



# Second order nonhomogeneous linear differential equation Interactive tests

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# 1. Theory



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**Definition 1 (second order linear differential equation)** Let  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $f$  be functions continuous on the interval  $I$ . The equation

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x) \quad (1)$$

is said to be a *second order linear differential equation*. Under a *solution* of this equation we understand every function which has the second derivative on the interval  $I$  and satisfies (1) for every  $x \in I$ .

**Definition 2 (associated homogeneous equation)** Consider nonhomogeneous equation (1). Homogeneous equation

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0. \quad (2)$$

with the left-hand side identical with equation (1) is called a *homogeneous equation associated to the nonhomogeneous equation (1)*.

**Theorem 1 (general solution)** Let  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  be fundamental system of solutions of the homogeneous LDE (2) and  $y_p(x)$  be an arbitrary particular solution of the nonhomogeneous LDE (1). Then the function

$$y(x) = Ay_1(x) + By_2(x) + y_p(x), \quad A \in \mathbb{R}, B \in \mathbb{R} \quad (3)$$

is a general solution of the nonhomogeneous LDE (1).



## 2. Tests

- Given an equation and the form of the particular solution, solve the equation.
- You have to adjust the real constants in the particular solution to make the equation true after substituting particular solution.
- When you find the particular solution, find also the general solution.
- Use constants  $A$  and  $B$  in the general solution.

More precisely, for the equation  $y'' + y = 1$  write the solution in any of the following forms

1.  $y = 1 + A \sin(x) + B \cos(x)$

2.  $y = 1 + A \cos(x) + B \sin(x)$

3.  $y = A \cos(x) + B \sin(x) + 1$

**Remark:** The answer  $1 + A(\sin(x) + \cos(x)) + B(\sin(x) - \cos(x)) + \cos(x)$  is marked as correct as well, since neither particular solution nor the fundamental system are unique.



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**Quiz 1.** Solve  $y'' + 3y' - 4y = 2$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = a$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. Find the value of the undetermined constant  $a =$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



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**Quiz 2.** Solve  $y'' + 2y' + y = 5$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = a$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. Find the value of the undetermined constant  $a =$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



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**Quiz 3.** Solve  $y'' + 2y' + y = 5e^x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ae^x$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. Find the value of the undetermined constant  $a =$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



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Quiz 4. Solve  $y'' - 2y' + y = 5e^x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax^2e^x$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. Find the value of the undetermined constant  $a =$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



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**Quiz 5.** Solve  $y'' + 4y = 5e^{3x}$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ae^{3x}$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. Find the value of the undetermined constant  $a =$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$





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**Quiz 6.** Solve  $y'' - y = 3e^x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = axe^x$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. Find the value of the undetermined constant  $a =$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 7.** Solve  $y'' + 2y' + y = x + 1$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax + b$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y_p' =$$

$$y_p'' =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$\begin{array}{l} x^1 : \\ x^2 : \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} a = \\ b = \end{array}$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 8.** Solve  $y'' + y = x - 3$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax + b$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$\begin{array}{l} x^1 : \\ x^2 : \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} a = \\ b = \end{array}$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 9.** Solve  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = x^2 - 1$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax^2 + bx + c$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$x^2 : \qquad \qquad \qquad a =$$

$$x^1 : \qquad \qquad \qquad \implies b =$$

$$x^0 : \qquad \qquad \qquad c =$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 10.** Solve  $y'' + y' - 2y = 2x + 1$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax + b$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$\begin{array}{l} x^1 : \\ x^2 : \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} a = \\ b = \end{array}$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 11.** Solve  $y'' - y' - 2y = 4x + 5$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax + b$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$\begin{array}{l} x^1 : \\ x^0 : \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} a = \\ b = \end{array}$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 12.** Solve  $y'' + 2y' + y = 5x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax + b$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$x^1 : \quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow \quad a =$$

$$x^0 : \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad b =$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 13.** Solve  $y'' - y = xe^x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = e^x(ax^2 + bx)$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$\begin{array}{l} x^1 : \\ x^0 : \end{array} \quad \implies \quad \begin{array}{l} a = \\ b = \end{array}$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$





**Quiz 14.** Solve  $y'' - y = 3xe^x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = (ax^2 + bx)e^x$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y_p' =$$

$$y_p'' =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$x^1 : \quad \quad \quad \implies \quad a =$$

$$x^0 : \quad \quad \quad \implies \quad b =$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 15.** Solve  $y'' - y = (3x - 2)e^x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = (ax^2 + bx)e^x$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$\begin{array}{l} x^1 : \\ x^0 : \end{array} \quad \implies \quad \begin{array}{l} a = \\ b = \end{array}$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 16.** Solve  $y'' + 2y' + y = 2x^2 + 1$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax^2 + bx + c$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$x^2 : \qquad \qquad \qquad a =$$

$$x^1 : \qquad \qquad \qquad \implies b =$$

$$x^0 : \qquad \qquad \qquad c =$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



Quiz 17. Solve  $y'' + 4y = x^2$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax^2 + bx + c$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$x^2 : \qquad \qquad \qquad a =$$

$$x^1 : \qquad \qquad \qquad \implies b =$$

$$x^0 : \qquad \qquad \qquad c =$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 18.** Solve  $y'' + 2y' - 3y = 6x^3 + 2x + 1$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$x^3 : \quad \quad \quad a =$$

$$x^2 : \quad \quad \quad b =$$

$$x^1 : \quad \quad \quad c =$$

$$x^0 : \quad \quad \quad d =$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 19.** Solve  $y'' + 2y' + y = x^3$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. If an exponential factor appears in the equation, divide by this factor. Then build linear system for undetermined constants by comparing like powers of  $x$  and solve this system.

$$x^3 : \quad \quad \quad a =$$

$$x^2 : \quad \quad \quad b =$$

$$x^1 : \quad \quad \quad c =$$

$$x^0 : \quad \quad \quad d =$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 20.** Solve  $y'' - 4y = \sin x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = b \sin(x) + c \cos(x)$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y_p' =$$

$$y_p'' =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. Build the linear system for constants  $a$  and  $b$  by comparing coefficients at corresponding trigonometric functions and solve this system

$$\sin(x) :$$

$$\cos(x) :$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\implies b = \\ & c = \end{aligned}$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$



**Quiz 21.** Solve  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = \sin x$ .

Consider particular solution in the form  $y_p = b \sin(x) + c \cos(x)$ .

1. Find the first two derivatives

$$y'_p =$$

$$y''_p =$$

2. Substitute particular solution and its derivatives into the equation:

3. Build the linear system for constants  $a$  and  $b$  by comparing coefficients at corresponding trigonometric functions and solve this system

$$\sin(x) :$$

$$\cos(x) :$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \implies b = \\ & c = \end{aligned}$$

4. Write the particular solution:

$$y_p =$$

5. Write the general solution (use constants  $A$  and  $B$ ):

$$y =$$