

Note

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Here we have used the fact that

$$(aD + b)(cD + d) = acD^2 + (ad + bc)D + bd$$

if a, b, c, d are constants. This is not true unless a, b, c, d are constants.

For example,

$$(D + t)f = f' + tf$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(D + t)f &= D(f' + tf) = f'' + tf' + f \\ &= (D^2 + tD + 1)f. \end{aligned}$$

So $D(D + t) = D^2 + tD + 1$

& $D(D + t) \neq D^2 + tD.$