

## Step-1

Given that the solutions to the linear differential equation  $\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = u$  form a vector space.

We have to find two independent solutions to give a basis for that solution space.

## Step-2

We have  $\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = u$

$$\Rightarrow u'' - u = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is  $m^2 - 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = \pm 1$$

Therefore,  $u = e^t$ ,  $u = e^{-t}$  are solutions of  $\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = u$ .

And  $e^t$ ,  $e^{-t}$  are independent solutions of the basis for the solution space is  $\boxed{\{e^t, e^{-t}\}}$ .

The general solution of the given differential equation is  $u = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$ , where  $c_1, c_2$  are constants.