

Linear 2nd order Differential Eqs.
With const. coeff. when $r = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$

Q: Solve differential Eq:

$$y'' + 12y' + 36y = 3e^{-6x}.$$

A: (i) Same method as 1st order. First
Solve homogeneous eq.

$$y'' + 12y' + 36y = 0$$

(Try $y = e^{\lambda x}$)

$$\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 36 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 6)(\lambda + 6) = 0$$

$\therefore$ repeated real solution:

$$\lambda_1 = -6, \lambda_2 = -6.$$

Second order eq. So $y_{CF} = Ae^{\lambda_1 x} + Be^{\lambda_2 x}$

but since $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ we multiply one by x .

(term of y_{CF}) i.e.,

$$y_{CF} = Ae^{-6x} + Bxe^{-6x}.$$

So y_{CF} has two components which are
linearly independent.

(ii) Now solve non-homogeneous Eq.

$$y'' + 12y' + 36y = 3e^{-bx}$$

RHS has $p(x) = 3e^{-bx}$ so try $y_{PI} = \alpha e^{-bx}$,
but y_{CF} already has $\frac{y}{2}$ terms e^{-bx} and xe^{-bx} .
Need another linearly independent term
So try $y_{PI} = x^2 \alpha e^{-bx}$

$$y'_{PI} = 2x\alpha e^{-bx} - 6x^2\alpha e^{-bx}$$

$$y''_{PI} = 2\alpha e^{-bx} - 24x\alpha e^{-bx} + 36x^2\alpha e^{-bx}$$

Substitute: gives $2x\alpha e^{-bx} = 3e^{-bx}$

$$\alpha = 3/2$$

So $y_{PI} = \frac{3}{2}x^2 e^{-bx}$

(iii) Finally, General solution

$$y = y_{CF} + y_{PI}$$

$$y(x) = Ae^{-bx} + Bxe^{-bx} + \frac{3}{2}x^2 e^{-bx}$$
