

## MA11210 Differential Equations – Exercise Sheet 3 – Solutions

**1a\*)** The general solution of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 12y = 24x^2$  is of the form

$$y(x) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + m - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = -4, m_2 = 3.$$

As the roots are real and distinct, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = Ae^{-4x} + Be^{3x}.$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Since the forcing term is a monomial of degree 2, we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:

$$y_p(x) = a + bx + cx^2, \text{ so that } \frac{dy_p}{dx} = b + 2cx \text{ and } \frac{d^2y_p}{dx^2} = 2c.$$

Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} 2c + (b + 2cx) - 12(a + bx + cx^2) &= 24x^2 \\ \Rightarrow -12a + b + 2c + (-12b + 2c)x - 12cx^2 &= 24x^2 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2) \quad -12c &= 24 & \Rightarrow c &= -2 \\ x) \quad 2c - 12b &= 0 & \Rightarrow b &= -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1) \quad -12a + b + 2c &= 0 & \Rightarrow a &= -\frac{13}{36} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a Particular Integral is  $-\frac{13}{36} - \frac{1}{3}x - 2x^2$  and the general solution is

$$y(x) = Ae^{-4x} + Be^{3x} - \frac{13}{36} - \frac{1}{3}x - 2x^2$$

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**1b)** The general solution of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 2e^{-x}$  is of the form

$$y(x) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + 6m + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = m_2 = -3$$

As there is one repeated real root, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = (A + Bx)e^{-3x}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Since the forcing term is an exponential function, we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:

$$y_p(x) = ae^{-x}, \text{ so that } \frac{dy_p}{dx} = -ae^{-x} \text{ and } \frac{d^2y_p}{dx^2} = ae^{-x}.$$

Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} ae^{-x} - 6ae^{-x} + 9ae^{-x} &= 2e^{-x} \\ \Rightarrow 4ae^{-x} &= 2e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  and a Particular Integral is  $\frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$ . Hence, the general solution is

$$y(x) = (A + Bx)e^{-3x} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$$

**1c\*)** The general solution of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = 10 \sin(3x)$  is of the form

$$y(x) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m = \pm 2i.$$

As the roots are complex conjugates (in fact purely imaginary), the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = A \sin(2x) + B \cos(2x),$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Seek the particular integral in the form

$$y_p(x) = a \sin(3x) + b \cos(3x).$$

Substitution into the ODE yields

$$-5a \sin(3x) - 5b \cos(3x) = 10 \sin(3x),$$

whence  $a = -2$  and  $b = 0$ .

Combining the above,

$$y = A \sin(2x) + B \cos(2x) - 2 \sin(3x).$$

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**1d)** The general solution of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9y = 9 \sin 3x$  is of the form

$$y(x) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$  we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = -3i, m_2 = 3i$$

As the roots are complex conjugate, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Since the usual trial function associated with the forcing term (namely  $a \cos 3x + b \sin 3x$ ) can be derived from the Complementary Function (by setting  $A = a$  and  $B = b$ ), we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:  $y_p(x) = x(a \cos 3x + b \sin 3x)$ , so that

$$\frac{dy_p}{dx} = (a + 3bx) \cos 3x + (b - 3ax) \sin 3x \text{ and } \frac{d^2y_p}{dx^2} = (6b - 9ax) \cos 3x - (6a + 9bx) \sin 3x.$$

Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} (6b - 9ax) \cos 3x - (6a + 9bx) \sin 3x + 9(ax \cos 3x + bx \sin 3x) &= 9 \sin 3x \\ \Rightarrow 6b \cos 3x - 6a \sin 3x &= 9 \sin 3x \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 3x) \quad 6b &= 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \\ \sin 3x) \quad -6a &= 9 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a Particular Integral is  $-\frac{3}{2}x \cos 3x$  and the general solution is

$$y(x) = A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x - \frac{3}{2}x \cos 3x$$

**1e\*)** The general solution of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 10e^{3x}$  is of the form

$$y(x) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}.$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 - 6m + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = m_2 = 3.$$

As there is one repeated real root, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = (A + Bx)e^{3x}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

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Since the usual trial function associated with the forcing term (namely  $ae^{3x}$ ) can be derived from the Complementary Function (by putting  $A = a$  and  $B = 0$ ) (NB:  $xe^x$  can also be

derived from the Complementary Function), we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:  $y_p(x) = ax^2e^{3x}$ , so that

$$\frac{dy_p}{dx} = ae^{3x}(3x^2 + 2x) \text{ and } \frac{d^2y_p}{dx^2} = ae^{3x}(9x^2 + 12x + 2).$$

Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} ae^{3x}(9x^2 + 12x + 2 - 18x^2 - 12x + 9x^2) &= 10e^{3x} \\ \Rightarrow 2ae^{3x} &= 10e^{3x} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $a = 5$  and a Particular Integral is  $5x^2e^{3x}$ . Hence, the general solution is

$$y(x) = (A + Bx)e^{3x} + 5x^2e^{3x}$$

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**2a)** First, we find the general solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 30 \cos t$ , which is of the form

$$y(t) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = -2, m_2 = -1$$

As the roots are real and distinct, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-t}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Since the forcing term is a multiple of a trigonometric function, we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:  $y_p(t) = a \cos t + b \sin t$ , so that

$$y_p'(t) = -a \sin t + b \cos t \text{ and } y_p''(t) = -a \cos t - b \sin t.$$

for some constants  $a$  and  $b$  to be determined. Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} -a \cos t - b \sin t + 3(-a \sin t + b \cos t) + 2(a \cos t + b \sin t) &= 30 \cos t \\ \Rightarrow (a + 3b) \cos t + (b - 3a) \sin t &= 30 \cos t \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos t) \quad a + 3b &= 30 \\ \sin t) \quad b - 3a &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving the above simultaneous equations gives,  $a = 3$  and  $b = 9$ . Therefore, a Particular Integral is  $\cos t + 3 \sin t$  and the general solution is

$$y(t) = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-t} + 3 \cos t + 9 \sin t$$

In order to apply the initial condition  $y'(0) = -1$ , we first differentiate the general solution to obtain:

$$y'(t) = -2Ae^{-2t} - Be^{-t} - 3 \sin t + 9 \cos t.$$

Applying the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= y(0) = A + B + 3 \Rightarrow A + B = 1 \\ -1 &= y'(0) = -2A - B + 9 \Rightarrow 2A + B = 10 \end{aligned}$$

Solving the above simultaneous equations gives  $A = 9$  and  $B = -8$ . Hence the particular solution is

$$y(t) = 9e^{-2t} - 8e^{-t} + 3 \cos t + 9 \sin t$$

**2b\*)** First, we find the general solution of  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 2t + 5e^{-t}$ , which is of the form

$$y(t) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = 1 - i, m_2 = 1 + i$$

As the roots are complex conjugate, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = e^t(A \cos t + B \sin t)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Since the forcing term is a sum of a monomial of degree 1 and multiple of an exponential function, we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:

$$y_p(t) = a + bt + ce^{-t}, \text{ so that } y_p'(t) = b - ce^{-t} \text{ and } y_p''(t) = ce^{-t}.$$

for some constants  $a$  and  $b$  to be determined. Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} ce^{-t} - 2(b - ce^{-t}) + 2(a + bt + ce^{-t}) &= 2t + 5e^{-t} \\ \Rightarrow 2a - 2b + 2bt + 5ce^{-t} &= 2t + 5e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-t}) \quad 5c &= 5 & \Rightarrow c &= 1 \\ t) \quad 2b &= 2 & \Rightarrow b &= 1 \\ 1) \quad 2a - 2b &= 0 & \Rightarrow a &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a Particular Integral is  $1 + t + e^{-t}$  and the general solution is

$$y(t) = e^t(A \cos t + B \sin t) + 1 + t + e^{-t}$$

In order to apply the initial condition  $y'(0) = -1$ , we first differentiate the general solution to obtain:

$$y'(t) = e^t((A + B) \cos t + (B - A) \sin t) + 1 - e^{-t}.$$

Applying the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= y(0) = A + 2 \Rightarrow A = -2 \\ -1 &= y'(0) = A + B \Rightarrow B = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$y(t) = e^t(\sin t - 2 \cos t) + 1 + t + e^{-t}$$

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**2c)** First, we find the general solution of  $y'' + 4y = 10e^t - 4 \cos 2t$ , which is of the form

$$y(t) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = -2i, m_2 = 2i$$

As the roots are complex conjugate, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Since the usual trial function associated with a term of the forcing term (namely  $a \cos 2t + b \sin 2t$ ) can be derived from the Complementary Function, we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:

$$y_p(t) = at \cos 2t + bt \sin 2t + ce^t, \text{ so that}$$

$$y_p'(t) = (a+2bt) \cos 2t + (b-2at) \sin 2t + ce^t \text{ and } y_p''(t) = (4b-4at) \cos 2t - (4a+4bt) \sin 2t + ce^t.$$

for some constants  $a$  and  $b$  to be determined. Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} (4b - 4at) \cos 2t - (4a + 4bt) \sin 2t + ce^t + 4(at \cos 2t + bt \sin 2t + ce^t) &= 10e^t - 4 \cos 2t \\ \Rightarrow 4b \cos 2t - 4a \sin 2t + 5ce^t &= 10e^t - 4 \cos 2t \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of:

$$\begin{array}{l} \sin 2t ) \quad -4a = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = 0 \\ \cos 2t ) \quad 4b = -4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b = -1 \\ e^t ) \quad 5c = 10 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c = 2 \end{array}$$

Therefore, a Particular Integral is  $-t \sin 2t + 2e^t$  and the general solution is

$$y(t) = A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t - t \sin 2t + 2e^t$$

In order to apply the initial condition  $y'(0) = 6$ , we first differentiate the general solution to obtain:

$$y'(t) = (2B - 2t) \cos 2t - (2A + 1) \sin 2t + 2e^t.$$

Applying the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} 5 &= y(0) = A + 2 \Rightarrow A = 3 \\ 6 &= y'(0) = 2B + 2 \Rightarrow B = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$y(t) = 3 \cos 2t + 2 \sin 2t - t \sin 2t + 2e^t$$

**2d\*)** First, we find the general solution of  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 10 + 8t - 6te^{-2t}$ , which is of the form

$$y(t) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + 4m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = m_2 = -2$$

As there is one repeated real root, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = (A + Bt)e^{-2t}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

Since the usual trial function associated with a term of the forcing term (namely  $(c + dt)e^{-2t}$ ) can be derived from the Complementary Function (by setting  $A = c$  and  $B = d$ ), we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:

$$y_n(t) = a + bt + t^2(c + dt)e^{-2t}, \text{ so that } y'_n(t) = b + (2ct + (3d - 2c)t^2 - 2dt^3)e^{-2t},$$

$$y''_n(t) = (2c + (6d - 8c)t + (4c - 12d)t^2 + 4dt^3)e^{-2t}$$

for some constants  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  to be determined. Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} (2c + (6d - 8c)t + (4c - 12d)t^2 + 4dt^3)e^{-2t} + 4(b + (2ct + (3d - 2c)t^2 - 2dt^3)e^{-2t}) \\ + 4(a + bt + t^2(c + dt)e^{-2t}) = 10 + 8t - 6te^{-2t} \\ \Rightarrow 4a + 4b + 4bt + (2c + 6dt)e^{-2t} = 10 + 8t - 6te^{-2t} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of:

$$\begin{array}{lll} e^{-2t}) & 2c = 0 & \Rightarrow c = 0 \\ te^{-2t}) & 6d = -6 & \Rightarrow d = -1 \\ t) & 4b = 8 & \Rightarrow b = 2 \\ 1) & 4a + 4b = 10 & \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

Therefore, a Particular Integral is  $\frac{1}{2} + 2t - t^3e^{-2t}$  and the general solution is

$$y(t) = (A + Bt - t^3)e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} + 2t$$

In order to apply the initial condition  $y'(0) = 1$ , we first differentiate the general solution to obtain:

$$y'(t) = (B - 2A - 2Bt - 3t^2 + 2t^3)e^{-2t} + 2.$$

Applying the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= y(0) = A + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow A = \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 &= y'(0) = B - 2A + 2 \Rightarrow B = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$y(t) = \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2t - t^3\right)e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} + 2t$$

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3) The general solution of  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 10\sin 3x - 5e^{-x}$  is of the form

$$y(x) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^3 + m^2 + 4m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m^2(m + 1) + 4(m + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow (m + 1)(m^2 + 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 = -1, m_2 = -2i, m_3 = 2i$$

As there is one real root and a pair of complex conjugate roots, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = Ae^{-x} + B \cos 2x + C \sin 2x$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are arbitrary constants.

Since the usual trial function ( $ae^{-x}$ ) corresponding to a term of the forcing term ( $5e^{-x}$ ) can be derived from the Complementary Function (by setting  $A = a$ ), we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(x) &= axe^{-x} + b \cos 3x + c \sin 3x, \text{ so that} \\ y'_p(x) &= ae^{-x}(-x + 1) - 3b \sin 3x + 3c \cos 3x, \\ y''_p(x) &= ae^{-x}(x - 2) - 9b \cos 3x - 9c \sin 3x \\ y'''_p(x) &= ae^{-x}(-x + 3) + 27b \sin 3x - 27c \cos 3x \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned} ae^{-x}(-x + 3) + 27b \sin 3x - 27c \cos 3x + ae^{-x}(x - 2) - 9b \cos 3x - 9c \sin 3x \\ + 4(ae^{-x}(-x + 1) - 3b \sin 3x + 3c \cos 3x) + 4(axe^{-x} + b \cos 3x + c \sin 3x) &= 10 \sin 3x - 5e^{-x} \\ \Rightarrow 5ae^{-x} - (15c + 5b) \cos 3x + (15b - 5c) \sin 3x &= 10 \sin 3x - 5e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-x}) \quad 5a &= -5 & \Rightarrow a &= -1 \\ \cos 3x) \quad -15c - 5b &= 0 & \Rightarrow b &= -3c \\ \sin 3x) \quad 15b - 5c &= 10 & \Rightarrow c &= -\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow b = \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a Particular Integral is  $-xe^{-x} + \frac{3}{5} \cos 3x - \frac{1}{5} \sin 3x$  and the general solution is

$$y(x) = (A - x)e^{-x} + B \cos 2x + C \sin 2x + \frac{3}{5} \cos 3x - \frac{1}{5} \sin 3x$$

**4\*)** First, we find the general solution of  $y^{(iv)} - 4y'' = 8e^{2x} + 24x$ , which is of the form

$$y(x) = \text{Complementary Function} + \text{Particular Integral}$$

To find the Complementary Function,  $y_c$ , we first solve the auxiliary equation:

$$m^4 - 4m^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m^2(m^2 - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = m_2 = 0, m_3 = -2, m_4 = 2$$

As there is one root that is repeated twice and a pair of distinct real roots, the Complementary Function is:

$$y_c = A + Bx + Ce^{2x} + De^{-2x}$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  are arbitrary constants.

Since usual trial function  $(ae^{2x} + b + cx)$  corresponding to the forcing term can be derived from the Complementary Function (by setting  $C = a$ ,  $A = b$  and  $B = c$ ), we try the following trial function in order to determine the Particular Integral:

$$\begin{aligned}y_p(x) &= axe^{2x} + x^2(b + cx), \\y'_p(x) &= ae^{2x}(2x + 1) + 2bx + 3cx^2, \\y''_p(x) &= ae^{2x}(4x + 4) + 2b + 6cx \\y'''_p(x) &= 4ae^{2x}(2x + 3) + 6c \\y_p^{(iv)}(x) &= 16ae^{2x}(x + 2)\end{aligned}$$

Substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$\begin{aligned}16ae^{2x}(x + 2) - 4(ae^{2x}(4x + 4) + 2b + 6cx) &= 8e^{2x} + 24x \\ \Rightarrow 16ae^{2x} - 8b - 24cx &= 8e^{2x} + 24x\end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of:

$$\begin{aligned}e^{2x} & 16a = 8 \quad \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2} \\ 1) & -8b = 0 \quad \Rightarrow b = 0 \\ x & -24c = 24 \quad \Rightarrow c = -1\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a Particular Integral is  $\frac{1}{2}xe^{2x} - x^3$  and the general solution is

$$y(x) = A + Bx + Ce^{2x} + De^{-2x} + \frac{1}{2}xe^{2x} - x^3$$

In order to apply the initial conditions, we first differentiate the general solution to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}y'(x) &= B + 2Ce^{2x} - 2De^{-2x} + \frac{1}{2}e^{2x}(2x + 1) - 3x^2 \\ y''(x) &= 4Ce^{2x} + 4De^{-2x} + 2e^{2x}(x + 1) - 6x \\ y'''(x) &= 8Ce^{2x} - 8De^{-2x} + 2e^{2x}(2x + 3) - 6\end{aligned}$$

Applying the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}3 &= y(0) = A + C + D \\ 1 &= y'(0) = B + 2C - 2D + \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 &= y''(0) = 4C + 4D + 2 \\ -2 &= y'''(0) = 8C - 8D + 6 - 6\end{aligned}$$

Solving the above system of equations for  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  gives  $A = 3$ ,  $B = 1$ ,  $C = -\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $D = \frac{1}{8}$ . Hence the solution is

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

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