



To find the homogenous part of the solution, equate the input  $x(t)$  to zero

The particular part of the solution is obtained for a given specific  $x(t)$  (input)

Example

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 5 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 6y(t) = 2x(t) + \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$$

Solution

Homogenous part

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 5 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 6y(t) = 0$$

Characteristic equation  $\Rightarrow r^2 + 5r + 6 = 0$   
 $(r+2)(r+3) = 0$   
 $r_1 = -2, r_2 = -3$

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$$

Particular solution

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 5 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 6y(t) = 2x(t) + \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$$

for  $x(t) = e^{-t}$

| $x(t)$                    | $y_p(t)$                                  |
|---------------------------|---|
| $c$                       | $c$                                       |
| $t$                       | $c_1 t + c_2$                             |
| $e^{-at}$                 | $c e^{-at}$                               |
| $t^n$                     | $c_1 t^n + c_2 t^{n-1} + \dots + c_n$     |
| $\cos(\omega t + \theta)$ | $c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t)$ |

$y_h(t)$  was found as  $y_h(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$

$y_p(t) = K e^{-t}$  by substitution in differential equation.

$$K e^{-t} - 5K e^{-t} + 6K e^{-t} = 2e^{-t} - e^{-t}$$

$$2K e^{-t} = e^{-t} \Rightarrow K = 1/2$$

so, the particular solution part is;

$$y_p = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t}$$

Then the general solution is obtained as

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t}$$

The coefficients in general solution can also be obtained if the initial conditions are given such as  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$