

$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = 10e^{-3t} \dots (*)$$

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

Char. eqn:  $r^2 + 2r - 3 = 0$  or,  $(r+3)(r-1) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow r = -3, 1$

So  $y_1(t) = e^{-3t}$ ,  $y_2(t) = e^t$   
 So  $y_c(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^t$  (complementary solution)

Let  $y = y_p(t) = Ate^{-3t}$  be a solution of the ODE (\*).

Then  $y' = Ae^{-3t} - 3Ate^{-3t}$  (product rule)  
 $= Ae^{-3t}(1-3t)$

and  $y'' = -3Ae^{-3t}(1-3t) + Ae^{-3t} \cdot -3$  (product rule)  
 $= -3Ae^{-3t}(1-3t+1)$   
 $= -3Ae^{-3t}(2-3t)$

Plug these into (\*), we get

$$-3Ae^{-3t}(2-3t) + 2Ae^{-3t}(1-3t) - 3Ate^{-3t} = 10e^{-3t}$$

$$Ae^{-3t} [-3(2-3t) + 2(1-3t) - 3t] = 10e^{-3t}$$

$$A(-6 + 9t + 2 - 6t - 3t) = 10$$

$$-4A = 10 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{So } y_p(t) = -\frac{5}{2}te^{-3t}$$

Hence  $y(t) = y_c(t) + y_p(t)$

$$= c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^t - \frac{5}{2}te^{-3t}$$