

Chapter 3, Sect 5

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where y_h solves $L(y) = 0$ (the homogeneous part of the solution), and y_p solves $L(y) = g(t)$ (the particular part of the solution).

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$$L(t^2) = 2 - 2t - 2t^2$$

and so on.

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Therefore, $y_{p_3}(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(t)$

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In conclusion, given $y'' + 2y' + y = t^2 + e^{2t} - \cos(t)$, the general solution is:

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