

Today

- The geometry of homogeneous and nonhomogeneous matrix equations
- Solving nonhomogeneous equations
 - Method of undetermined coefficients

Second order, linear, constant coeff, **non**homogeneous (3.5)

- Our next goal is to figure out how to find solutions to nonhomogeneous equations like this one:

$$y'' - 6y' + 8y = \sin(2t)$$

- But first, a bit more on the connections between matrix algebra and differential equations . . .

Some connections to linear (matrix) algebra

- An $m \times n$ matrix is a gizmo that takes an n -vector and returns an m -vector:

$$\bar{y} = A\bar{x}$$

- It is called a **linear operator** because it has the following properties:

$$A(c\bar{x}) = cA\bar{x}$$

$$A(\bar{x} + \bar{y}) = A\bar{x} + A\bar{y}$$

- Not all operators work on vectors. Derivative operators take a function and return a new function. For example,

$$z = L[y] = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dt} + y$$

- This one is linear because

$$L[cy] = cL[y]$$

$$L[y + z] = L[y] + L[z]$$

Note: y, z are functions of t and c is a constant.

Some connections to linear (matrix) algebra

- A homogeneous matrix equation has the form

$$A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$$

- A non-homogeneous matrix equation has the form

$$A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$$

- A homogeneous differential equation has the form

$$L[y] = 0$$

- A non-homogeneous differential equation has the form

$$L[y] = g(t)$$

Solutions to homogeneous matrix equations

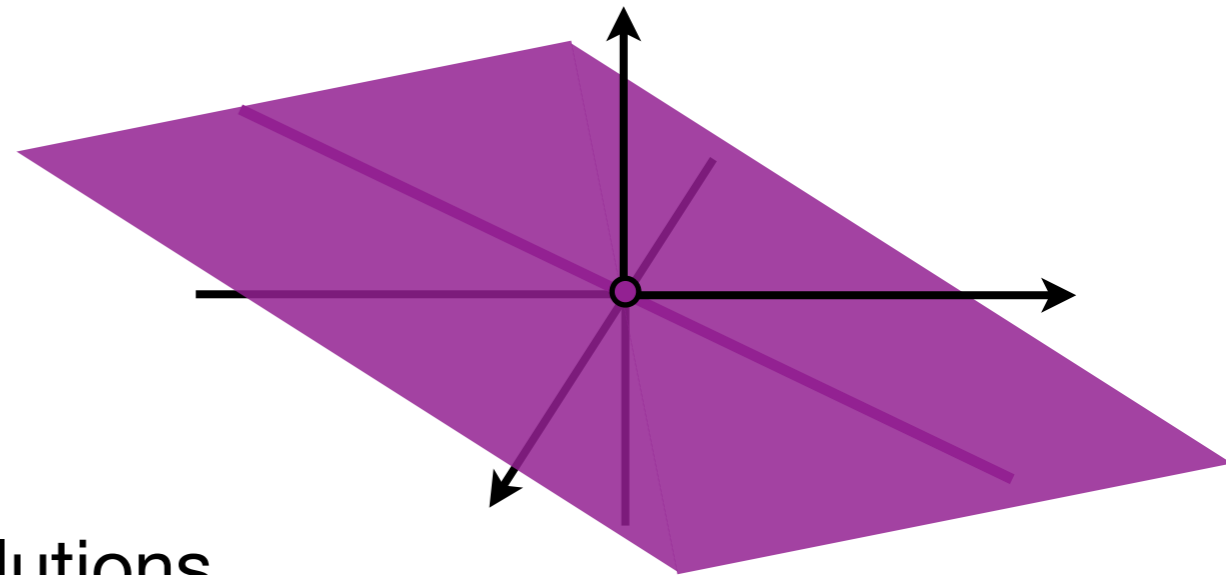
- The matrix equation $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ could have (depending on A)

★ (A) no solutions.

→ (B) exactly one solution.

→ (C) a one-parameter family of solutions.

→ (D) an n-parameter family of solutions.



Possibilities:

$$\bar{x} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \bar{x} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Choose the answer that is **incorrect**.

Solutions to homogeneous matrix equations

- **Example 1.** Solve the equation $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each equation describes a plane.

- Row reduction gives

$$A \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In this case, only two of them really matter.

- so $x_1 - \frac{1}{3}x_3 = 0$ and $x_2 + \frac{5}{3}x_3 = 0$ and x_3 can be whatever (because it doesn't have a leading one).

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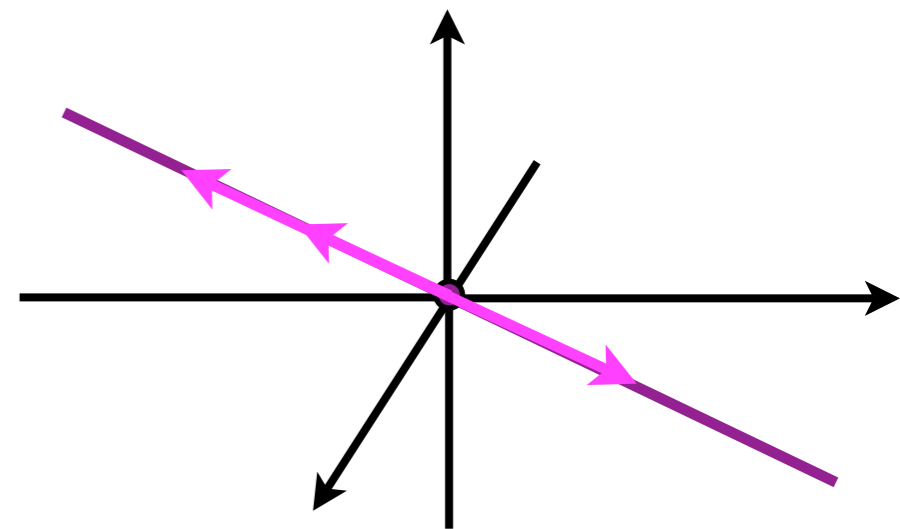
$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3}x_3$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3}C$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{5}{3}x_3$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{5}{3}C$$

$$x_3 = C$$



- Thus, the solution can be written as $\bar{x} = \frac{C}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

Solutions to homogeneous matrix equations

- **Example 2.** Solve the equation $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Row reduction gives

$$A \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- so $x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$ and both x_2 and x_3 can be whatever.

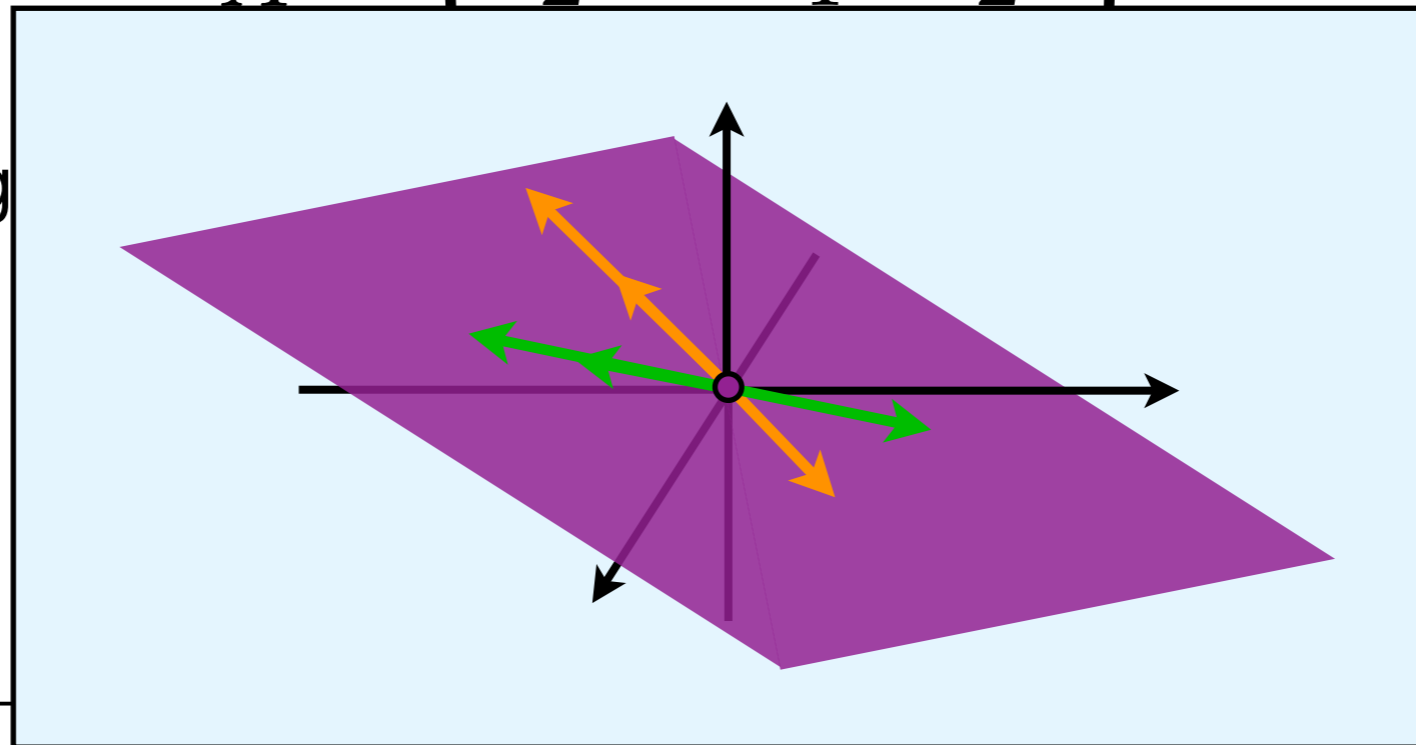
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Solutions to homogeneous matrix equations

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Solutions to non-homogeneous matrix equations

- **Example 3.** Solve the equation $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Row reduction gives

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1/3 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- so $x_1 - \frac{1}{3}x_3 = \frac{2}{3}$ and $x_2 + \frac{5}{3}x_3 = \frac{2}{3}$ and x_3 can be whatever.

Solutions to non-homogeneous matrix equations

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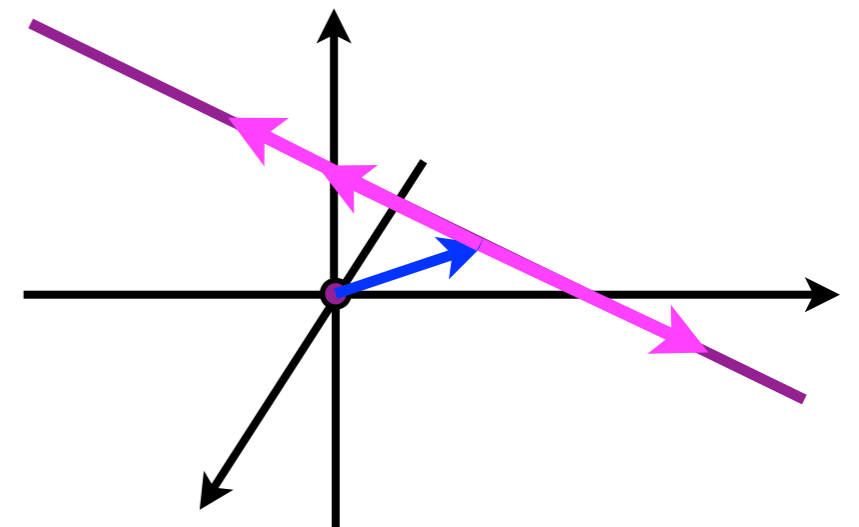
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$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3}x_3 + \frac{2}{3} \quad x_2 = -\frac{5}{3}x_3 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\bar{x} = C_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

the general solution to
the homogeneous
problem

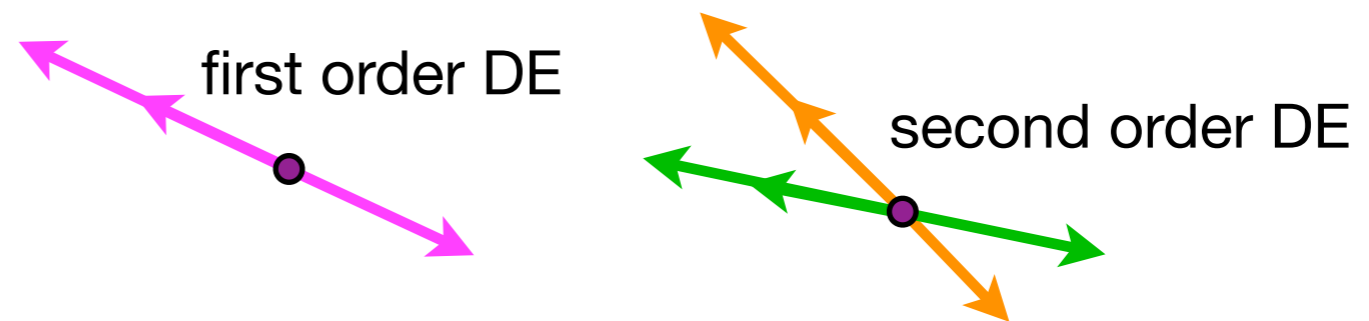
one particular solution
to nonhomogeneous
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Solutions to nonhomogeneous differential equations

- To solve a nonhomogeneous differential equation:

1. Find the general solution to the associated homogeneous problem, $y_h(t)$.

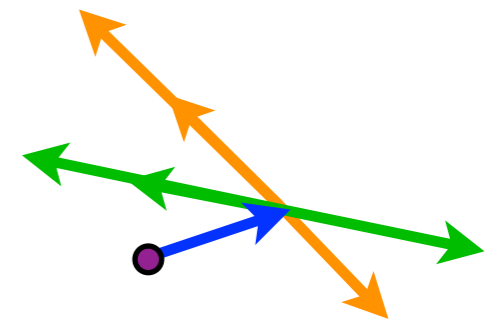


2. Find a particular solution to the nonhomogeneous problem, $y_p(t)$.



3. The general solution to the nonhomogeneous problem is their sum:

$$y = y_h + y_p = \underbrace{C_1 y_1}_{\text{orange}} + \underbrace{C_2 y_2}_{\text{green}} + \underbrace{y_p}_{\text{blue}}$$



- For step 2, try “Method of undetermined coefficients”...

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 4.** Define the operator $L[y] = y'' + 2y' - 3y$. Find the general solution to $L[y] = e^{2t}$. That is, $y'' + 2y' - 3y = e^{2t}$.

- Step 1: Solve the associated homogeneous equation

$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0.$$

$$y_h(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-3t}$$

- Step 2: What do you have to plug in to $L[\cdot]$ to get e^{2t} out?

- Try $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t}$.

- $L[y_p(t)] = L[Ae^{2t}] = \begin{cases} \text{(A) } 5e^{2t} & \text{(C) } 4e^{2t} \\ \star \text{(B) } 5Ae^{2t} & \text{(D) } 4Ae^{2t} \end{cases}$

- A is an **undetermined coefficient** (until you determine it).

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- Summarizing:

- We know that, for any C_1 and C_2 ,

$$L[C_1e^t + C_2e^{-3t}] = 0$$

- We also know that

$$L[Ae^{2t}] = 5Ae^{2t}$$

- Finally, by linearity, we know that

$$L[C_1e^t + C_2e^{-3t} + Ae^{2t}] = 0 + 5Ae^{2t}$$

- So what's left to do to find our general solution? Pick $A = 1/5$.

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 5.** Find the general solution to the equation $y'' - 4y = e^t$.

- What is the solution to the **associated homogeneous equation**?

★ (A) $y_h(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$

(B) $y_h(t) = C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t)$

(C) $y_h(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 t e^{2t}$

(D) $y_h(t) = C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t) + e^t$

(E) Don't know.

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 5.** Find the general solution to the equation $y'' - 4y = e^t$.

- What is the form of the particular solution?

(A) $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t}$

(B) $y_p(t) = Ae^{-2t}$

★ (C) $y_p(t) = Ae^t$

(D) $y_p(t) = Ate^t$

(E) Don't know

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 5.** Find the general solution to the equation $y'' - 4y = e^t$.
 - What is the value of A that gives the particular solution (Ae^t) ?
 - (A) $A = 1$
 - (B) $A = 3$
 - (C) $A = 1/3$
 - ★ (D) $A = -1/3$
 - (E) Don't know.

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 7.** Find the general solution to the equation $y'' - 4y = e^{2t}$.

- What is the solution to the associated homogeneous equation?

★ (A) $y_h(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$

(B) $y_h(t) = C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t)$

(C) $y_h(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$

Same as the last example

(D) Don't know.

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 7.** Find the general solution to the equation $y'' - 4y = e^{2t}$.

- What is the form of the particular solution?

(A) $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t}$

$$(Ae^{2t})'' - 4Ae^{2t} = 0 !$$

(B) $y_p(t) = Ae^{-2t}$

★ (C) $y_p(t) = Ate^{2t}$

(D) $y_p(t) = Ae^t$

(E) $y_p(t) = Ate^t$

- Simpler example in which the RHS is a solution to the homogeneous problem.

$$y' - y = e^t$$

$$e^{-t}y' - e^{-t}y = 1$$

$$y = te^t + Ce^t$$

- General rule: when your guess at y_p makes LHS=0, try multiplying it by t .

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 7.** Find the general solution to the equation $y'' - 4y = e^{2t}$.
 - What is the value of A that gives the particular solution (Ate^{2t}) ?

(A) $A = 1$

$$(Ate^{2t})' = Ae^{2t} + 2Ate^{2t}$$

(B) $A = 4$

$$(Ate^{2t})'' = 2Ae^{2t} + 2Ae^{2t} + 4Ate^{2t}$$

(C) $A = -4$

$$= 4Ae^{2t} + 4Ate^{2t}$$

★ (D) $A = 1/4$

$$(Ate^{2t})'' - 4(Ate^{2t}) = 4Ae^{2t}$$

(E) $A = -1/4$

Need: $= e^{2t}$

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 8.** Find the general solution to $y'' - 4y = \cos(2t)$.

- What is the form of the particular solution?

★ (A) $y_p(t) = A \cos(2t)$

(B) $y_p(t) = A \sin(2t)$

★ (C) $y_p(t) = A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t)$

(D) $y_p(t) = t(A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t))$

(E) $y_p(t) = e^{2t}(A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t))$

Challenge: What small change to the DE makes (D) correct?

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 8.** Find the general solution to $y'' + y' - 4y = \cos(2t)$.

- What is the form of the particular solution?

(A) $y_p(t) = A \cos(2t)$

(B) $y_p(t) = A \sin(2t)$

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(E) $y_p(t) = e^{2t}(A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t))$

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 9.** Find the general solution to $y'' - 4y = t^3$.

- What is the form of the particular solution?

(A) $y_p(t) = At^3$


(B) $y_p(t) = At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct$

★ (C) $y_p(t) = At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct + D$

(D) $y_p(t) = At^3 + Be^{2t} + Ce^{-2t}$

(E) Don't know.

waste of time including
solution to homogeneous eq.



Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- When RHS is sum of terms:

$$y'' - 4y = \cos(2t) + t^3$$

$$y_p(t) = A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t) + Ct^3 + Dt^2 + Et + F$$

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 10.** Find the general solution to $y'' + 2y' = e^{2t} + t^3$.

- What is the form of the particular solution?

(A) $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t} + Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt$

(B) $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t} + Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt + E$

★ (C) $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t} + (Bt^4 + Ct^3 + Dt^2 + Et)$
 $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t} + t(Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt + E)$

(D) $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t} + Be^{-2t} + Ct^3 + Dt^2 + Et + F$

(E) $y_p(t) = Ae^{2t} + Bte^{2t} + Ct^3 + Dt^2 + Et + F$

For each wrong answer, for what DE is it the correct form?

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- **Example 11.** Find the general solution to $y'' - 4y = t^3 e^{2t}$.

- What is the form of the particular solution?

(A) $y_p(t) = (At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct + D)e^{2t}$

(B) $y_p(t) = (At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct)e^{2t}$

(C) $y_p(t) = (At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct)e^{2t} + (Dt^3 + Et^2 + Ft)e^{-2t}$

★ (D) $y_p(t) = (At^4 + Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt)e^{2t}$
 $y_p(t) = t(At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct + D)e^{2t}$

(E) $y_p(t) = (At^4 + Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt + E)e^{2t}$

Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

- Summary - finding a particular solution to $L[y] = g(t)$.
 - Include all functions that are part of the $g(t)$ family (e.g. \cos **and** \sin)
 - If part of the $g(t)$ family is a solution to the homogeneous (h-)problem, use $t \times (g(t)$ family).
 - If $t \times$ (part of the $g(t)$ family), is a solution to the h-problem, use $t^2 \times (g(t)$ family).
 - For sums, group terms into families and include a term for each.
 - For products of families, use the above rules and multiply them.
 - If your guess includes a solution to the h-problem, you may as well remove it as it won't survive $L[]$ so you won't be able to determine its undetermined coefficient.