

# Practice for Non-Homogeneous Equations

Why?

**Exercise 1** Find a particular solution of  $y'' - y' - 6y = e^{2x}$ .

**Exercise 2** Find a particular solution of  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = e^{2x}$ .

**Exercise 3** Find a particular solution to  $y'' - y' + y = 2\sin(3x)$

**Exercise 4** Solve the initial value problem  $y'' + 9y = \cos(3x) + \sin(3x)$  for  $y(0) = 2$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ .

**Exercise 5** Set up the form of the particular solution but do not solve for the coefficients for  $y^{(4)} - 2y''' + y'' = e^x$ .

**Exercise 6** Set up the form of the particular solution but do not solve for the coefficients for  $y^{(4)} - 2y''' + y'' = e^x + x + \sin x$ .

**Exercise 7** Solve  $y'' + 2y' + y = x^2$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 2$ .

**Exercise 8** Use the method of undetermined coefficients to solve the DE  $y'' + 4y' = 2t + 30$ .

**Exercise 9**  
a) Using variation of parameters find a particular solution of  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^x$ .

b) Find a particular solution using undetermined coefficients.

c) Are the two solutions you found the same? See also [Exercise](#) .

**Exercise 10**  
a) Find a particular solution to  $y'' + 2y = e^x + x^3$ .

b) Find the general solution.

**Exercise 11** Find the general solution to  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = e^{2t} + 1$ .

**Exercise 12** Find the general solution to  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = \sin(3t) + 2\cos(3t)$ .

**Exercise 13** Find the general solution to  $y'' - 4y' - 21y = e^{-3t} + e^{4t}$ .

**Exercise 14** Find the general solution to  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t - t$ .

**Exercise 15** Find the general solution to  $y'' + 4y = \sec(2t)$  using variation of parameters.

**Exercise 16** Find the solution of the initial value problem  $y'' - 2y' - 15y = e^{5t} + 3$ ,  $y(0) = 2$ ,  $y'(0) = -1$ .

**Exercise 17** Find the solution of the initial value problem  $y'' + 4y' + 5y = \cos(3t) + t$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 2$ .

**Exercise 18** The following differential equations are all related. Find the general solution to each of them and compare and contrast the different solutions and the methods used to approach them.

a)  $y'' - 2y' - 15y = e^t + 5e^{-4t}$

b)  $y'' - 2y' - 15y = 2e^{2t} + 3e^{-t}$

c)  $y'' - 2y' - 15y = 3\cos(2t)$

d)  $y'' - 2y' - 15y = 2e^{5t} - \sin(t)$

**Exercise 19** The following differential equations are all related. Find the general solution to each of them and compare and contrast the different solutions and the methods used to approach them.

a)  $y'' + 4y' + 3y = e^{2t} + 3e^{4t}$

b)  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = e^{2t} + 3e^{4t}$

c)  $y'' + 3y' - 10y = e^{2t} + 3e^{4t}$

d)  $y'' - 8y' + 16y = e^{2t} + 3e^{4t}$

**Exercise 20** Find a particular solution of  $y'' - 2y' + y = \sin(x^2)$ . It is OK to leave the answer as a definite integral.

**Exercise 21** Use variation of parameters to find a particular solution of  $y'' - y = \frac{1}{e^x + e^{-x}}$ .

**Exercise 22** Recall that a homogeneous Euler equation is one of the form  $t^2y'' + aty' + by = 0$  and is solved by using the guess  $y(t) = t^r$  and solving for the potential values of  $r$ .

a) Solve  $t^2y'' - 2ty' - 10y = 0$ .

b) Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be a fundamental set for the above equation. Use the variation of parameters equations  $u_1 = -\int \frac{y_2 g(t)}{y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'} dt$ ,  $y_2 = \int \frac{y_1 g(t)}{y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'} dt$  to solve the non-homogeneous equation  $y'' - \frac{2}{t}y' - \frac{10}{t^2}y = t^3$ .  
(Do not attempt method of undetermined coefficients instead; it won't work.)

**Exercise 23** For an arbitrary constant  $c$  find the general solution to  $y'' - 2y = \sin(x + c)$ .

**Exercise 24** For an arbitrary constant  $c$  find a particular solution to  $y'' - y = e^{cx}$ . Hint: Make sure to handle every possible real  $c$ .

**Exercise 25**

- a) Using variation of parameters find a particular solution of  $y'' - y = e^x$ .
- b) Find a particular solution using undetermined coefficients.
- c) Are the two solutions you found the same? What is going on?