

MATHS IB: Calculus

§1.7 Second-order nonhomogeneous DEs

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Need to know homogeneous solution!

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\lambda - 1)^2 = 0$$

Repeated root of $\lambda = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad e^x$

Other solution is therefore $xe^x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi_h(x) = C_1e^x + C_2xe^x$

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- ▶ For details, see **[Property 1.8]** in course notes. For a brief idea of why – what happens when we substitute this into the left side of (\dagger) ?

An example

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$$y''(t) - 4y'(t) + 5y(t) = 25t^2 \quad ; \quad y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$$

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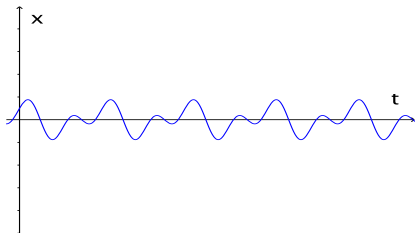
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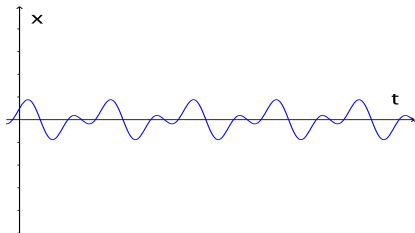
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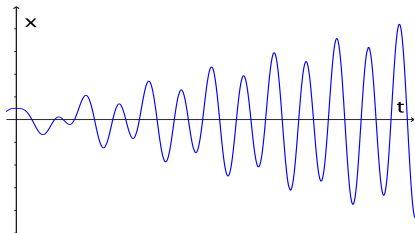
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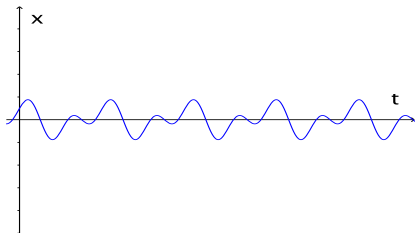
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