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- I'm out of town Tuesday (Jan 28)
  - no office hours, no lecture,
  - read Variations of Parameters (3.6) - for interest, not on the exam.
- The geometry of homogeneous and nonhomogeneous matrix equations
- Solving nonhomogeneous equations
  - Method of undetermined coefficients

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

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- 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

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- 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

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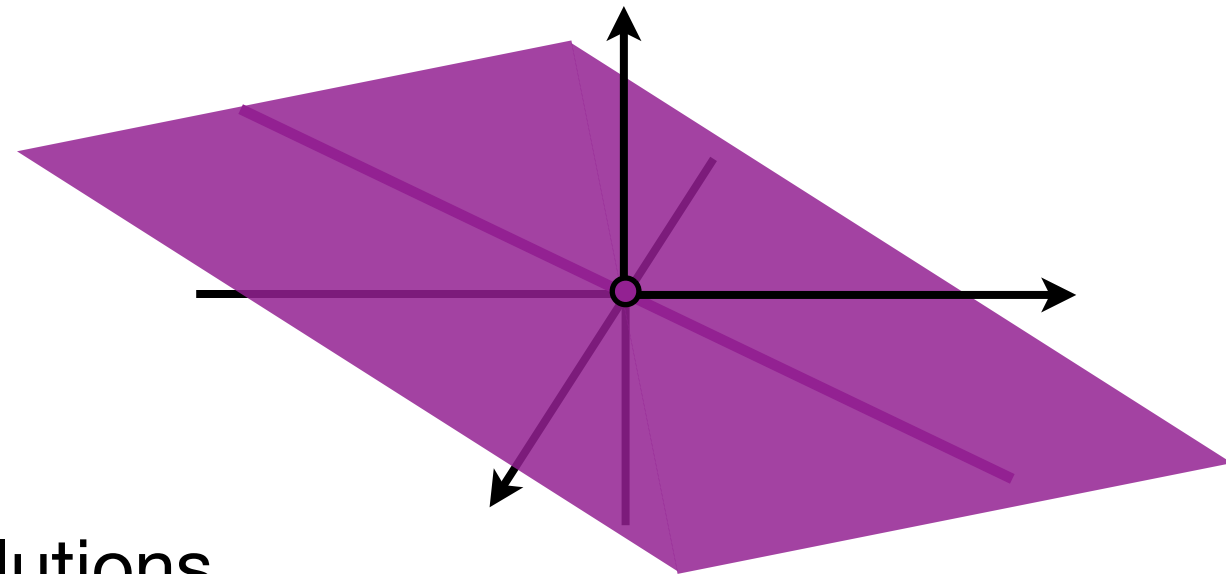
- The matrix equation  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  could have (depending on A)

★ (A) no solutions.

➔ (B) exactly one solution.

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

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



Possibilities:

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

Choose the answer that is **incorrect**.

# Solutions to homogeneous matrix equations

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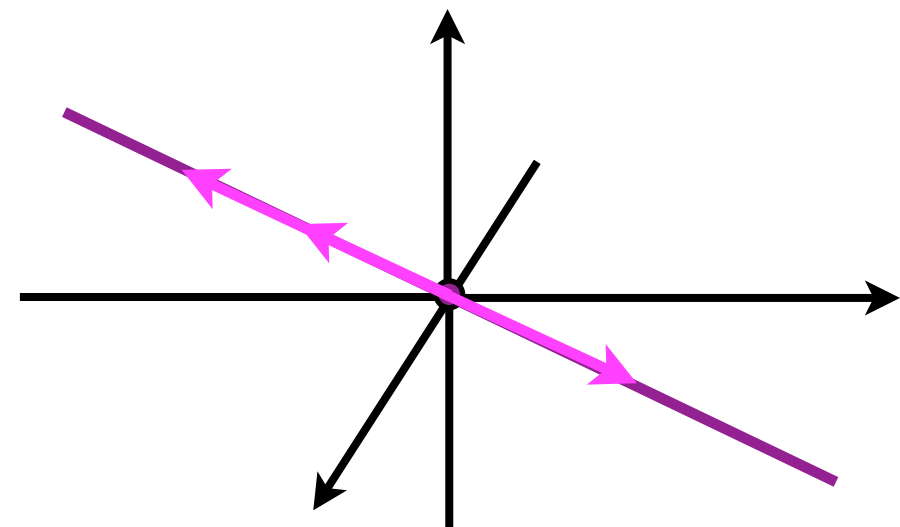
$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3}x_3$$

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

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

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

$$x_3 = C$$



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

# Solutions to homogeneous matrix equations

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- **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.

$$\bar{x} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

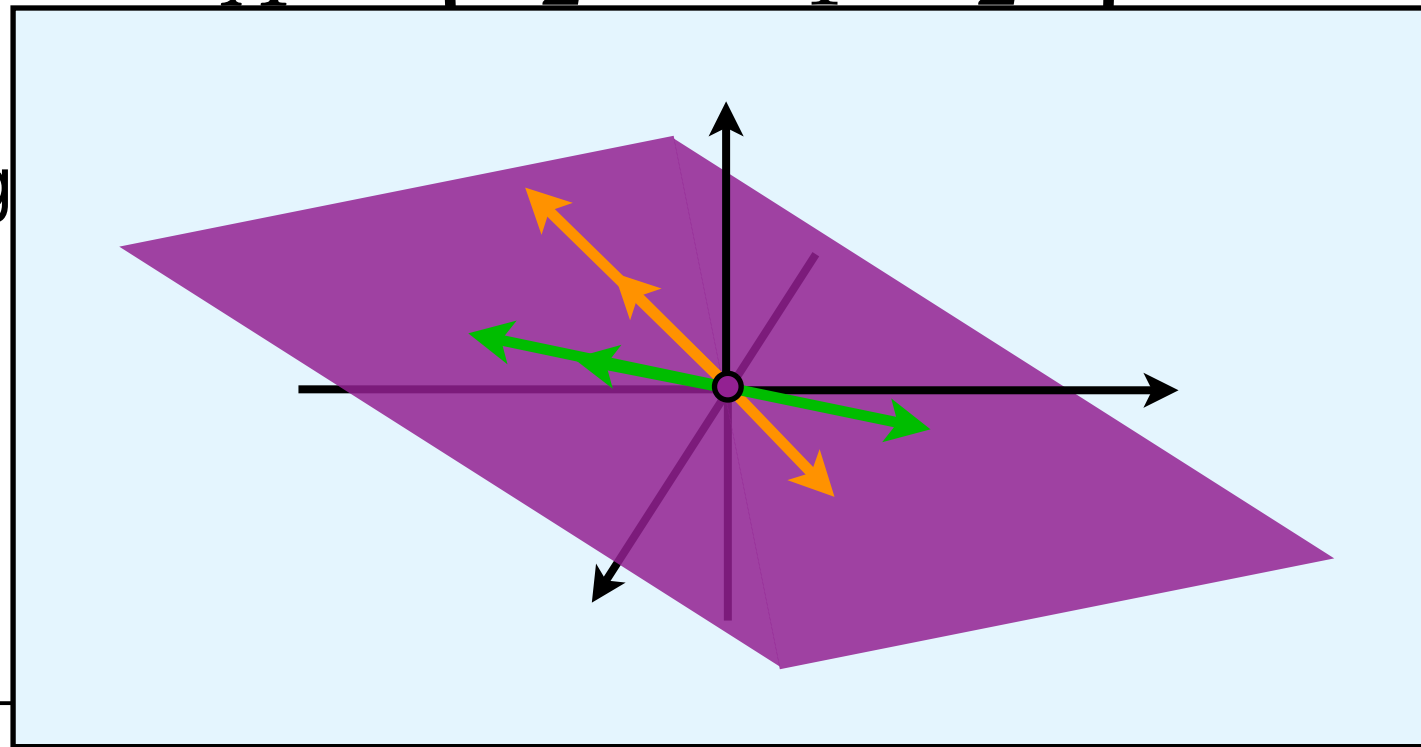
# Solutions to homogeneous matrix equations

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- Row reduction gives

- so  $x_1 - 2x_2 + 0x_3 = 0$  for whatever.



$$\bar{x} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Solutions to non-homogeneous matrix equations

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

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

- 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

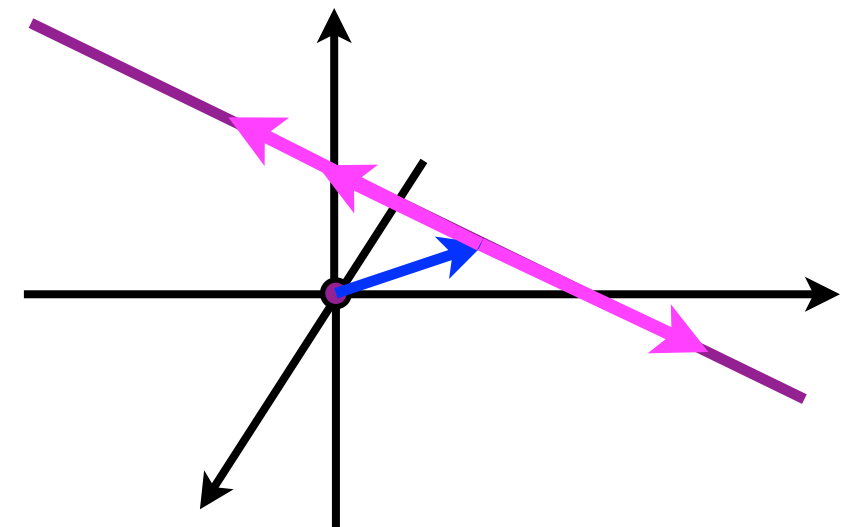
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$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3}x_3 + \frac{2}{3} \quad x_2 = -\frac{5}{3}x_3 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\bar{x} = \mathcal{C}_3' \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

the general solution to  
the homogeneous  
problem

one particular solution  
to nonhomogeneous  
problem

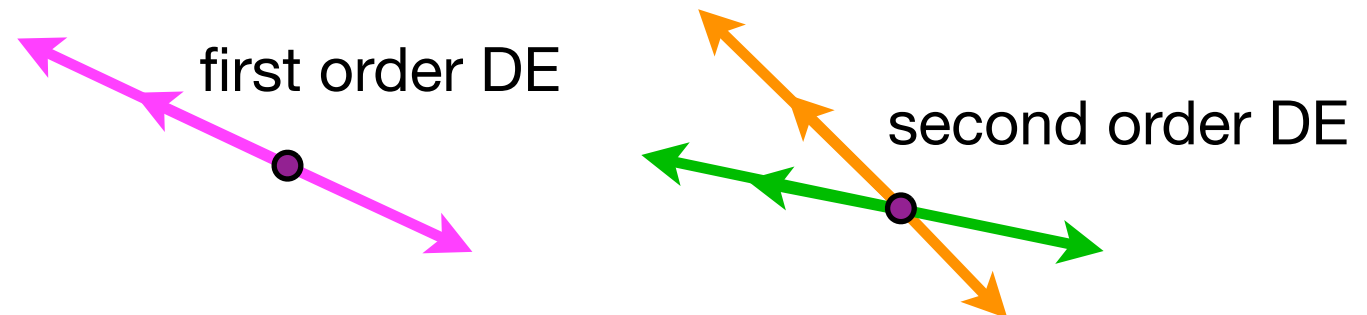


# Solutions to nonhomogeneous differential equations

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- To solve a nonhomogeneous differential equation:

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

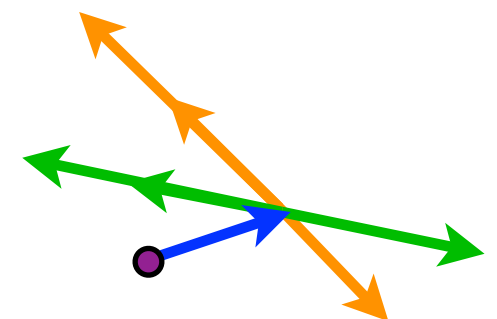


2. Find a particular solution to the nonhomogeneous problem,  $y_p(t)$ .



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

$$y = y_h + y_p = \underbrace{C_1 y_1}_{\text{first order DE}} + \underbrace{C_2 y_2}_{\text{second order DE}} + \underbrace{y_p}_{\text{particular solution}}$$



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

# Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

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- **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  $C_2$ ,

$$L[C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-3t}] = 0$$

- We also know that

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

- Finally, by linearity, we know that

$$L[C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-3t} + Ae^{2t}] = 0 + 5Ae^{2t}$$

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

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

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

# Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

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- **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)  $y_p(t) = Ate^{-2t}$

★ (D)  $y_p(t) = Ae^t$

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

# Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

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- **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)  $A = -3$
    - (D)  $A = 1/3$
    - ★ (E)  $A = -1/3$



## Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

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- **Example 6.** 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)  $y_h(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$

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

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

Same as the last example

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- **Example 6.** 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.

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

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

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

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  - What is the value of A that gives the particular solution  $(Ate^{2t})$ ?

(A)  $A = 1$

(B)  $A = 4$

(C)  $A = -4$

★ (D)  $A = 1/4$

(E)  $A = -1/4$

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

# Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

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- **Example 6.** 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)  $y_p(t) = e^{2t}(A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t))$

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

# Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

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- 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)  $y_p(t) = At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct + D + Ee^{2t} + Fe^{-2t}$

# Method of undetermined coefficients (3.5)

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- **Example 6.** 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)

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- **Example 6.** 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)

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- 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  $t \times (g(t) \text{ family})$ .
  - If  $t \times (\text{part of the } g(t) \text{ family})$ , is a solution to the h-problem, use  $t^2 \times (g(t) \text{ family})$ .
  - 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.