

Solve the ODE $y''(x) - 8y'(x) + 16y(x) = xe^{4x}$, where y is a function of variable x .

To solve the second -order linear ordinary differential equation (ODE):

$$y''(x) - 8y'(x) + 16y(x) = xe^{4x},$$

we will follow these steps :

- 1. Find the complementary solution $y_c(x)$ of the homogeneous equation .
- 2. Find a particular solution $y_p(x)$ of the nonhomogeneous equation .
- 3. Combine the complementary and particular solutions to get the general solution.

Step 1: Complementary Solution $y_c(x)$

The homogeneous equation is:

$$y''(x) - 8y'(x) + 16y(x) = 0.$$

The characteristic equation is:

$$r^2 - 8r + 16 = 0.$$

Solve for r :

$$(r - 4)^2 = 0 \implies r = 4 \text{ (double root).}$$

Since there is a repeated root $r = 4$, the complementary solution is:

$$y_c(x) = (C_1 + C_2x)e^{4x},$$

where C_1 and C_2 are constants .

Step 2: Particular Solution $y_p(x)$

The nonhomogeneous term is xe^{4x} . Since e^{4x} is already part of the complementary solution , we multiply by x^2 to avoid duplication . Assume a particular solution of the form :

$$y_p(x) = (Ax^3 + Bx^2)e^{4x},$$

where A and B are constants to be determined .

Compute $y_p'(x)$ and $y_p''(x)$:

1. First derivative :

$$y_p'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} ((Ax^3 + Bx^2)e^{4x}) .$$

Using the product rule:

$$y_p'(x) = (3Ax^2 + 2Bx)e^{4x} + (Ax^3 + Bx^2)(4e^{4x}).$$

Simplify :

$$y_p'(x) = (3Ax^2 + 2Bx + 4Ax^3 + 4Bx^2)e^{4x}.$$

2. Second derivative :

$$y_p''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (y_p'(x)) .$$

Again, using the product rule:

$$y_p''(x) = (6Ax + 2B + 12Ax^2 + 8Bx)e^{4x} + (3Ax^2 + 2Bx + 4Ax^3 + 4Bx^2)(4e^{4x}).$$

Simplify :

$$y_p''(x) = (6Ax + 2B + 12Ax^2 + 8Bx + 12Ax^2 + 8Bx + 16Ax^3 + 16Bx^2)e^{4x}.$$

Combine like terms :

$$y_p''(x) = (16Ax^3 + (12A + 12A + 16B)x^2 + (6A + 8B + 8B)x + 2B)e^{4x}.$$

Simplify further :

$$y_p''(x) = (16Ax^3 + (24A + 16B)x^2 + (6A + 16B)x + 2B)e^{4x}.$$

Substitute $y_p(x)$, $y_p'(x)$, and $y_p''(x)$ into the ODE:

The ODE is:

$$y''(x) - 8y'(x) + 16y(x) = xe^{4x}.$$

Substitute :

$$(16Ax^3 + (24A + 16B)x^2 + (6A + 16B)x + 2B)e^{4x} - 8((3Ax^2 + 2Bx + 4Ax^3 + 4Bx^2)e^{4x}) + 16((Ax^3 + Bx^2)e^{4x}) = xe^{4x}.$$

Simplify :

$$(16Ax^3 + 24Ax^2 + 16Bx^2 + 6Ax + 16Bx + 2B)e^{4x} - 8(4Ax^3 + (3A + 4B)x^2 + 2Bx)e^{4x} + 16(Ax^3 + Bx^2)e^{4x} = xe^{4x}.$$

Expand and combine like terms :

$$(16Ax^3 + 24Ax^2 + 16Bx^2 + 6Ax + 16Bx + 2B - 32Ax^3 - 24Ax^2 - 32Bx^2 - 16Bx + 16Ax^3 + 16Bx^2)e^{4x} = xe^{4x}.$$

Simplify further :

$$((16A - 32A + 16A)x^3 + (24A - 24A + 16B - 32B + 16B)x^2 + (6A - 16B + 16B)x + 2B)e^{4x} = xe^{4x}.$$

This reduces to:

$$(0x^3 + 0x^2 + 6Ax + 2B)e^{4x} = xe^{4x}.$$

Thus :

$$6Ax + 2B = x.$$

Equate coefficients :

1. For x :

$$6A = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{6}.$$

2. For the constant term :

$$2B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0.$$

Particular solution :

$$y_p(x) = \left(\frac{1}{6}x^3 + 0 \cdot x^2\right)e^{4x} = \frac{1}{6}x^3e^{4x}.$$

Step 3: General Solution

Combine the complementary and particular solutions :

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x).$$

Thus :

$$y(x) = (C_1 + C_2x)e^{4x} + \frac{1}{6}x^3e^{4x}.$$

Final Answer :

$$y(x) = (C_1 + C_2x)e^{4x} + \frac{1}{6}x^3e^{4x},$$

where C_1 and C_2 are constants .