

## Notes on Higher Order Differential Equations

### Reduction of Order (by formula) (4.2)

The general solution of a homogeneous linear second-order differential equation  $a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = 0$  is the linear combination  $y = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$ .

If  $y_1$  is known,  $y_2$  can be determined by substituting  $y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$  into the equation and solving for  $u(x)$ , which involves solving a first-order equation after substitutions.

For the standard form  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ , the formula for  $y_2$  is:  $y_2(x) = y_1(x) \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x)dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx$

*Any coefficient that results in the integration can be discarded, since it is considered to be part of  $c_2$ .*

### Examples

1)  $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$        $y_1 = xe^x$        $P(x) = -2$

$$y_2 = xe^x \int \frac{e^{-\int -2dx}}{(xe^x)^2} dx = xe^x \int \frac{e^{2x}}{x^2 e^{2x}} dx = xe^x \int x^{-2} dx = xe^x (-x^{-1}) = -e^x$$

$$y_2 = e^x \text{ (discard the coefficient)}$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1xe^x + c_2e^x$$

2)  $4y'' + y' - (3/2)y = 0$        $\rightarrow$        $y'' + (1/4)y' - (3/8)y = 0$

$$y_1 = e^{x/2} \quad P(x) = 1/4$$

$$y_2 = e^{x/2} \int \frac{e^{-\int (1/4)dx}}{(e^{x/2})^2} dx = e^{x/2} \int \frac{e^{-x/4}}{e^x} dx = e^{x/2} \int e^{-5x/4} dx = e^{x/2} \left( -\frac{4}{5} e^{-5x/4} \right) = -\frac{4}{5} e^{-3x/4}$$

$$y_2 = e^{-3x/4}$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1e^{x/2} + c_2e^{-3x/4}$$

3)  $x^2y'' - 3xy' + 5y = 0$        $\rightarrow$        $y'' - (3/x)y' + (5/x^2)y = 0$

$$y_1 = x^2 \sin(\ln x) \quad P(x) = -3/x$$

$$y_2 = x^2 \sin(\ln x) \int \frac{e^{-\int (-3/x)dx}}{[x^2 \sin(\ln x)]^2} dx = x^2 \sin(\ln x) \int \frac{e^{3 \ln x}}{x^4 \sin^2(\ln x)} dx$$

$$= x^2 \sin(\ln x) \int \frac{x^3}{x^4 \sin^2(\ln x)} dx = x^2 \sin(\ln x) \int \frac{1}{x} \csc^2(\ln x) dx = x^2 \sin(\ln x) [-\cot(\ln x)]$$

$$= -x^2 \cos(\ln x)$$

$$y_2 = x^2 \cos(\ln x) \quad \text{general solution: } y = c_1x^2 \sin(\ln x) + c_2x^2 \cos(\ln x)$$

## Homogeneous Linear Equations with Constant Coefficients (4.3)

For homogeneous linear equations, assume  $y = e^{mx}$ ,  $y' = me^{mx}$ ,  $y'' = m^2e^{mx}$ , etc. Since  $e^{mx} \neq 0$ , then the coefficients must add to equal 0.

For:  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \rightarrow am^2e^{mx} + bme^{mx} + ce^{mx} = 0$

or:  $am^2 + bm + c = 0 \leftarrow$  the **auxiliary equation** of the differential equation

and:  $m = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

For two different real roots  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ :  $y = c_1e^{m_1x} + c_2e^{m_2x}$

For two real repeated roots:  $y = c_1e^{mx} + c_2xe^{mx}$

For two complex roots  $\alpha \pm \beta i$   $y = c_1e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x + c_2e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$

For higher order equations, find the roots and apply the basic forms. Repeated roots require successive multiplication by  $x$ , e.g.,  $c_1e^{mx} + c_2xe^{mx} + c_3x^2e^{mx} + \dots$

### Examples

1)  $y'' + 2y' - 8y = 0$   
 $m^2 + 2m - 8 = 0$   
 $(m + 4)(m - 2) = 0$

$\rightarrow y = c_1e^{-4x} + c_2e^{2x}$

2)  $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0$   
 $m^2 + 6m + 9 = 0$   
 $(m + 3)^2 = 0$

$\rightarrow y = c_1e^{-3x} + c_2xe^{-3x}$

3)  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$   
 $m^2 - 2m + 5 = 0$   
 $m = 1 \pm 2i$

$\rightarrow y = c_1e^x \cos 2x + c_2e^x \sin 2x$

4)  $y^{(4)} - 8y'' + 16y = 0$   
 $m^{(4)} - 8m^2 + 16 = 0$   
 $(m^2 - 4)^2 = 0$   
 $(m + 2)^2 (m - 2)^2 = 0$

$\rightarrow y = c_1e^{-2x} + c_2xe^{-2x} + c_3e^{2x} + c_4xe^{2x}$

5)  $y''' - 6y'' + 12y' - 8y = 0$   
 $m^3 - 6m^2 + 12m - 8 = 0$   
 $(m - 2)^3 = 0$

$\rightarrow y = c_1e^{2x} + c_2xe^{2x} + c_3x^2e^{2x}$

6)  $y'' + 9y = 0$   
 $m^2 + 9 = 0$   
 $m = \pm 3i$

$\rightarrow y = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x$

## Undetermined Coefficients – Superposition Approach (4.4)

For non-homogeneous equations, the general solution is the sum of the "complementary" solution to the homogeneous equation ( $y_c$ ) and a "particular" solution  $y_p$ . One way to find a particular solution is to guess, using the right side of the equation as a format guide.

If the right side is a:

polynomial: use a generic polynomial of the same degree  
 any constant  $\rightarrow A$   
 $3x$   $\rightarrow Ax + B$   
 $5x^3$   $\rightarrow Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D$

sine or cosine: use a generic sine plus cosine  
 $2\sin 3x$   $\rightarrow A\sin 3x + B\cos 3x$

$e^{mx}$ : use a generic  $e^{mx}$   
 $3e^{3x}$   $\rightarrow Ae^{3x}$

These forms may be added and multiplied:

$$5x\sin 4x \rightarrow (Ax + B)\sin 4x + (Cx + D)\cos 4x$$

$$x^2e^x\cos 2x \rightarrow (Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^x\cos 2x + (Dx^2 + Ex + F)e^x\sin 2x$$

If your guess for the particular solution duplicates something in the homogeneous solution, multiply it by whatever power of x you need to create a non-duplicate.

For example, if  $y_c = c_1e^x + c_2xe^x$  and the function on the right side of your equation is  $5e^x$ , then the guess for  $y_p$  should be  $Ax^2e^x$ , not  $Ae^x$ .

### Examples

$$1) y'' + 4y = 3\sin 2x \quad \text{for } m^2 + 4 = 0, y_c = c_1\cos 2x + c_2\sin 2x$$

$3\sin 2x$  suggests the form  $A\cos 2x + B\sin 2x$ , but that duplicates  $y_c$ , so multiply by  $x$ :

$$y_p = Axcos 2x + Bxsin 2x$$

$$y_p' = A\cos 2x - 2Axs\sin 2x + B\sin 2x + 2Bxcos 2x$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y_p'' = -4A\sin 2x - 4Axcos 2x + 4B\cos 2x - 4Bxsin 2x \\ + 4y_p: \quad \quad \quad + 4Axcos 2x \quad \quad \quad + 4Bxsin 2x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$3\sin 2x = -4A\sin 2x + 4B\cos 2x$$

$$A = -3/4 \quad B = 0$$

$$y_p = -\frac{3}{4}x \cos 2x$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1\cos 2x + c_2\sin 2x - \frac{3}{4}x \cos 2x$$

$$2) \quad y'' + 2y' - 24y = 16 - (x + 2)e^{4x} \quad \text{for } m^2 + 2m - 24 = 0, \quad y_c = c_1e^{-6x} + c_2e^{4x}$$

$16 - (x + 2)e^{4x}$  suggests the form  $A - (Bx + C)e^{4x}$ , but that would duplicate the  $c_2e^{4x}$  term, so multiply the  $e^{4x}$  term by  $x$ :

$$y_p = A - (Bx + C)xe^{4x} = A - Bx^2e^{4x} - Cxe^{4x}$$

$$y_p' = -2Bxe^{4x} - 4Bx^2e^{4x} - Ce^{4x} - 4Cxe^{4x}$$

$y_p'' = -2Be^{4x} - 16Bxe^{4x} - 16Bx^2e^{4x} - 8Ce^{4x} - 16Cxe^{4x}$ $+ 2y_p': \quad -4Bxe^{4x} - 8Bx^2e^{4x} - 2Ce^{4x} - 8Cxe^{4x}$ $- 24y_p: \quad \quad \quad + 24Bx^2e^{4x} \quad \quad \quad + 24Cxe^{4x} - 24A$
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$$16 - xe^{4x} - 2e^{4x} = -2Be^{4x} - 10Ce^{4x} - 20Bxe^{4x} - 24A \quad \rightarrow \quad A = -\frac{2}{3} \quad B = \frac{1}{20} \quad C = \frac{19}{100}$$

$$y_p = -\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{20}x^2e^{4x} - \frac{19}{100}xe^{4x}$$

general solution:  $y = c_1e^{-6x} + c_2e^{4x} - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{20}x^2e^{4x} - \frac{19}{100}xe^{4x}$

$$3) \quad y'' + y = 2x\sin x \quad \text{for } m^2 + 1 = 0, \quad y_c = c_1\cos x + c_2\sin x$$

$2x\sin x$  suggests the form  $(Ax + B)\sin x + (Cx + D)\cos x$ , but that would duplicate the  $y_c$  terms, so multiply  $\cos x$  and  $\sin x$  by  $x$ :

$$y_p = (Ax + B)x\sin x + (Cx + D)x\cos x = Ax^2\sin x + Bx\sin x + Cx^2\cos x + Dxcos x$$

$$y_p' = 2Axs\sin x + Ax^2\cos x + B\sin x + Bxcos x + 2Cxcos x - Cx^2\sin x + D\cos x - Dxs\sin x$$

$y_p'' = 2A\sin x + 4Axcos x - Ax^2\sin x + 2Bcos x - Bx\sin x + 2Ccos x - 4Cxs\sin x - Cx^2\cos x - 2D\sin x - Dxcos x$ $+ y_p: \quad \quad \quad + Ax^2\sin x \quad \quad \quad + Bx\sin x \quad \quad \quad + Cx^2\cos x \quad \quad \quad + Dxcos x$
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$$2x\sin x = 2A\sin x + 4Axcos x + 2Bcos x + 2Ccos x - 4Cxs\sin x - 2D\sin x$$

$$\rightarrow \quad A = 0 \quad B = \frac{1}{2} \quad C = -\frac{1}{2} \quad D = 0$$

$$y_p = -\frac{1}{2}x^2\cos x + \frac{1}{2}x\sin x$$

general solution:  $y = c_1\cos x + c_2\sin x - \frac{1}{2}x^2\cos x + \frac{1}{2}x\sin x$

## Undetermined Coefficients – Annihilator Approach (4.5)

Instead of using the "m" notation in Section 4.3, we can use a differential operator "D" notation to indicate an operator that annihilates a function, or makes it zero.  $D^2$  annihilates  $x$  because the second derivative of  $x$  is zero.

For  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$ ,  $m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$  is the auxiliary equation. In annihilator notation,  $(D^2 + 3D + 2)y = 0$ . The change in notation doesn't affect the format of the solutions (see 4.3). For this example,  $y_c = c_1e^{-x} + c_2e^{-2x}$ .

To find particular solutions, the following annihilators are used:

<u>annihilator</u>	<u>annihilates any linear combination of</u>
$D^n$	$1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^{n-1}$
$(D - \alpha)^n$	$e^{\alpha x}, xe^{\alpha x}, x^2e^{\alpha x}, \dots, x^{n-1}e^{\alpha x}$
$[D^2 - 2\alpha D + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)]^n$	$e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, xe^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, x^2e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, \dots, x^{n-1}e^{\alpha x} \cos x$ and $e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x, xe^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x, x^2e^{\alpha x} \sin x, \dots, x^{n-1}e^{\alpha x} \sin x$

Combining the annihilator of the "right-side function" of a non-homogeneous equation with the annihilator of the homogeneous equation produces the general solution.

### Finding general solutions

1. Find the annihilator for the homogenous equation and write in D notation.
2. Multiply both sides of the equation by the annihilator for the right-side function.
3. A product of annihilators annihilates a sum of solution components.
4. Ignore the  $y_c$  components and use the rest to solve the equation for the particular solution.

### Examples

$$1) y'' + 3y' + 2y = 2x^2 \quad (m+2)(m+1) = 0 \rightarrow y_c = c_1e^{-2x} + c_2e^{-x}$$

$(D+2)(D+1)$  annihilates the left side and  $D^3$  annihilates the right side. So:

$$D^3(D+2)(D+1)y = D^3(2x^2) = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is  $m^3(m+2)(m+1) = 0$  and its roots are  $m = -2, -1, 0, 0, 0$

$$\text{general solution: } y = \underbrace{c_1e^{-2x} + c_2e^{-x}}_{y_c} + \underbrace{c_3 + c_4x + c_5x^2}_{y_p} \quad (\text{use } A, B, C \text{ for convenience for } y_p)$$

$$y_p = A + Bx + Cx^2$$

$$y_p' = B + 2Cx$$

$$2x^2 = 2Cx^2 + 6Cx + 2Bx + 2C + 3B + 2A$$

$$C = 1 \quad B = -3 \quad A = 7/2$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1e^{-2x} + c_2e^{-x} + 7/2 - 3x + x^2$$

$$y_p'' = 2C$$

$$+ 3y_p' = +3B + 6Cx$$

$$+ 2y_p = +2A + 2Bx + 2Cx^2$$

$$2) y'' - 2y' + 5y = e^{2x}\sin x \quad (m^2 - 2m + 5) = 0 \rightarrow y_c = c_1 e^x \cos 2x + c_2 e^x \sin 2x$$

$(D^2 - 2D + 5)$  annihilates the left side. On the right side,  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 1$ , and the annihilator is  $[D^2 - 2(2)D + (2^2 + 1^2)] = (D^2 - 4D + 5)$ . So:

$$(D^2 - 4D + 5)(D^2 - 2D + 5)y = (D^2 - 4D + 5)(e^{2x}\sin x) = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is  $(m^2 - 4m + 5)(m^2 - 2m + 5) = 0$  and the roots are  $1 \pm 2i$  and  $2 \pm i$ .

$$\text{general solution: } y = \underbrace{c_1 e^x \cos 2x + c_2 e^x \sin 2x}_{y_c} + \underbrace{c_3 e^{2x} \cos x + c_4 e^{2x} \sin x}_{y_p}$$

$$y_p = Ae^{2x} \cos x + Be^{2x} \sin x$$

$$y_p' = 2Ae^{2x} \cos x - Ae^{2x} \sin x + 2Be^{2x} \sin x + Be^{2x} \cos x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y_p'' = 3Ae^{2x} \cos x - 4Ae^{2x} \sin x + 3Be^{2x} \sin x + 4Be^{2x} \cos x \\ - 2y_p': - 4Ae^{2x} \cos x + 2Ae^{2x} \sin x - 4Be^{2x} \sin x - 2Be^{2x} \cos x \\ + 5y_p: \quad + 5Ae^{2x} \cos x \quad \quad + 5Be^{2x} \sin x \end{array}$$

$$e^{2x} \sin x = 4Ae^{2x} \cos x - 2Ae^{2x} \sin x + 4Be^{2x} \sin x + 2Be^{2x} \cos x$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -2A + 4B = 1 \\ 4A + 2B = 0 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{10} \quad B = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1 e^x \cos 2x + c_2 e^x \sin 2x - \frac{1}{10} e^{2x} \cos x + \frac{1}{5} e^{2x} \sin x$$

$$3) y'' + y = \cos x - 4\sin x \quad (m^2 + 1) = 0 \rightarrow y_c = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$$

$(D^2 + 1)$  annihilates the left side and  $(D^2 + 1)$  also annihilates the right side ( $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$ ). So:

$$(D^2 + 1)(D^2 + 1)y = (D^2 + 1)(\cos x - 4\sin x) = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is  $(m^2 + 1)^2 = 0$  and the roots are  $\pm i, \pm i$ .

$$\text{general solution: } y = \underbrace{c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x}_{y_c} + \underbrace{c_3 x \cos x + c_4 x \sin x}_{y_p}$$

$$y_p = Ax \cos x + Bx \sin x$$

$$y_p' = A \cos x - Ax \sin x + B \sin x + Bx \cos x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y_p'' = -2A \sin x - Ax \cos x + 2B \cos x - Bx \sin x \\ + y_p: \quad \quad + Ax \cos x \quad \quad + Bx \sin x \end{array}$$

$$\cos x - 4\sin x = 2B \cos x - 2A \sin x \quad \rightarrow \quad A = 2 \quad B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + 2x \cos x + \frac{1}{2} x \sin x$$

$$4) y''' - 3y'' + 3y' - y = e^x - 2x + 4 \quad (m-1)^3 = 0 \rightarrow y_c = c_1e^x + c_2xe^x + c_3x^2e^x$$

$(D-1)^3$  annihilates the left side and  $(D-1)D^2$  annihilates the right side (remember, a product of annihilators annihilates a sum of solution components). So:

$$D^2(D-1)(D-1)^3y = D^2(D-1)(e^x - 2x + 4) = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is  $m^2(m-1)^4 = 0$  and the roots are 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0

$$\text{general solution: } y = \underbrace{c_1e^x + c_2xe^x + c_3x^2e^x}_{y_c} + \underbrace{c_4x^3e^x + c_5 + c_6x}_{y_p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= Ax^3e^x + Cx + B \\ y_p' &= 3Ax^2e^x + Ax^3e^x + C \\ y_p'' &= 6Axe^x + 6Ax^2e^x + Ax^3e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y_p''' = 6Ae^x + 18Axe^x + 9Ax^2e^x + Ax^3e^x \\ - 3y_p'': \quad - 18Axe^x - 18Ax^2e^x - 3Ax^3e^x \\ + 3y_p': \quad \quad \quad + 9Ax^2e^x + 3Ax^3e^x + 3C \\ - y_p: \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad - Ax^3e^x - Cx - B \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$e^x - 2x + 4 = 6Ae^x - Cx + (3C - B) \quad \rightarrow \quad A = \frac{1}{6} \quad C = 2 \quad B = 2$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1e^x + c_2xe^x + c_3x^2e^x + \frac{1}{6}x^3e^x + 2x + 2$$

## Variation of Parameters (4.6)

The variation of parameters method of solving a second-order equation uses the standard form:

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = f(x).$$

Using  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  from the homogeneous equation solution set, finding a particular solution assumes:

$$y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x).$$

### Method

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} \quad W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ f(x) & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = -y_2 f(x) \quad W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & f(x) \end{vmatrix} = y_1 f(x)$$

$$u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = \frac{-y_2 f(x)}{W} \quad u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \frac{y_1 f(x)}{W} \quad \rightarrow \text{Integrate } u_1' \text{ and } u_2'.$$

$$y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x)$$

For third-degree  $y''' + P_2(x)y'' + P_1(x)y' + P_0(x)y = f(x)$ :

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_2' & y_3' \\ y_1'' & y_2'' & y_3'' \end{vmatrix} \quad W_1 = f(x) \begin{vmatrix} y_2 & y_3 \\ y_2' & y_3' \end{vmatrix} \quad W_2 = -f(x) \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_3' \end{vmatrix} \quad W_3 = f(x) \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} \quad u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} \quad u_3' = \frac{W_3}{W} \quad \rightarrow \text{Integrate } u_1', u_2', \text{ and } u_3'$$

$$y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x) + u_3(x)y_3(x)$$

### Examples

1)  $3y'' - 6y' + 6y = 3e^x \csc x$   
 $y'' - 2y' + 2y = e^x \csc x \quad m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0 \quad m = 1 \pm i \rightarrow y_c = c_1 e^x \cos x + c_2 e^x \sin x$   
 $y_1 = e^x \cos x \quad y_2 = e^x \sin x$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^x \cos x & e^x \sin x \\ e^x \cos x - e^x \sin x & e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x \end{vmatrix} = e^{2x}$$

$$W_1 = -y_2 f(x) = -e^x \sin x (e^x \csc x) = -e^{2x} \quad W_2 = y_1 f(x) = e^x \cos x (e^x \csc x) = e^{2x} \cot x$$

$$u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = \frac{-e^{2x}}{e^{2x}} = -1 \quad u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \frac{e^{2x} \cot x}{e^{2x}} = \cot x$$

$$u_1 = -x \quad u_2 = \ln|\sin x| \quad y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x) = -xe^x \cos x + e^x \sin x \ln|\sin x|$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1 e^x \cos x + c_2 e^x \sin x - xe^x \cos x + e^x \sin x \ln|\sin x|$$

$$2) \quad y'' + y = \cot x \quad m^2 + 1 = 0 \quad m = \pm i \rightarrow y_c = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$$

$$y_1 = \cos x \quad y_2 = \sin x$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$W_1 = -y_2 f(x) = -\sin x \cot x = -\cos x \quad W_2 = y_1 f(x) = \cos x \cot x = \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} = \csc x - \sin x$$

$$u_1' = W_1 = -\cos x \quad u_2' = W_2 = \csc x - \sin x$$

$$u_1 = \int -\cos x \, dx = -\sin x \quad u_2 = \int (\csc x - \sin x) \, dx = \ln|\csc x - \cot x| + \cos x$$

$$y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x) = -\sin x \cos x + \sin x [\ln|\csc x - \cot x| + \cos x] = \sin x [\ln|\csc x - \cot x|]$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + \sin x [\ln|\csc x - \cot x|]$$

$$3) \quad y''' + y' = \cot x \quad m^3 + m = m(m^2 + 1) \quad m = 0, \pm i \rightarrow y_c = c_1 + c_2 \cos x + c_3 \sin x$$

$$y_1 = 1 \quad y_2 = \cos x \quad y_3 = \sin x$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos x & \sin x \\ 0 & -\sin x & \cos x \\ 0 & -\cos x & -\sin x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -\sin x & \cos x \\ -\cos x & -\sin x \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$u_1' = W_1 = \cot x \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = \cot x$$

$$u_2' = W_2 = -\cot x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin x \\ 0 & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = -\cos x \cot x = \sin x - \csc x$$

$$u_3' = W_3 = \cot x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos x \\ 0 & -\sin x \end{vmatrix} = -\sin x \cot x = -\cos x$$

$$u_1 = \int \cot x \, dx = \ln|\sin x| \quad u_2 = \int (\sin x - \csc x) \, dx = -\cos x - \ln|\csc x - \cot x|$$

$$u_3 = \int -\cos x \, dx = -\sin x$$

$$y_p = \ln|\sin x| - \cos x [\cos x + \ln|\csc x - \cot x|] - \sin x (\sin x)$$

$$\text{general solution: } y = c_1 + c_2 \cos x + c_3 \sin x + \ln|\sin x| - \cos x [\cos x + \ln|\csc x - \cot x|] - \sin^2 x$$