

Exercise 6C

$$1 \text{ a } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 12e^x \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } y = Ae^x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = Ae^x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = Ae^x$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$Ae^x + 5Ae^x + 6Ae^x = 12e^x$$

$$12A = 12$$

$$A = 1$$

Hence the particular integral is e^x

$$m^2 + 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$(m + 2)(m + 3) = 0$$

$$m = -2 \text{ or } m = -3$$

So the complementary function is:

$$y = Be^{-3x} + Ce^{-2x}$$

And the general solution is:

$$y = Be^{-3x} + Ce^{-2x} + e^x$$

$$b \quad y = Be^{-3x} + Ce^{-2x} + e^x \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -3Be^{-3x} - 2Ce^{-2x} + e^x \quad (2)$$

When $x = 0, y = 1$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$1 = B + C + 1$$

$$B = -C$$

Substituting into (2) gives:

$$0 = -3B - 2C + 1$$

(3)

$$3B + 2C = 1$$

Substituting $B = -C$ into (3) gives:

$$-3C + 2C = 1$$

$$C = -1 \text{ and } B = 1$$

Therefore:

$$y = e^{-3x} - e^{-2x} + e^x$$

$$2 \text{ a } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} = 12e^{2x} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } y = Ae^{2x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2Ae^{2x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4Ae^{2x}$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$4Ae^{2x} + 4Ae^{2x} = 12e^{2x}$$

$$8A = 12$$

$$A = \frac{3}{2}$$

Hence the particular integral is $\frac{3}{2}e^{2x}$

$$m^2 + 2m = 0$$

$$m(m+2) = 0$$

$$m = 0 \text{ or } m = -2$$

So the complementary function is:

$$y = B + Ce^{-2x}$$

And the general solution is:

$$y = B + Ce^{-2x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{2x}$$

$$2 \text{ b } y = B + Ce^{-2x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{2x} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2Ce^{-2x} + 3e^{2x} \quad (2)$$

When $x = 0$, $y = 2$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$2 = B + C + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$B + C = \frac{1}{2} \quad (3)$$

Substituting into (2) gives:

$$6 = -2C + 3$$

$$C = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Substituting $C = -\frac{3}{2}$ into (3) gives:

$$B - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$B = 2 \text{ and } C = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Therefore:

$$y = 2 - \frac{3}{2}e^{-2x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{2x}$$

$$3 \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 42y = 14 \quad (1)$$

Let $y = A$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$-42A = 14$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Hence the particular integral is $-\frac{1}{3}$

$$m^2 - m - 42 = 0$$

$$(m - 7)(m + 6) = 0$$

$$m = 7 \text{ or } m = -6$$

So the complementary function is:

$$y = Be^{-6x} + Ce^{7x}$$

And the general solution is:

$$y = Be^{-6x} + Ce^{7x} - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -6Be^{-6x} + 7Ce^{7x}$$

When $x = 0, y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{6}$

$$0 = B + C - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$B = \frac{1}{3} - C \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{6} = -6B + 7C \quad (3)$$

Substituting (2) into (3) gives:

$$\frac{1}{6} = -6\left(\frac{1}{3} - C\right) + 7C$$

$$\frac{1}{6} = -2 + 6C + 7C$$

$$13C = \frac{13}{6}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{6} \text{ and } B = \frac{1}{6}$$

Therefore:

$$y = \frac{1}{6}e^{-6x} + \frac{1}{6}e^{7x} - \frac{1}{3}$$

4 a $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9y = 16 \sin x$ (1)

Let $y = A \sin x + B \cos x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = A \cos x - B \sin x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -A \sin x - B \cos x$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$-A \sin x - B \cos x + 9(A \sin x + B \cos x) = 16 \sin x$$

$$-A \sin x - B \cos x + 9A \sin x + 9B \cos x = 16 \sin x$$

$$A \sin x + B \cos x = 2 \sin x$$

Comparing coefficients:

For $\sin x$:

$$A = 2$$

For $\cos x$:

$$B = 0$$

Hence the particular integral is $2 \sin x$

$$m^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$m = \pm 3i$$

So the complementary function is:

$$y = C \sin 3x + D \cos 3x$$

And the general solution is:

$$y = C \sin 3x + D \cos 3x + 2 \sin x$$

b $y = C \sin 3x + D \cos 3x + 2 \sin x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3C \cos 3x - 3D \sin 3x + 2 \cos x$$

When $x = 0$, $y = 1$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 8$

$$D = 1$$

$$8 = 3C + 2$$

$$C = 2$$

Therefore:

$$y = 2 \sin 3x + \cos 3x + 2 \sin x$$

$$5 \text{ a } 4 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = \sin x + 4 \cos x \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } y = A \sin x + B \cos x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = A \cos x - B \sin x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -A \sin x - B \cos x$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$4(-A \sin x - B \cos x) + 4(A \cos x - B \sin x) + 5(A \sin x + B \cos x) = \sin x + 4 \cos x$$

$$-4A \sin x - 4B \cos x + 4A \cos x - 4B \sin x + 5A \sin x + 5B \cos x = \sin x + 4 \cos x$$

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

Comparing coefficients:

$$\sin x(A - 4B) + \cos x(4A + B) = \sin x + 4 \cos x$$

Comparing coefficients:

For $\sin x$:

$$A - 4B = 1 \quad (1)$$

For $\cos x$:

$$4A + B = 4 \quad (2)$$

Adding $4 \times (2)$ and (1) gives:

$$17A = 17$$

$$A = 1$$

$$B = 0$$

Hence the particular integral is $\sin x$

$$4m^2 + 4m + 5 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(4)(5)}}{2(4)}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-64}}{8}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm 8i}{8}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \pm i$$

So the complementary function is:

$$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} (A \cos x + B \sin x)$$

And the general solution is:

$$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} (A \cos x + B \sin x) + \sin x$$

$$5 \text{ b } y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} (A \cos x + B \sin x) + \sin x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} (-A \sin x + B \cos x) + \cos x - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} (A \cos x + B \sin x)$$

When $x = 0, y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$A = 0$$

$$B + 1 - \frac{1}{2}A = 0$$

$$B = -1$$

Therefore:

$$y = -e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \sin x + \sin x$$

$$= \sin x \left(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \right)$$

$$6 \text{ a } \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 3 \frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 2t - 3 \quad (1)$$

Let $x = At + B$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$-3A + 2(At + B) = 2t - 3$$

$$-3A + 2At + 2B = 2t - 3$$

For t :

$$2A = 2$$

$$A = 1$$

For constant terms:

$$-3A + 2B = -3$$

$$-3 + 2B = -3$$

$$B = 0$$

Hence the particular integral is t

$$m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$$

$$(m-1)(m-2) = 0$$

$$m = 1 \text{ or } m = 2$$

So the complementary function is:

$$x = Ce^{2t} + De^t$$

And the general solution is:

$$x = Ce^{2t} + De^t + t$$

6 b $x = Ce^{2t} + De^t + t$

when $t = 0, x = 1$ and when $t = 1, x = 2$

$$C + D = 1$$

$$C = 1 - D \quad (1)$$

$$Ce^2 + De + 1 = 2$$

$$Ce^2 + De = 1 \quad (2)$$

Substituting (1) into (2) gives:

$$(1 - D)e^2 + De = 1$$

$$e^2 - De^2 + De = 1$$

$$De(1 - e) = 1 - e^2$$

$$D = \frac{1 - e^2}{e(1 - e)}$$

$$= \frac{1 + e}{e}$$

$$C = 1 - \frac{1 + e}{e}$$

$$= \frac{e - 1 - e}{e}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{e}$$

Therefore:

$$x = -\frac{1}{e}e^{2t} + \left(\frac{1 + e}{e}\right)e^t + t$$

$$7 \quad \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 9x = 10 \sin t \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } x = A \cos t + B \sin t$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -A \sin t + B \cos t$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -A \cos t - B \sin t$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$-A \cos t - B \sin t - 9(A \cos t + B \sin t) = 10 \sin t$$

$$-A \cos t - B \sin t - 9A \cos t - 9B \sin t = 10 \sin t$$

$$-10A \cos t - 10B \sin t = 10 \sin t$$

For $\sin t$:

$$-10B = 10$$

$$B = -1$$

For $\cos t$:

$$-10A = 0$$

$$A = 0$$

Hence the particular integral is $-\sin t$

$$m^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$m = \pm 3$$

So the complementary function is:

$$x = Ce^{3t} + De^{-3t}$$

And the general solution is:

$$x = Ce^{3t} + De^{-3t} - \sin t$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3Ce^{3t} - 3De^{-3t} - \cos t$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, x = 2 \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} = -1$$

$$C + D = 2$$

$$3C - 3D - 1 = -1$$

$$3C - 3D = 0$$

$$C = D$$

$$C = 1 \text{ and } D = 1$$

Therefore:

$$x = e^{3t} + e^{-3t} - \sin t$$

$$8 \text{ a i } \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 3te^{2t} \quad (1)$$

$$x = \lambda t^3 e^{2t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 2\lambda t^3 e^{2t}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 6\lambda t e^{2t} + 6\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 6\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 4\lambda t^3 e^{2t}$$

$$= 6\lambda t e^{2t} + 12\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 4\lambda t^3 e^{2t}$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$6\lambda t e^{2t} + 12\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 4\lambda t^3 e^{2t} - 4(3\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 2\lambda t^3 e^{2t}) + 4\lambda t^3 e^{2t} = 3te^{2t}$$

$$6\lambda t e^{2t} + 12\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 4\lambda t^3 e^{2t} - 12\lambda t^2 e^{2t} - 8\lambda t^3 e^{2t} + 4\lambda t^3 e^{2t} = 3te^{2t}$$

$$6\lambda t + 12\lambda t^2 + 4\lambda t^3 - 12\lambda t^2 - 8\lambda t^3 + 4\lambda t^3 = 3t$$

$$6\lambda t = 3t$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence the particular integral is $\frac{1}{2}t^3 e^{2t}$

$$\text{ii } m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$$

$$(m-2)(m-2) = 0$$

$$m = 2$$

So the complementary function is:

$$x = (A + Bt)e^{2t}$$

And the general solution is:

$$x = (A + Bt)te^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}t^3 e^{2t}$$

$$\text{b } x = (A + Bt)e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}t^3 e^{2t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2(A + Bt)e^{2t} + Be^{2t} + t^3 e^{2t} + \frac{3}{2}t^2 e^{2t}$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, x = 0 \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} = 1$$

$$A = 0$$

$$2A + B = 1$$

$$B = 1$$

Therefore:

$$x = te^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}t^3 e^{2t}$$

$$= te^{2t} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \right)$$

$$9 \quad 25 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 36x = 18 \quad (1)$$

Let $x = A$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$36A = 18$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence the particular integral is $\frac{1}{2}$

$$25m^2 + 36 = 0$$

$$m^2 = -\frac{36}{25}$$

$$m = \pm \frac{6}{5}i$$

So the complementary function is:

$$x = B \cos\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right) + C \sin\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right)$$

And the general solution is:

$$x = B \cos\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right) + C \sin\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right) + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{6}{5}B \sin\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right) + \frac{6}{5}C \cos\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right)$$

when $t = 0$, $x = 1$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.6$

$$B + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{6}{5}C = \frac{6}{10}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore:

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right) + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right) + \sin\left(\frac{6}{5}t\right) + 1 \right)$$

$$10 \text{ a } \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 2t^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } x = At^2 + Bt + C$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2At + B$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 2A$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$2A - 2(2At + B) + 2(At^2 + Bt + C) = 2t^2$$

$$2A - 4At - 2B + 2At^2 + 2Bt + 2C = 2t^2$$

For t^2 :

$$2A = 2$$

$$A = 1$$

For t :

$$-4A + 2B = 0$$

$$-4 + 2B = 0$$

$$B = 2$$

For constant terms:

$$2A - 2B + 2C = 0$$

$$2 - 4 + 2C = 0$$

$$C = 1$$

Hence the particular integral is $t^2 + 2t + 1$

$$m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$m = 1 \pm i$$

So the complementary function is:

$$x = (D \cos t + E \sin t)e^t$$

And the general solution is:

$$x = (D \cos t + E \sin t)e^t + t^2 + 2t + 1$$

$$10 \text{ b } x = (D \cos t + E \sin t)e^t + t^2 + 2t + 1$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (-D \sin t + E \cos t)e^t + (D \cos t + E \sin t)e^t + 2t + 2$$

$$\text{when } t = 0, x = 1 \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} = 3$$

$$D + 1 = 1$$

$$D = 0$$

$$E + D + 2 = 3$$

$$E = 1$$

Therefore:

$$x = e^t \sin t + t^2 + 2t + 1$$

$$= e^t \sin t + (t + 1)^2$$

$$11 \text{ a } \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2 = 3e^{2x} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } y = \lambda x e^{2x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\lambda x e^{2x} + \lambda e^{2x}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 4\lambda x e^{2x} + 2\lambda e^{2x} + 2\lambda e^{2x}$$

$$= 4\lambda x e^{2x} + 4\lambda e^{2x}$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$4\lambda x e^{2x} + 4\lambda e^{2x} - 3(2\lambda x e^{2x} + \lambda e^{2x}) + 2\lambda x e^{2x} = 3e^{2x}$$

$$4\lambda x e^{2x} + 4\lambda e^{2x} - 6\lambda x e^{2x} - 3\lambda e^{2x} + 2\lambda x e^{2x} = 3e^{2x}$$

$$\lambda = 3$$

Hence the particular integral is $3xe^{2x}$

$$m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$$

$$(m - 1)(m - 2) = 0$$

$$m = 1 \text{ or } m = 2$$

So the complementary function is:

$$y = Ae^x + Be^{2x}$$

And the general solution is:

$$y = Ae^x + Be^{2x} + 3xe^{2x}$$

$$11 \text{ b } y = Ae^x + Be^{2x} + 3xe^{2x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = Ae^x + 2Be^{2x} + 3e^{2x} + 6xe^{2x}$$

When $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$A + B = 0$$

$$A = -B$$

$$A + 2B + 3 = 0$$

$$A + 2B = -3$$

$$B = -3$$

$$A = 3$$

Therefore:

$$y = 3e^x - 3e^{2x} + 3xe^{2x}$$

$$12 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9y = \sin 3x \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } y = Ax \cos 3x + Bx \sin 3x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -3Ax \sin 3x + 3Bx \cos 3x + A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -9Ax \cos 3x - 9Bx \sin 3x - 6A \sin 3x + 6B \cos 3x$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$-9Ax \cos 3x - 9Bx \sin 3x - 6A \sin 3x + 6B \cos 3x + 9(Ax \cos 3x + Bx \sin 3x) = \sin 3x$$

$$-9Ax \cos 3x - 9Bx \sin 3x - 6A \sin 3x + 6B \cos 3x + 9Ax \cos 3x + 9Bx \sin 3x = \sin 3x$$

$$-6A \sin 3x + 6B \cos 3x = \sin 3x$$

Comparing coefficients:

For $\sin 3x$:

$$-6A = 1$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{6}$$

For $\cos 3x$:

$$6B = 0$$

$$B = 0$$

Hence the particular integral is $-\frac{1}{6}x \cos 3x$

$$m^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$m = \pm 3i$$

So the complementary function is:

$$y = C \sin 3x + D \cos 3x$$

And the general solution is:

$$y = C \sin 3x + D \cos 3x - \frac{1}{6}x \cos 3x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3C \cos 3x - 3D \sin 3x - \frac{1}{6} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{2}x \sin 3x$$

When $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$D = 0$$

$$3C - \frac{1}{6} = 0$$

$$C = \frac{1}{18}$$

Therefore:

$$y = \frac{1}{18} \sin 3x - \frac{1}{6}x \cos 3x$$

$$13 \text{ a } \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dx}{dt} + 6x = 2e^{-t} \quad (1)$$

$$x = \lambda e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\lambda e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \lambda e^{-t}$$

Substituting into (1) gives:

$$\lambda e^{-t} - 5\lambda e^{-t} + 6\lambda e^{-t} = 2e^{-t}$$

$$2\lambda = 2$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

Hence the particular integral is e^{-t}

$$m^2 + 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$(m+2)(m+3) = 0$$

$$m = -2 \text{ or } m = -3$$

So the complementary function is:

$$x = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-3t}$$

And the general solution is:

$$x = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-3t} + e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -2Ae^{-2t} - 3Be^{-3t} - e^{-t}$$

When $t = 0$, $x = 0$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$

$$A + B + 1 = 0$$

$$A + B = -1 \quad (1)$$

$$-2A - 3B - 1 = 2$$

$$-2A - 3B = 3 \quad (2)$$

Adding $2 \times (1)$ and (2) gives:

$$B = -1$$

$$A = 0$$

Therefore:

$$x = -e^{-3t} + e^{-t}$$

$$13 \text{ b } x = -e^{-3t} + e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3e^{-3t} - e^{-t}$$

$$\text{At a maximum } \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

Therefore:

$$3e^{-3t} - e^{-t} = 0$$

$$3e^{-3t} = e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{e^{-3t}}{e^{-t}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\ln(e^{-2t}) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$-2t = \ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$t = -\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln 3$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -9e^{-3t} + e^{-t}$$

$$\text{Since } t = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -9e^{-\frac{3}{2}\ln 3} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\ln 3}$$

$$= -9e^{\ln 3^{-\frac{3}{2}}} + e^{\ln 3^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$= -9 \times 3^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 3^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= -1.154..$$

Since this is negative $t = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3$ is a maximum

$$x = -e^{-\frac{3}{2}\ln 3} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\ln 3}$$

$$= -3^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 3^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{27}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}$$