

Linear Differential Eqⁿ of nth order

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_n y = Q$$

where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are constants.

$$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) y = Q$$

Nature of roots and corresponding C.F. \rightarrow

Case I. when roots are real (rational) and distinct.

$$\text{C.F.} = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} + \dots$$

eg. $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4y = 0$

$$(D^2 - 4)y = 0$$

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

$$m = +2, -2$$

$$\text{C.F.} = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = 0$$

$$\therefore y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$$

$$y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{-2x}$$

eg. $(D^2 - D)y = 0$

A.E. $m^2 - m = 0$

$$m(m-1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 0, 1$$

$$\text{C.F.} = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} \Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 e^x$$

$$y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}, \quad \text{P.I.} = 0$$

$$y = C_1 + C_2 e^x$$

Case-II When roots are equal +

(i) when $m_1 = m_2$

$$C.F. = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x} + C_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots$$

(ii) when $m_1 = m_2 = m_3$

$$C.F. = (C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) e^{m_1 x} + C_4 e^{m_4 x} + \dots$$

Ex. $(D^2 - 4D + 4)y = 0$

A.E. $m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$

$$m = 2, 2$$

$$C.F. = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x}, \quad P.I. = 0$$

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{2x}$$

Ex. $(D^2 - 8D + 16)y = 0$

A.E. $m^2 - 8m + 16 = 0$

$$m = 4, 4$$

$$C.F. = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{4x}$$

$$y = C.F. + P.I.$$

$$= (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{4x}$$

Ex. $(D^2 - 6D + 9)y = 0$

Ex. $(D^3 - D^2)y = 0$

Case III.

when roots are imaginary \Rightarrow

$$m_1, m_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta$$

$$C.F. = e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x)$$

eg. $(D^2 + 4)y = 0$

A.E. $m^2 + 4 = 0$

$$m^2 = -4$$

$$m = \pm 2i$$

$$C.F. = (C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x)$$

$$y = C.F. + P.I.$$

$$= C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x$$

eg. $(D^2 + 4D + 5)y = 0$

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

$$m = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16-20}}{2} = -2 \pm i$$

$$\alpha = -2, \beta = 1$$

$$C.F. = e^{-2x} (C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x)$$

$$y = C.F. + P.I.$$

eg. $(D^2 + 1)y = 0$

eg. $(D^2 + 9)y = 0$

case IV when roots are irrational

$$m_1 = a + \sqrt{b}, \quad m_2 = a - \sqrt{b}$$

$$C.F. = e^{ax} [C_1 \cosh \sqrt{b} x + C_2 \sinh \sqrt{b} x]$$

eg. $(D^2 - 4D + 1)y = 0$

A.E. $m^2 - 4m + 1 = 0$

$$m = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$C.F. = e^{2x} [C_1 \cosh \sqrt{3} x + C_2 \sinh \sqrt{3} x]$$

eg. $(D^3 - 5D^2 + 5D - 1)y = 0$

A.E. $m^3 - 5m^2 + 5m - 1 = 0$

$$(m-1)(m^2 - 4m + 1) = 0$$

$$m = 1, \quad m = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-4}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$C.F. = C_1 e^x + e^{2x} [C_2 \cosh \sqrt{3} x + C_3 \sinh \sqrt{3} x]$$

eg. 1 $(D^2 + 6D + 9)y = 0$

$$m = 3, 3$$

2. $(D^3 + 2D^2 - D - 2)y = 0$

eg 1. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$

$$(D^2 - 3D + 2)y = 0$$

A.E. $m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$

$$m = 1, 2$$

C.F. $C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x}$

$$y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x}$$

eg 2. $(D^2 + \mu^2)y = 0$

A.E. $m^2 + \mu^2 = 0$

$$m = \pm \mu i$$

$$y = C_1 \cos \mu x + C_2 \sin \mu x$$

eg 3. $(D^2 - 8D + 16)y = 0$

A.E. $m^2 - 8m + 16 = 0$

$$m = 4, 4$$

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{4x}$$

eg. $(D^2 + D - 30)y = 0$

A.E. $m^2 + m - 30 = 0$

$$m = 5, -6$$

$$y = C_1 e^{5x} + C_2 e^{-6x}$$

2.6 METHOD FOR FINDING THE COMPLEMENTARY FUNCTION

In finding the complementary function, R.H.S. of the given equation is replaced by zero.

Consider the differential equation

$$\therefore (D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n D^0) y = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

Where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are all constants.

Let $y = C_1 e^{mx}$ be its solution

$$Dy = C_1 m e^{mx}, \quad D^2 y = C_1 m^2 e^{mx} \dots \quad D^n y = C_1 m^n e^{mx} \dots$$

Putting these values in (1), we get

$$C_1 (m^n + a_1 m^{n-1} + a_2 m^{n-2} + \dots + a_n) e^{mx} = 0$$

Its auxiliary equation is $m^n + a_1 m^{n-1} + a_2 m^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0 \quad \dots(2)$

This is Polynomial equation of degree n . So it has n roots i.e.

$$m_1, m_2, m_3 \dots m_n$$

The complementary function of equation (1) depends upon the nature of the roots. The six nature of roots are as follows:

In brief Nature of roots and corresponding C.F.

Sl	Nature of Roots of A.E.	Roots	C.F.
1.	Real (ational) and Distinct roots	m_1, m_2, m_3	$C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} + C_3 e^{m_3 x}$
2.	Repeated roots	$m_1 = m_2,$ $m_1 = m_2 = m_3$	$(C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x}$ $(C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) e^{m_1 x}$
3.	Complex roots	$m_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ $m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$	$e^{\alpha x} [C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x]$
4.	Repeated Complex roots	$m_1 = m_2 = \alpha + i\beta$ $m_3 = m_4 = \alpha - i\beta$	$e^{\alpha x} [(C_1 + C_2 x) \cos \beta x + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sin \beta x]$
5.	Irrational roots	$m_1 = a + \sqrt{b}$ $m_2 = a - \sqrt{b}$	$e^{ax} [C_1 \cosh \sqrt{b} x + C_2 \sinh \sqrt{b} x]$
6.	Repeated irrational roots	$m_1 = m_2 = a + \sqrt{b}$ $m_3 = m_4 = a - \sqrt{b}$	$e^{ax} [(C_1 + C_2 x) \cosh \sqrt{b} x + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sinh \sqrt{b} x]$

Case I. When the roots of auxiliary equation are (rational) and distinct.

The given equation (1) is equivalent to

$$(D - m_1)(D - m_2)(D - m_3) \dots (D - m_n) y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (D - m_1) y = 0, (D - m_2) y = 0 \dots (D - m_n) y = 0$$

Let us discuss $(D - m_1) y = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - m_1 y = 0$

L.F. = e

Now its solution is $y e^{-m_1 x} = \int 0 \cdot e^{-m_1 x} dx$

$$\Rightarrow y e^{-m_1 x} = 0 + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow y e^{-m_1 x} = C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{m_1 x}$$

Similarly the solution of $(D - m_2) y = 0$ is $y = C_2 e^{m_2 x}$, the solution of $(D - m_n) y = 0$ is $y = C_n e^{m_n x}$.
C.F. of equation (1) is given by

$$C.F. = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}$$

✓ Example 1. Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$

Solution. $(D^2 - 5D + 6)y = 0$

$$A.E. \text{ is } m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (m - 2)(m - 3) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2, 3$$

$$C.F. = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{3x} \text{ and P.I.} = 0$$

$$y = C.F. + P.I. = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{3x}$$

✓ Example 2. Solve: $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 6 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 11 \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0$

Solution. The auxiliary equation is $m^3 - 6m^2 + 11m - 6 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (m - 1)(m - 2)(m - 3) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, 2, 3$$

The roots are real and distinct.

∴ Complementary function (C.F.) = $C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 e^{3x}$

Particular Integral (P.I.) = 0

Hence, the complete solution is $y = C.F. + P.I. = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 e^{3x}$ where C_1, C_2 and C_3 are arbitrary constants of integration.

Case II When the roots of auxiliary equation are equal.

The given equation (1) is equivalent to

$$(D - m_1)(D - m_2)(D - m_3) \dots (D - m_n)y = 0$$

If $m_1 = m_2$ then $(D - m_1)(D - m_1)(D - m_3) \dots (D - m_n)y = 0$

Part of C.F. is the solution of the equation $(D - m_1) \dots (D - m_n)y = 0$

Replacing $(D - m_1)y = v$ in (2), we get

$$(D - m_1)v = 0$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} - m_1 v = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{v} = m_1 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \log v = m_1 x + \log C_2 \Rightarrow \log v - \log C_2 = m_1 x \Rightarrow \log \frac{v}{C_2} = m_1 x \Rightarrow \frac{v}{C_2} = e^{m_1 x}$$

$$v = C_2 e^{m_1 x}$$

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$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int -m_1 dx} = e^{-m_1 x}$$

$$\text{Solution is } y e^{-m_1 x} = \int (C_2 e^{m_1 x})(e^{-m_1 x}) dx + C_1 = \int C_2 dx + C_1 = C_2 x + C_1$$

$$y = (C_2 x + C_1) e^{m_1 x}$$

$$\text{C.F.} = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x}$$

... (4)

From (1) and (4) we have complete C.F. is

$$\text{C.F.} = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x} + C_3 e^{m_2 x} + C_4 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}$$

If $m_1 = m_2 = m_3$, then

$$\text{C.F.} = (C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) + C_4 e^{m_4 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}$$

✓ **Example 3.** Solve: $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 6 \frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0$

Solution. Here, we have

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 6 \frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0 \Rightarrow (D^2 - 6D + 9)y = 0, \text{ where } D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$\text{A.E. is } m^2 - 6m + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (m - 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 3, 3.$$

$$\text{C.F.} = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{3x} \text{ and P.I.} = 0$$

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

$$= (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{3x}$$

Ans.

✓ **Example 4.** Solve: $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - 7 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 15 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 13 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$

$$\text{Solution. } (D^4 - 7D^3 + 15D^2 - 13D + 4)y = 0, \text{ where } D = \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$\text{The auxiliary equation is } m^4 - 7m^3 + 15m^2 - 13m + 4 = 0$$

$$(m - 1)^3 (m - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, 1, 1, 4$$

$$\text{C.F.} = (C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) e^x + C_4 e^{4x} \text{ and P.I.} = 0$$

$$y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.} = (C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) e^x + C_4 e^{4x}$$

Ans.

✓ **Example 5.** Find the general solution of the differential equation

(U.P., II Semester 2009)

$$\frac{d^5 y}{dx^5} - \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = 0$$

Solution. Here, we have

$$\Rightarrow D^5 y - D^3 y = 0 \Rightarrow (D^5 - D^3)y = 0 \Rightarrow D^3 (D^2 - 1)y = 0$$

$$\text{A.E. is } m^3 (m^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 0, 0, 0, 1, -1$$

$$= (C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) + C_4 e^x + C_5 e^{-x}$$

Ans.

$$= e^{\alpha x} [C_1 (\cos \beta x + i \sin \beta x) + C_2 (\cos \beta x - i \sin \beta x)] + C_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}$$

$$= e^{\alpha x} [(C_1 + C_2) \cos \beta x + i(C_1 - C_2) \sin \beta x] + C_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}$$

$$\text{C.F.} = e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x) + C_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}$$

where $c_1 = C_1 + C_2$, $c_2 = i(C_1 - C_2)$

This is the C.F. of differential equation,

✓ **Example 6.** Solve: $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$,

Subject to $y = 2$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ when $x = 0$.

Solution. Here the auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 4m + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2} = -2 \pm i$$

Its roots are $-2 \pm i$

The complementary function is

$$y = e^{-2x} (C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x)$$

On putting $y = 2$ and $x = 0$ in (1), we get

$$2 = C_1$$

On putting $C_1 = 2$ in (1), we have

$$y = e^{-2x} [2 \cos x + C_2 \sin x]$$

On differentiating (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= e^{-2x} [-2 \sin x + C_2 \cos x] - 2e^{-2x} [2 \cos x + C_2 \sin x] \\ &= e^{-2x} [(-2C_2 - 2) \sin x + (C_2 - 4) \cos x] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= e^{-2x} [(-2C_2 - 2) \cos x - (C_2 - 4) \sin x] \\ &\quad - 2e^{-2x} [(-2C_2 - 2) \sin x + (C_2 - 4) \cos x] \\ &= e^{-2x} [(-4C_2 + 6) \cos x + (3C_2 + 8) \sin x] \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$$

$$e^{-2x} [(-2C_2 - 2) \sin x + (C_2 - 4) \cos x] = e^{-2x} [(-4C_2 + 6) \cos x + (3C_2 + 8) \sin x]$$

On putting $x = 0$, we get

$$C_2 - 4 = -4C_2 + 6 \Rightarrow C_2 = 2$$

(2) becomes,

$$y = e^{-2x} [2 \cos x + 2 \sin x]$$

$$y = 2e^{-2x} [\sin x + \cos x]$$

Example 7. Solve $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 81y = 0$

Solution. $m^4 + 81 = 0$

$$y = e^{3x} [(C_1 + C_2 x) \cos 4x + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sin 4x]$$

\Rightarrow

where C_1, C_2, C_3 and C_4 are arbitrary constant of integration.

Example 9. Solve: $(D^2 + 1)^2 (D - 1)y = 0$

Solution. The auxiliary equation is

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

Either

$$m - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1$$

$$m^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm i, \pm i$$

$$\text{C.F.} = C_1 e^x + [(C_2 + C_3 x) \cos x + (C_4 + C_5 x) \sin x] e^{0x}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = 0$$

The complete solution is

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

$$= C_1 e^x + [(C_2 + C_3 x) \cos x + (C_4 + C_5 x) \sin x]$$

where C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 and C_5 are arbitrary constants of integration.

Example 10. Solve the differential equation:

$$(D^2 + 1)^3 (D^2 + D + 1)^2 y = 0, \text{ where } D = \frac{d}{dx}.$$

Solution. Here, we have

$$(D^2 + 1)^3 (D^2 + D + 1)^2 y = 0$$

Auxiliary equation is

$$(m^2 + 1)^3 (m^2 + m + 1)^2 = 0$$

\Rightarrow

and

$$(m^2 + 1)^3 = 0 \text{ gives } m = \pm i, \pm i, \pm i$$

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

\Rightarrow

$$m = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2}, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2}$$

\Rightarrow

$$m = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

C.F. of differential equation is given by

$$\text{C.F.} = [(C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) \cos x + (C_4 + C_5 x + C_6 x^2) \sin x] e^{0x}$$

$$+ \left[(C_7 + C_8 x) \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x + (C_9 + C_{10} x) \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x \right] e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, \text{ P.I.} = 0$$

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

$$= (C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) \cos x + (C_4 + C_5 x + C_6 x^2) \sin x +$$

where $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_8, C_9, C_{10}$

$$+ (C_7 + C_8 x) \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x + (C_9 + C_{10} x) \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x$$

EXERCISE 2.2

Solve the following equations :

1. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$

Ans. $y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x}$

2. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 30y = 0$

Ans. $y = C_1 e^{5x} + C_2 e^{-6x}$

3. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 0$

Ans. $y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{4x}$

4. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \mu^2 y = 0$

Ans. $y = C_1 \cos \mu x + C_2 \sin \mu x$

5. $(D^2 + 2D + 2)y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$

Ans. $y = e^{-x} \sin x$ (A.M.I.E.T.E., June)

6. $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = 0$ (GBTU, II Sem., Jan. 2013) Ans. $y = e^{\frac{3}{2}x} \left[C_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} x + C_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} x \right]$ (iv)

7. $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} - 8y = 0$

Ans. $y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 \cos 2x + C_3 \sin 2x$ (v)

8. $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + 32\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 256 = 0$ (A.M.I.E.T.E., Dec. 2004) Ans. $y = (C_1 + C_2 x) \cos 4x + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sin 4x$ 8

9. $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} - 4\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 8\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$

Ans. $y = e^x [(C_1 + C_2 x) \cos x + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sin x]$ Pro

10. $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0, y(0) = y'(0) = y''(0) = 0, y'''(0) = 1$

Ans. $y = x - \frac{x^5}{120}$ Let

11. E.I. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + Py = 0$ Op

If $y = 0$ when $x = 0$, and $y = a$ when $x = \frac{1}{2}$, find y .

Ans. $y = \frac{a \sin \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} x}{\sin \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} \frac{1}{2}}$

12. $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 6\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 12\frac{dy}{dx} + 8y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$ and $y''(0) = 2$ (A.M.I.E.T.E. Dec. 2008)

13. $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{4dy}{dx} + 4y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0, y''(0) = -5,$

Ans. $y = x^2 e^{-2x}$

14. $(D^8 + 6D^6 - 32D^2)y = 0$

Ans. $y = -e^x + \cos 2x - \frac{1}{2}x^2$ If

15. Show that non-trivial

Particular Integral →

(ii) P.I. of L.D.E. $F(D)y = 0$ is given by

$$\frac{1}{F(D)} Q \quad (Q = e^{ax})$$

$$\text{Thus P.I.} = \frac{e^{ax}}{F(a)} \quad \text{if } F(a) \neq 0$$

$$= x \cdot \frac{e^{ax}}{F'(a)} \quad \text{if } F(a) = 0$$

eg1. $(D^2 - 3D + 2)y = e^{3x}$

A.E. $m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$
 $m = 1, 2$

C.F. $C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x}$

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

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

$$= C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} + \frac{1}{2} e^{3x}$$

eg2. $(D^3 + 2D^2 - D - 2)y = e^x$

Ans. $C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} + C_3 e^{-2x} + \frac{x}{6} e^x$