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(a) Make the exponential ansatz

$$y = e^{rx}$$

to see that

$$r^2 e^{rx} + r e^{rx} - 6 e^{rx} = 0$$

$$r^2 + r - 6 = 0$$

then

$$r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 6}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm 5}{2} = 2, -3$$

and we have general solution

$$y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{-3x}$$

(b) This time, make the ansatz

$$y = x e^{rx}$$

and plug in

$$y' = e^{rx} + x r e^{rx}$$

$$y'' = r e^{rx} + r(e^{rx} + x r e^{rx})$$

$$= 2r e^{rx} + x r^2 e^{rx}, \text{ thus}$$

$$a 2r e^{rx} + a x r^2 e^{rx} + b e^{rx} + b x e^{rx} + x e^{rx} = 0$$

$$2ar + a x r^2 + b + b x + x = 0$$

applying the quadratic formula find r ,

$$r = \frac{-2a \pm \sqrt{4a^2 - 4b}}{2}$$

(b): Evaluate y' and y'' :

$$y' = e^{rx} + rxe^{rx}$$

$$y'' = re^{rx} + re^{rx} + r^2xe^{rx}$$

thus

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

becomes

$$2are^{rx} + ar^2e^{rx} + be^{rx} + brxe^{rx} + \cancel{cxe^{rx}} = 0$$

put dividing out all e^{rx} (since $\forall x$ has $e^{rx} \neq 0$),

$$2ar + ar^2x + b + brx + cx = 0,$$

the n plugging in $r = \frac{-b}{2a}$,

$$-b + \frac{b^2}{4a}x + b + \frac{-b^2}{2a}x + cx = 0$$

b 's cancel and we can make the equation true by setting $x=a$,
Thus, we have general solution

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

(c): Given

$$y = C_1 e^{(a+i\beta)x} + C_2 e^{(a-i\beta)x}$$

separate powers to factor and factor to have

$$y = e^{ax} (C_1 e^{i\beta x} + C_2 e^{-i\beta x})$$

Recall Euler's Formula,

$$e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x),$$

Then

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distinct $y = e^{ax} \left(C_1 (\cos(\beta x) + i \sin(\beta x)) + C_2 (\cos(\beta x) - i \sin(\beta x)) \right)$

Factor a lot of i 's:

$$y = e^{ax} \left((C_1 + C_2) \cos(\beta x) + i(C_1 - C_2) \sin(\beta x) \right)$$

Or redefining

$$K_1 = C_1 + C_2$$

$$K_2 = i(C_1 - C_2),$$

$$y = e^{ax} \left(K_1 \cos(\beta x) + K_2 \sin(\beta x) \right).$$