

I. Given $(D - a)(D - b)y = 0$, where $D = \frac{dy}{dx}$, then

Page 410: If $a \neq b$, then $y = c_1 e^{ax} + c_2 e^{bx}$ Has unknown constants c_1, c_2 .

Page 410: If $a = b$, then $y = (Ax + B)e^{ax}$ Has unknown constants A, B .

Page 411: If $a = \alpha + i\beta$, and $b = \alpha - i\beta$, then

$y = e^{\alpha x} (Ae^{i\beta x} + Be^{-i\beta x})$ Has unknown constants A, B .

OR

$y = e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \sin(\beta x) + c_2 \cos(\beta x))$ Has unknown constants c_1, c_2 .

OR

$y = Ce^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x + \gamma)$ Has unknown constants C, γ

II. Given $(D - a)(D - b)y = f(x)$, where $D = \frac{dy}{dx}$, then

First solve the equation above in part I. Then, to that solution, add a particular solution y_p of the following form:

No Page: If $f(x) = k$, then $y_p = C$. Plug y_p into original equation to find C .

Page 420: If $f(x) = ke^{cx}$, then compare the given values for a, b , and c :

If all three (a, b, c) are unequal: $y_p = Ce^{cx}$

If $(a \neq b)$, but $c = (a \text{ or } b)$: $y_p = Cxe^{cx}$

If $(a = b = c)$,: $y_p = Cx^2e^{cx}$

Page 421 (sort of) : If $f(x) = k \sin(wx)$ or $f(x) = k \cos(wx)$, then:

$y_p = K_1 \sin(wx) + K_2 \cos(wx)$ Plug y_p into original equation to find K_1, K_2 .