Problem:

Find the general solution of the linear homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients:

$$y''' + 5y'' - 6y' = 0.$$

Solution:

y''' + 5y'' - 6y' = 0. The equation is homogeneous, linear, with constant coefficients  $\Rightarrow$  let's write the characteristic equation:

 $\lambda^3 + 5\lambda^2 - 6\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 6) = 0, \qquad \lambda(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 6) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0, \qquad \lambda_2 = 1, \qquad \lambda_3 = -6 \Rightarrow$ 

⇒ the general solution of the initial equation will be:  $y = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 x} + C_3 e^{\lambda_3 x} \Rightarrow y = C_1 + C_2 e^x + C_3 e^{-6x}$ , where  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  are constant coefficients.

