

Steps for solving first- and second-order transient problems

- 1) Write the differential equations using KVL or KCL
- 2) Analyze the steady-state circuit to find initial conditions
- 3) Solve the differential equations

Solving second-order differential equations

- 1) For the **homogenous** solution

$$a \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy(t) = x(t)$$

We need to find the roots of the *characteristic equation* $as^2 + bs + c = 0$

Use the table on right to determine the homogenous solution, depending on the roots.

- 2) The **particular** solution is the same
- 3) The **general** solution is the same
- 4) We will have *two initial conditions* we will need to find the unknowns, such as

$$y(0) = y_0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt}(0) = y_1$$

Case	Roots	Homogeneous Solution
I	Distinct real roots $s = s_1, s_2$	$A_1e^{s_1t} + A_2e^{s_2t}$
II	Complex roots $s = \sigma \pm j\omega$	$B_1e^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega t) + B_2e^{\sigma t} \sin(\omega t)$
III	Repeated real roots $s = s_0, s_0$	$C_1e^{s_0t} + C_2te^{s_0t}$

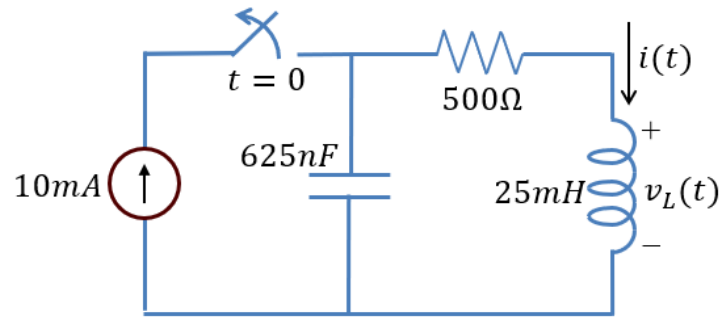
Example 1:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y(t) = 4, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = 0$$

Example 2:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dt} + 3y(t) = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = -1$$

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Example 3: Find $i(t)$ 

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Example 4: Find $i_C(t)$ 