

# Particular Integrals

So far we've always had 0 in the RHS of the differential equation.  
What if we have some function in terms of  $x$ ?

$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x)$$

When the RHS is not 0, we have a **non-homogeneous** second order differential equation.

Solve  $a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = 0$  first to obtain what is known as the **complementary function**. (C.F.)

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

This is because  $a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy$  for the C.F. is 0 and  $f(x)$  for the P.I., which sum to  $f(x)$

Then solve  $a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x)$  which can be found using appropriate substitution and comparing coefficients. Solution known as particular integral. (P.I.)

# Forms of PI's to use

Form of $f(x)$	Form of particular integral
$k$	$\lambda$
$ax + b$	$\lambda + \mu x$
$ax^2 + bx + c$	$\lambda + \mu x + \nu x^2$
$ke^{px}$	$\lambda e^{px}$
$m \cos \omega x$	$\lambda \cos \omega x + \mu \sin \omega x$
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$$= 5e^{3x}$$



## WARNING!

The particular integral must not contain any term in the complementary function. If it does, you'll need to add an  $x$  and possibly even an  $x^2$  in front of your usual PI form

$$y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x}$$

Find the **particular integral** of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 3$

P.I. Try  
 $y = \lambda$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$   
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$

$$0 - 5 \times 0 + 6\lambda = 3$$

$$6\lambda = 3$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

P.I. is  $y = \frac{1}{2}$

Hence find the **general solution** of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 3$

Find the C.F.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$$

A.E.  $m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$   
 $(m-3)(m-2) = 0$

$m=3 \quad m=2$

C.F.  $y = Ae^{3x} + Be^{2x}$

G. S.  $y = CF + PI$   
 $y = Ae^{3x} + Be^{2x} + \frac{1}{2}$

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Find the **general solution** of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 2x$

$$m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$(m - 2)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$m = 2, m = 3$$

$$\text{CF is } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x}$$

P.I. Try  $y = \lambda x + \mu$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$0 - 5\lambda + 6\lambda x + 6\mu = 2x$$

compare coefficients  
x:

$$6\lambda = 2$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{3}$$

const:

$$-5\lambda + 6\mu = 0$$

$$-\frac{5}{3} + 6\mu = 0$$

$$6\mu = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\mu = \frac{5}{18}$$

G.S

$$y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x} + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{5}{18}$$

Find the **general solution** of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 3x^2$

$$m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$(m - 2)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$m = 2, m = 3$$

$$\text{CF is } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x}$$

Try  
P.I.  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2ax + b$$

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

Sub in  $2a - 10ax - 5b + 6ax^2 + 6bx + 6c = 3x^2$

compare  $x^2$ :  $6a = 3$   
 $a = \frac{1}{2}$

$x$ :  $-10a + 6b = 0$   
 $-5 + 6b = 0$   
 $b = \frac{5}{6}$

con:  $2a - 5b + 6c = 0$   
 $1 - \frac{25}{6} + 6c = 0$   
 $6c = \frac{19}{6}$   
 $c = \frac{19}{36}$

$$\text{G.S. } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{5}{6}x + \frac{19}{36}$$

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$ax^2 + bx + c$
$ke^{px}$
$m \cos px$
$m \sin px$
$m \cos px + n \sin px$

Find the **general solution** of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = e^x$

$$m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$(m - 2)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$m = 2, m = 3$$

$$\text{CF is } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x}$$

P.I.  
Try

$$y = \lambda e^x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda e^x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \lambda e^x$$

$$\lambda e^x - 5\lambda e^x + 6\lambda e^x = e^x$$

$$2\lambda = 1$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{G.S. } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x} + \frac{1}{2}e^x$$

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Find the **general solution** of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 13 \sin 3x$

$$m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$(m - 2)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$m = 2, m = 3$$

$$\text{CF is } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x}$$

P.I. Try  $y = a \sin 3x + b \cos 3x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3a \cos 3x - 3b \sin 3x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -9a \sin 3x - 9b \cos 3x$$

$$-9a \sin 3x - 9b \cos 3x - 15a \cos 3x + 15b \sin 3x + 6a \sin 3x + 6b \cos 3x = 13 \sin 3x$$

comp. sin  $-9a + 15b + 6a = 13$

$$\boxed{-3a + 15b = 13}$$

comp. cos  $-9b - 15a + 6b = 0$

$$\boxed{-15a - 3b = 0}$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{6} \quad b = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\text{G.S. } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x} - \frac{1}{6} \sin 3x + \frac{5}{6} \cos 3x$$

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Find the **general solution** of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = e^{2x}$   $f(x)$

$$m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$(m - 2)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$m = 2, m = 3$$

$$\text{CF is } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x}$$

Suppose we did use  $y = \lambda e^{2x}$  for the particular integral. What goes wrong?

Then the general solution might appear to be  $y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x} + \lambda e^{2x}$   
 $= (A + \lambda)e^{2x} + Be^{3x}$

But  $A + \lambda$  is still just an arbitrary constant, so we have exactly the same as the

complementary function, which we know gives 0 when subbed into  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y$ .

Thus we end up with  $0 = e^{2x}$ . Oh dear!

NOT GONNA WORK Try P.I.

$$y = \lambda e^{2x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\lambda e^{2x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4\lambda e^{2x}$$

$$4\lambda e^{2x} - 10\lambda e^{2x} + 6\lambda e^{2x} = e^{2x}$$

$$0 = e^{2x}$$

CORRECT WAY

$$\text{Try } y = \lambda x e^{2x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\lambda x e^{2x} + \lambda e^{2x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4\lambda x e^{2x} + 2\lambda e^{2x} + 2\lambda e^{2x}$$

$$= 4\lambda x e^{2x} + 4\lambda e^{2x}$$

$$4\lambda x e^{2x} + 4\lambda e^{2x} - 10\lambda x e^{2x} - 5\lambda e^{2x} + 6\lambda x e^{2x} = e^{2x}$$

$$-\lambda e^{2x} = e^{2x}$$

$$\lambda = -1$$

$$\text{G.S. } y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{3x} - x e^{2x}$$





Find the **general solution** of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$

A.E.

$$m^2 - 2m = 0$$

$$m = 0$$

$$m = 2$$

$$\text{C.F. } y = Ae^{0x} + Be^{2x}$$

$$y = A + Be^{2x}$$

$$\text{P.I. Try } y = ax$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$0 - 2a = 3$$

$$a = -\frac{3}{2}$$

G.S.

$$y = A + Be^{2x} - \frac{3}{2}x$$

$x$   $x^2?$

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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^{3x}$$

$$\text{Try P.I. } y = \lambda x^2 e^{3x}$$

- (a) Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which  $y = \lambda x \sin 5x$  is a particular integral of the differential equation **(4 marks)**

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 25y = 3 \cos 5x$$

- (b) Using your answer to part (a), find the general solution of the differential equation **(3 marks)**

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 25y = 3 \cos 5x$$

8(a)	Differentiate twice and obtaining $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda \sin 5x + 5\lambda x \cos 5x$ and $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 10\lambda \cos 5x - 25\lambda x \sin 5x$	M1 A1
	Substitute to give $\lambda = \frac{3}{10}$	M1 A1
(b)	Complementary function is $y = A \cos 5x + B \sin 5x$ or $Pe^{5ix} + Qe^{-5ix}$	M1 A1
	So general solution is $y = A \cos 5x + B \sin 5x + \frac{3}{10}x \sin 5x$ or in exponential form	A1ft

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**Be warned:**  $x$  is being used here as  $y$  was previously used.

Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dx}{dt} + 6x = 2\cos t - \sin t$$

AE

$$m^2 + 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$m = -2, m = -3$$

CF.

$$x = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-3t}$$

P.I Try  $x = a\cos t + b\sin t$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -a\sin t + b\cos t$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -a\cos t - b\sin t.$$

$$\underbrace{-a\cos t - b\sin t} - 5\underbrace{a\sin t} + 5\underbrace{b\cos t} + 6\underbrace{a\cos t + b\sin t} = 2\cos t - \sin t.$$

$$-a + 5b + 6a = 2$$

$$5a + 5b = 2$$

$$-b - 5a + 6b = -1$$

$$-5a + 5b = -1$$

$$10b = 1$$

$$b = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$a = \frac{3}{10}$$

Hence

$$x = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-3t} + \frac{3}{10}\cos t + \frac{1}{10}\sin t$$

**Exercise 7C First column of 1, then rest of the questions**