.} = \frac{\cos ax}{D^2 + a^2} = x \cdot \frac{\cos ax}{2D} = \frac{x}{2} \int \cos ax dx$$

$$= \frac{x}{2} \left(\frac{\sin ax}{a} \right) = \frac{x}{2a} \sin ax$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos ax + c_2 \sin ax + \frac{x}{2a} \sin ax$$

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6. Solve $(D^2 + a^2)y = \sin ax$

► The AE is $m^2 + a^2 = 0$

$$m = \pm ai$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 \cos ax + c_2 \sin ax$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{\sin ax}{D^2 + a^2} = x \cdot \frac{\sin ax}{2D} = \frac{x}{2} \int \sin ax \, dx \\ &= \frac{x}{2} \left(-\frac{\cos ax}{a} \right) = -\frac{x}{2a} \cos ax \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos ax + c_2 \sin ax - \frac{x}{2a} \cos ax$$

7. Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9y = \sin 3x$

► The AE is $m^2 + 9 = 0$

$$m = \pm 3i$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{\sin 3x}{D^2 + 9} = x \cdot \frac{\sin 3x}{2D} = \frac{x}{2} \int \sin 3x \, dx \\ &= \frac{x}{2} \left(-\frac{\cos 3x}{3} \right) = -\frac{x}{6} \cos 3x \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x - \frac{x}{6} \cos 3x$$

8. Solve $(D^2 + 1)y = \cos^2 x$

► The AE is $m^2 + 1 = 0$

$$m = \pm i$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2x)$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(D^2+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 2x}{(D^2+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(0+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 2x}{(-2^2+1)}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \cos 2x$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \cos 2x$$

9. Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4y = \sin^3 x$

► The AE is $m^2 - 4 = 0$
 $m = 2, -2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D^2-4} \sin^3 x = \frac{1}{(D^2-4)} \frac{1}{4} [3\sin x - \sin 3x] \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \frac{\sin x}{(D^2-4)} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sin 3x}{(D^2-4)} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\sin x}{(-1^2-4)} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sin 3x}{(-3^2-4)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = -\frac{3}{20} \sin x + \frac{1}{52} \sin 3x$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} - \frac{3}{20} \sin x + \frac{1}{52} \sin 3x$$

10. Solve $(D^2 - 4D + 3)y = \sin 3x \cos 2x$

► The AE is $m^2 - 4m + 3 = 0$
 $(m-1)(m-3) = 0$
 $m = 1, 3$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{3x}$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 3} \sin 3x \cos 2x$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(D^2 - 4D + 3)} \frac{1}{2} [\sin 5x + \sin x] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin 5x}{(D^2 - 4D + 3)} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin x}{(D^2 - 4D + 3)} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin 5x}{(-5^2 - 4D + 3)} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin x}{(-1^2 - 4D + 3)} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(-4D - 22)} \sin 5x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin x}{(2 - 4D)} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \frac{2D - 11}{(2D - 11)(2D + 11)} \sin 5x + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1 + 2D}{(1 - 2D)(1 + 2D)} \sin x \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \frac{2D - 11}{(4D^2 - 121)} \sin 5x + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1 + 2D}{(1 - 4D^2)} \sin x \\
&= \frac{1}{884} (2D - 11) \sin 5x + \frac{1}{20} (1 + 2D) \sin x \\
&= \frac{1}{884} [10 \cos 5x - 11 \sin 5x] + \frac{1}{20} [\sin x + 2 \cos x]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{3x} + \frac{1}{884} [10 \cos 5x - 11 \sin 5x] + \frac{1}{20} [\sin x + 2 \cos x] \quad \blacksquare$$

11. Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = \sin^2 x \cos^2 x$

► The A.E. is $m^2 + 1 = 0$
 $m = \pm i$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{P.I.} &= \frac{\sin^2 x \cos^2 x}{D^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} (\sin x \cos x)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \left(\frac{\sin 2x}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(D^2 + 1)} \sin^2 2x \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(D^2 + 1)} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 4x) = \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{(D^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{\cos 4x}{(D^2 + 1)}
\end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{(0+1)} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{\cos 4x}{(-4^2+1)} = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{120} \cos 4x$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{120} \cos 4x$$

12. Solve $(D^2 - 4)y = e^x + \sin 2x$

► The AE is $m^2 - 4 = 0$

$$m = 2, -2$$

Therefore, C.F. = $c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{e^x + \sin 2x}{D^2 - 4} = \frac{e^x}{D^2 - 4} + \frac{\sin 2x}{D^2 - 4} = \frac{e^x}{1^2 - 4} + \frac{\sin 2x}{-2^2 - 4}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = -\frac{1}{3} e^x - \frac{1}{8} \sin 2x$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{3} e^x - \frac{1}{8} \sin 2x$$

13. Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^{2x} - \cos^2 x$

► The AE is $m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0$

$$m = -1, -1$$

Therefore, C.F. = $(c_1 + c_2 x)e^{-x}$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 2D + 1} (e^{2x} - \cos^2 x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2 + 2D + 1} \left(e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2x) \right)$$

$$= \frac{e^{2x}}{D^2 + 2D + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(D^2 + 2D + 1)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 2x}{(D^2 + 2D + 1)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{9}e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{[0+2(0)+1]} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 2x}{[-2^2+2D+1]} \\
&= \frac{1}{9}e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2D+3)}{(2D-3)(2D+3)} \cos 2x \\
&= \frac{1}{9}e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2D+3)}{(4D^2-9)} \cos 2x \\
&= \frac{1}{9}e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2D+3)}{[4(-2^2)-9]} \cos 2x \\
&= \frac{1}{9}e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{50}(-4\sin 2x + 3\cos 2x)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = (c_1 + c_2x)e^x + \frac{1}{9}e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{50}(3\cos 2x - 4\sin 2x) \quad \blacksquare$$

14. Solve $(D^4 - 2D^2 + 1)y = \cos x$

■ The AE is $m^4 - 2m^2 + 1 = 0$

$$(m^2 - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$m = 1, 1, -1, -1$$

Therefore, C.F. = $(c_1 + c_2x)e^x + (c_3 + c_4x)e^{-x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{P.I.} &= \frac{\cos x}{D^4 - 2D^2 + 1} = \frac{\cos x}{(D^2)^2 - 2D^2 + 1} \\
&= \frac{\cos x}{(-1^2)^2 - 2(-1^2) + 1} = \frac{1}{4} \cos x
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the general solution is

$$y = (c_1 + c_2x)e^x + (c_3 + c_4x)e^{-x} + \frac{1}{4} \cos x \quad \blacksquare$$

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