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- 1)  
a) First we find the solution of the corresponding homogenous D.E.  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$ , which has the C.E.  $r^2 - 2r - 3 = (r - 3)(r + 1) = 0$ . Hence  $y_h(x) = c_1e^{3x} + c_2e^{-x}$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ , and we assume  $y_p = Ae^{2x}$  for the particular solution. Thus  $y' = 2Ae^{2x}$  and  $y'' = 4Ae^{2x}$  and substituting into the D.E. yields

$$4Ae^{2x} + 2(2Ae^{2x}) - 3(Ae^{2x}) = 3e^{2x}$$

Thus  $-3A = 3$  and  $A = -1$ , yielding  $y(x) = c_1e^{3x} + c_2e^{-x} - e^{2x}$ .

- b) Homogenous solution  $y_h(x) = c_1 + c_2e^{-2x}$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ . Initially we assume  $y_p = A + B_1 \sin 2x + B_2 \cos 2x$ . However, since a constant is a homogenous solution of the D.E. we must modify  $y_p$  by multiplying the constant  $A$  by  $x$  and thus the correct form of  $y_p$  is  $y_p = Ax + B_1 \sin 2x + B_2 \cos 2x$ . If we take the derivatives of  $y_p$  and substitute into D.E. the coefficients of the similar terms give  $A = 3/2$ ,  $B_1 = B_2 = -1/2$ .

- c) Homogenous solution  $y_h(x) = c_1e^{-x} + c_2xe^{-x}$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ . Assume  $y_p = Ax^2e^{-x}$ , so that  $y'_p = 2Axe^{-x} - Ax^2e^{-x}$  and  $y''_p = 2Ae^{-x} - 4Axe^{-x} + Ax^2e^{-x}$ . Substituting in the d.E. gives

$$(Ax^2 - 4Ax + 2A)e^{-x} + 2(-Ax^2 + 2Ax)e^{-x} + Ax^2e^{-x} = 2e^{-x}.$$

Note that all terms on the left involving  $x^2$  add to zero and we left with  $2A = 2$  or  $A = 1$ . Hence

$$y = c_1e^{-x} + c_2xe^{-x} + x^2e^{-x}.$$

- d) Assume that  $y_p = (Ax + B) \sin 2x + (Cx + D) \cos 2x$  which is appropriate for both terms appearing in  $R(x)$ . Since none of the term in  $y_p$  is the homogenous solution, we do not need to modify  $y_p$ .

Ans.:  $y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x - \frac{1}{3}x \cos 2x - \frac{5}{9} \sin 2x$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ .

- e) C.E. of the corresponding homogenous equation is  $r^2 + r + 4 = 0$ . Hence,

$$y_h = e^{-x/2}[c_1 \cos(\sqrt{15} x/2) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{15} x/2)], \quad c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}.$$

By using the given hint, assume  $y_p = Ae^x + Be^{-x}$ . Since neither  $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$  are solutions of the homogenous equation, then there is no need to modify  $y_p$ . Differentiating  $y_p$  and substituting in the D.E. yield

$$6Ae^x + 4Be^{-x} = e^x - e^{-x}.$$

Hence,  $A = 1/6$  and  $B = -1/4$ . So the general solution is

$$y = e^{-x/2}[c_1 \cos(\sqrt{15} x/2) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{15} x/2)] + (1/6)e^x - (1/4)e^{-x}.$$

- 2)  
a)  $y_h(x) = c_1e^{-2x} + c_2e^x$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ , so for the particular solution we assume  $y_p = Ax + B$ .

<sup>1</sup>I made every effort to avoid the calculation errors and/or typos while I prepared the solution set. **You are responsible to check all the solutions and correct the errors if there are any.** If you find any errors and/or misprints, please notify me.

Since neither  $Ax$  nor  $B$  are the solutions of the homogenous equation it is not necessary to modify  $y_p$ . Substituting  $y_p$  in the D.E. we obtain

$$A - 2(Ax + B) = 2x$$

Then the coefficients of the similar terms give  $A = -1$  and  $B = -1/2$ . The general solution is

$$y_h(x) = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^x - x - 1/2.$$

I.C.  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 1$  imply  $c_1 + c_2 - 1/2 = 0$  and  $-2c_1 + c_2 - 1 = 1$  respectively. Solving  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  from above equations gives  $c_1 = -1/2$  and  $c_2 = 1$ .

b)  $y_h(x) = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ . The particular solution is  $y_p = (A + Bx)e^{2x}$ . Substituting  $y_p$  in the D.E. and equating the coefficients of the similar terms give  $A = -2/3$ ,  $B = -1$ . Initial conditions imply that  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = 2/3$  Therefore the general solution of the given I.V.P is

$$y(x) = e^{3x} + (2/3)e^{-x} - [(2/3) + x]e^{2x}.$$

**3)**

a)  $y_h(x) = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ . After inspection of the right hand side of the D.E.  $R(x)$ , we assume

$$y_p = (A_0 x^4 + A_1 x^3 + A_2 x^2 + A_3 x + A_4) + (B_0 x^2 + B_1 x + B_2)e^{-3x} + C \sin 3x + D \cos 3x.$$

However, since  $e^{-3x}$  and a constant are the homogenous solutions, we must multiply the coefficient of  $e^{-3x}$  and the polynomial by  $x$ . The correct form is

$$y_p = x(A_0 x^4 + A_1 x^3 + A_2 x^2 + A_3 x + A_4) + x(B_0 x^2 + B_1 x + B_2)e^{-3x} + C \sin 3x + D \cos 3x.$$

b)  $y_h(x) = e^{-x}[c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x]$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ . From  $R(x)$  we can assume

$$y_p = Ae^{-x} + (B_0 x^2 + B_1 x + B_2)e^{-x} \cos x + (C_0 x^2 + C_1 x + C_2)e^{-x} \sin x.$$

Since  $e^{-x} \cos x$  and  $e^{-x} \sin x$  are the homogenous solutions of the D.E., it is necessary to multiply both of these terms by  $x$ . Hence the correct form of the  $y_p$  is

$$y_p = Ae^{-x} + x(B_0 x^2 + B_1 x + B_2)e^{-x} \cos x + x(C_0 x^2 + C_1 x + C_2)e^{-x} \sin x.$$

c)  $y_h(x) = e^{-x}[c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x]$ ,  $c_1, c_2 = \text{constant}$ . From  $R(x)$  we can assume

$$y_p = (A_0 x + A_1)e^{-x} \cos 2x + (B_0 x + B_1)e^{-x} \sin 2x + (C_0 x + C_1)e^{-2x} \cos x + (D_0 x + D_1)e^{-2x} \sin x.$$

Since  $e^{-x} \cos 2x$  and  $e^{-x} \sin 2x$  are the homogenous solutions of the D.E., it is necessary to multiply both of these terms by  $x$ . Hence the correct form of the  $y_p$  is

$$y_p = x(A_0 x + A_1)e^{-x} \cos 2x + x(B_0 x + B_1)e^{-x} \sin 2x + (C_0 x + C_1)e^{-2x} \cos x + (D_0 x + D_1)e^{-2x} \sin x.$$

**4)**

a) First solve the corresponding homogenous D.E.  $y''' - y'' - y' + y = 0$ . Its C.E. is  $r^3 - r^2 - r + 1 = 0$  and the roots are  $r = -1, 1, 1$ . Hence,

$$y_h = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^x + c_3 x e^x, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 = \text{constant}$$

Using the superposition principal, we can write a particular solution as the sum of particular solutions corresponding to  $y''' - y'' - y' + y = 2e^{-x}$ , and  $y''' - y'' - y' + y = 3$ . Therefore  $y_{p_1} = Ae^{-x}$ , but  $e^{-x}$  is a homogenous solution so we should multiply by  $x$ . Thus  $y_{p_1} = Axe^{-x}$ . For the second equation  $y_{p_2} = B$  since the constant is not a homogenous solution there is no need to modify  $y_{p_2}$ . Therefore a particular solution of the given D.E. is  $y_p = y_{p_1} + y_{p_2} = Axe^{-x} + B$ . The constants  $A, B$  can be determined by substituting  $y_p$  into the D.E. and we obtain  $A = 1/2$  and  $B = 3$ . Therefore the general solution of the given non-homogenous equation is

$$y = c_1e^{-x} + c_2e^x + c_3xe^x + (1/2)xe^{-x} + 3$$

b) The C.E. of the corresponding homogenous equation  $y''' + 4y' = 0$  is  $r^3 + 4r = 0$  with roots  $r = 0, \pm 2i$ . Hence

$$y_h = c_1 + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 = \text{constant}$$

A particular solution  $y_p = Ax + B$ , but since constant is a homogenous solution, we should multiply  $y_p$  by  $x$  and assume  $y_p = x(Ax + B)$ . The constants  $A, B$  can be determined by substituting  $y_p$  into the D.E. and we obtain  $A = 1/8$  and  $B = 0$ . Thus the general solution is

$$y_h = c_1 + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x + (1/8)x^2.$$

Applying the I.C. we find  $c_1 = 3/16, c_2 = -3/16$  and  $c_3 = 0$ .

5)  
a) The C.E. of the corresponding homogenous equation  $y''' - 2y'' + y' = 0$  is  $r^3 - 2r^2 + r = 0$  with roots  $r = 0, 1, 1$ . Hence

$$y_h = c_1 + c_2e^x + c_3xe^x, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 = \text{constant}$$

A particular solution of  $y''' - 2y'' + y' = x^3$  is  $y_{p_1} = A_0x^3 + A_1x^2 + A_2x + A_3$  but since constant is a homogenous solution, we should take

$$y_{p_1} = x(A_0x^3 + A_1x^2 + A_2x + A_3).$$

A particular solution of  $y''' - 2y'' + y' = 2e^x$  is  $y_{p_2} = Be^x$ , but since both  $e^x$  and  $xe^x$  are solutions of the homogenous equation, we should multiply  $y_{p_2}$  by  $x^2$  to obtain  $y_{p_2} = Bx^2e^x$ . Then

$$y_p = y_{p_1} + y_{p_2} = x(A_0x^3 + A_1x^2 + A_2x + A_3) + Bx^2e^x.$$

b) The homogenous solution of the corresponding homogenous equation  $y^{(4)} - y''' - y'' + y' = 0$  is

$$y_h = c_1 + c_2e^{-x} + c_3e^x + c_4xe^x, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 = \text{constant}$$

Consider  $y^{(4)} - y''' - y'' + y' = x^2 + 4$  and  $y^{(4)} - y''' - y'' + y' = x \sin x$  separately. A particular solution of the first equation  $y_{p_1} = A_0x^2 + A_1x + A_2$  but this must be multiplied by  $x$  since constant is a homogenous solution. Hence  $y_{p_1} = x(A_0x^2 + A_1x + A_2)$ . For the second equation  $y_{p_2} = (B_0x + B_1) \cos x + (C_0x + C_1) \sin x$  which does not need to be modified. By the superposition principal a particular solution of the given D.E. is

$$y_p = y_{p_1} + y_{p_2} = x(A_0x^2 + A_1x + A_2) + (B_0x + B_1) \cos x + (C_0x + C_1) \sin x.$$

c) The homogenous solution of the corresponding homogenous equation  $y^{(4)} + 4y'' = 0$  is

$$y_h = c_1 + c_2x + c_3 \sin 2x + c_4 \cos 2x, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 = \text{constant}$$

A particular solutions

$$y_{p_1} = x(A_1 \sin 2x + A_2 \cos 2x), \quad y_{p_2} = (B_1x + B_0)e^x, \quad y_{p_3} = C_1x^2.$$

By the superposition a particular solution of the given D.E. is

$$y_p = y_{p_1} + y_{p_2} + y_{p_3} = x(A_1 \sin 2x + A_2 \cos 2x) + (B_1x + B_0)e^x + C_1x^2.$$

**6)**

a) The homogenous solution of the given D.E. is

$$y_h = c_1 + c_2e^x + c_3xe^x, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 = \text{constant}$$

Since  $R(x) = x^3 + 2e^x$ ,  $x^3$  suggests that the root of the C.E. of  $g(D)$  is  $r = 0$  with multiplicity  $k = 4$ , and  $2e^x$  suggests that the root of the C.E. of  $g(D)$  is  $r = 1$ . Therefore, the C.E. of  $g(D)$  is  $g(r) = r^3(r - 1) = 0$ , and hence

$$g(D)R(x) = D^4(D - 1)R(x)$$

If we apply  $g(D)$  on both sides of the given D.E.  $f(D)y = R(x)$ , we obtain the following homogenous equation

$$g(D)f(D)y = 0.$$

The C.E. of the above D.E. is  $r^4(r - 1)(r^3 - 2r^2 + r = 0) = 0$  with roots  $r = 0$  with multiplicity  $k = 5$  and  $r = 1$  with multiplicity  $k = 3$ . Hence

$$y_h = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4x^3 + c_5x^4 + c_6e^x + c_7xe^x + c_8x^2e^x.$$

b) The homogenous solution of the corresponding homogenous equation is  $y_h = c_1 + c_2e^{-x} + c_3e^x + c_4xe^x$ ,  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 = \text{constant}$ . Since  $R(x) = x^2 + 4 + x \sin x$ , the C.E. of the D.E.  $g(D)R(x) = 0$  is  $g(r) = r^3(r - i)^2(r + i)^2 = 0$ . Therefore  $g(D) = D^3(D - i)^2(D + i)^2$ , and hence

$$g(D)f(D)y = 0,$$

where  $f(D) = D^4 - D^3 - D^2 + D$ . The C.E. of the above homogenous equation is  $r^3(r - i)^2(r + i)^2(r^4 - r^3 - r^2 + r) = 0$  with roots  $r = 0$  with multiplicity  $k = 4$ ,  $r = \pm i$  with multiplicity  $k = 2$ ,  $r = 1$  and  $r = -1$  with multiplicity  $k = 2$ . Hence

$$y = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4x^3 + (c_5 + c_6x) \sin x + (c_7 + c_8x) \cos x + c_9e^x + c_{10}e^{-x} + c_{11}xe^{-x}.$$

c) The homogenous solution of the corresponding homogenous equation is  $y_h = c_1 + c_2x + c_3 \sin 2x + c_4 \cos 2x$ ,  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 = \text{constant}$ . Since  $R(x) = \sin 2x + xe^x + 4$ , the C.E. of the D.E.  $g(D)R(x) = 0$  is  $g(r) = (r - 2i)(r + 2i)(r - 1)^2r = 0$ . Therefore  $g(D) = (D - 2i)(D + 2i)(D - 1)^2D$ , and hence

$$g(D)f(D)y = 0,$$

where  $f(D) = D^4 + 4D^2$ . The C.E. of the above homogenous equation is  $(r - 2i)(r + 2i)(r - 1)^2r^3(r^2 + 4) = 0$  with roots  $r = \pm 2i$ ,  $r = 1$  with multiplicity  $k = 2$  and  $r = 0$  with multiplicity  $k = 3$ . Hence

$$y = (c_1 + c_2x) \sin 2x + (c_3 + c_4x) \cos 2x + (c_5 + c_6x)e^x + c_7 + c_8x + c_9x^2.$$