

Form of Particular Solution

(Adapted from Table 3.1 of Kohler and Johnson)

The right-hand column gives the proper form to assume for a particular solution of $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$. In the right-hand column, choose r to be the smallest nonnegative integer such that no term in the assumed form is a solution of the homogeneous equation $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$. The value of r will be 0, 1, or 2.

Form of $g(t)$	Form to Assume for a Particular Solution $y_p(t)$.
$a_n t^n + \cdots + a_1 t + a_0$	$t^r [A_n t^n + \cdots + A_1 t + A_0]$
$[a_n t^n + \cdots + a_1 t + a_0] e^{\alpha t}$	$t^r [A_n t^n + \cdots + A_1 t + A_0] e^{\alpha t}$
$\left. \begin{array}{l} [a_n t^n + \cdots + a_1 t + a_0] \sin \beta t \\ \text{or} \\ [a_n t^n + \cdots + a_1 t + a_0] \cos \beta t \end{array} \right\}$	$t^r [(A_n t^n + \cdots + A_1 t + A_0) \sin(\beta t) + (B_n t^n + \cdots + B_1 t + B_0) \cos(\beta t)]$
$e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t)$ or $e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t)$	$t^r [A e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t) + B e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t)]$
$\left. \begin{array}{l} e^{\alpha t} [a_n t^n + \cdots + a_0] \sin \beta t \\ \text{or} \\ e^{\alpha t} [a_n t^n + \cdots + a_0] \cos \beta t \end{array} \right\}$	$t^r [(A_n t^n + \cdots + A_0) e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t) + (B_n t^n + \cdots + B_0) e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t)]$