

## Method of Undetermined Coefficients

To find a particular solution to the differential equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = Ct^m e^{rt},$$

where  $m$  is a nonnegative integer, use the form

$$(14) \quad y_p(t) = t^s (A_m t^m + \cdots + A_1 t + A_0) e^{rt},$$

with

- (i)  $s = 0$  if  $r$  is not a root of the associated auxiliary equation;
- (ii)  $s = 1$  if  $r$  is a simple root of the associated auxiliary equation; and
- (iii)  $s = 2$  if  $r$  is a double root of the associated auxiliary equation. To find a particular solution to the differential equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = \begin{cases} Ct^m e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t \\ \text{or} \\ Ct^m e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t \end{cases}$$

for  $\beta \neq 0$ , use the form

$$(15) \quad y_p(t) = t^s (A_m t^m + \cdots + A_1 t + A_0) e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t \\ + t^s (B_m t^m + \cdots + B_1 t + B_0) e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t,$$

with

- (iv)  $s = 0$  if  $\alpha + i\beta$  is not a root of the associated auxiliary equation; and
- (v)  $s = 1$  if  $\alpha + i\beta$  is a root of the associated auxiliary equation.