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When the Inhomogeneous Term is a Solution of the Homogeneous Equation

Solve

$$\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + 2x = e^{-2t},$$

with
$$x(0)=0$$
 and $\dot{x}(0)=0$.

Observe that the inhomogeneous term is a solution of the homogeneous equation. To find a particular solution, the usual exponential ansatz $\,$ will need to be multiplied by t.



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