

Homework 3

Due: 12/6, 18:00

1. (Solving a System of Linear Differential Equations)

[10]

Solve $x(t), y(t)$ in the following system of linear differential equations.

$$\begin{cases} t^2(x'' + y'') + t(x' + y') + 4x = t \\ t(x' + y') + y = \frac{1}{t^2} \end{cases}$$

Solution.

This is a system of Cauchy-Euler equations. For $t > 0$, with the substitution $t = e^u$, we get

$$t^2(x'' + y'') + t(x' + y') + 4x = t \implies \{D_u(D_u - 1) + D_u\} \{x + y\} + 4x = D_u^2 \{x + y\} + 4x = e^u$$

and

$$t(x' + y') + y = \frac{1}{t^2} \implies D_u \{x + y\} + y = e^{-2u}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{cases} D_u^2 \{x + y\} + 4x = e^u & (1) \\ D_u \{x + y\} + y = e^{-2u} & (2) \end{cases}$$

Let us solve $x + y$ first:

$$(1) + 4 \times (2) \implies D_u^2 \{x + y\} + 4D_u \{x + y\} + 4(x + y) = e^u + 4e^{-2u}.$$

It is then straightforward to obtain

$$x + y = c_1 e^{-2u} + c_2 u e^{-2u} + 2u^2 e^{-2u} + \frac{1}{9} e^u.$$

Hence, from (2), we get for $t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{-2u} - \left\{ (-2)c_1 e^{-2u} + (-2)c_2 u e^{-2u} + c_2 e^{-2u} + 4u e^{-2u} - 4u^2 e^{-2u} + \frac{1}{9} e^u \right\} \\ &= (2c_1 - c_2 + 1)e^{-2u} + (2c_2 - 4)u e^{-2u} + 4u^2 e^{-2u} - \frac{1}{9} e^u \\ &= \boxed{(2c_1 - c_2 + 1)t^{-2} + (2c_2 - 4)(\ln t)t^{-2} + 4(\ln t)^2 t^{-2} - \frac{1}{9} t} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = (c_2 - c_1 - 1)e^{-2u} + (4 - c_2)u e^{-2u} - 2u^2 e^{-2u} + \frac{2}{9} e^u$$

$$= \boxed{(c_2 - c_1 - 1)t^{-2} + (4 - c_2)(\ln t)t^{-2} - 2(\ln t)^2 t^{-2} + \frac{2}{9}t}$$

For $t < 0$, with the substitution $t = -e^u$, we get

$$t^2(x''+y'')+t(x'+y')+4x = t \implies \{D_u(D_u - 1) + D_u\} \{x + y\} + 4x = D_u^2 \{x + y\} + 4x = -e^u$$

and

$$t(x' + y') + y = \frac{1}{t^2} \implies D_u \{x + y\} + y = e^{-2u}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{cases} D_u^2 \{x + y\} + 4x = -e^u & (3) \\ D_u \{x + y\} + y = e^{-2u} & (4) \end{cases}$$

Let us solve $x + y$ first:

$$(3) + 4 \times (4) \implies D_u^2 \{x + y\} + 4D_u \{x + y\} + 4(x + y) = e^u + 4e^{-2u}.$$

It is then straightforward to obtain

$$x + y = c_1 e^{-2u} + c_2 u e^{-2u} + 2u^2 e^{-2u} - \frac{1}{9} e^u.$$

Hence, from (3), we get $\boxed{\text{for } t < 0}$,

$$y = e^{-2u} - \left\{ (-2)c_1 e^{-2u} + (-2)c_2 u e^{-2u} + c_2 e^{-2u} + 4u e^{-2u} - 4u^2 e^{-2u} - \frac{1}{9} e^u \right\}$$

$$= (2c_1 - c_2 + 1)e^{-2u} + (2c_2 - 4)u e^{-2u} + 4u^2 e^{-2u} + \frac{1}{9} e^u$$

$$= \boxed{(2c_1 - c_2 + 1)t^{-2} + (2c_2 - 4)(\ln(-t))t^{-2} + 4(\ln(-t))^2 t^{-2} - \frac{1}{9}t}$$

$$x = (c_2 - c_1 - 1)e^{-2u} + (4 - c_2)u e^{-2u} - 2u^2 e^{-2u} - \frac{2}{9} e^u$$

$$= \boxed{(c_2 - c_1 - 1)t^{-2} + (4 - c_2)(\ln(-t))t^{-2} - 2(\ln(-t))^2 t^{-2} + \frac{2}{9}t}$$

2. (Solving a Nonlinear Differential Equation)

[10]

Solve $y(t)$ in the following initial value problem:

$$y'' = -\frac{gR^2}{y^2}, \quad y(0) = R, \quad y'(0) = 2\sqrt{gR}.$$

*Solution.*Let $y' = u$, and we get

$$u \frac{du}{dy} = -gR^2 \frac{1}{y^2} \implies u du = -gR^2 \frac{dy}{y^2} \implies u^2 = 2gR^2 \frac{1}{y} + C.$$

Since $u(0) = 2\sqrt{gR}$, $y(0) = R$, we get $C = 2gR$. Hence,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \sqrt{2gR} \sqrt{1 + \frac{R}{y}} \implies \sqrt{2gR} dt = \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{R}{y}}} \implies \sqrt{2gR}t = \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{R}{y}}}$$

To compute $\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{R}{y}}}$, set $u := \sqrt{1 + \frac{R}{y}}$, and

$$y = \frac{R}{u^2 - 1} = \frac{R}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{u-1} - \frac{1}{u+1} \right\} \implies dy = \frac{R}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{(u+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(u-1)^2} \right\} du.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{R}{y}}} &= \frac{R}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} \left\{ \frac{1}{(u+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(u-1)^2} \right\} du \\ &= \frac{R}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} \frac{-4u}{(u+1)^2(u-1)^2} du = 2R \int \frac{-1}{(u+1)^2(u-1)^2} du \\ &= \frac{R}{2} \int \left\{ \frac{-1}{(u+1)^2} + \frac{-1}{(u-1)^2} - \frac{1}{u+1} + \frac{1}{u-1} \right\} du \\ &= \frac{R}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{u+1} + \frac{1}{u-1} - \ln|u+1| + \ln|u-1| \right\} \\ &= y \sqrt{1 + \frac{R}{y}} + \frac{R}{2} \ln \left\{ 2\frac{y}{R} + 1 - 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{y}{R}\right)^2 + \frac{y}{R}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\boxed{\sqrt{2gR}t = y \sqrt{1 + \frac{R}{y}} + \frac{R}{2} \ln \left\{ 2\frac{y}{R} + 1 - 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{y}{R}\right)^2 + \frac{y}{R}} \right\} - \left(\sqrt{2R} + \frac{R}{2} \ln(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) \right)}.$$

3. (Power Series Solution about an Ordinary Point)

[10]

Solve the DE below using power series centered at $x = 0$.

$$(x^2 + x - 2)y'' - 2(2x + 1)y' + 6y = 0.$$

Solution.

Plug in $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (x^2 + x - 2)y'' - 2(2x + 1)y' + 6y \\ &= (x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y) + (xy'' - 2y') - 2y'' \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{n(n-1) - 4n + 6\} c_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{(n+1)n - 2(n+1)\} c_{n+1} x^n \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -2(n+2)(n+1)c_{n+2} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{(n-2)(n-3)c_n + (n+1)(n-2)c_{n+1} - 2(n+2)(n+1)c_{n+2}\} x^n \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$,

$$(n-2)(n-3)c_n + (n+1)(n-2)c_{n+1} - 2(n+2)(n+1)c_{n+2} = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} n = 0 & 6c_0 - 2c_1 - 4c_2 = 0 \\ n = 1 & 2c_1 - 2c_2 - 12c_3 = 0 \\ n = 2 & -24c_4 = 0 \\ n = 3 & 4c_4 - 40c_5 = 0 \\ n = 4 & 2c_4 + 10c_5 - 60c_6 = 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{array}$$

It is straightforward to see that $0 = c_4 = c_5 = c_6 = \dots$. Final solution is

$$\boxed{c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x^3, \quad \begin{cases} 3c_0 = c_1 + 2c_2 \\ 6c_3 = c_1 - c_2 \end{cases}}$$

4. (Method of Frobenius) [10]

Use the method of Frobenius, find two linearly independent solutions of the following DE about the singular point $x = 0$.

$$xy'' + y = 0.$$

Hint. Recall that if $r_1 > r_2$ are the two roots of the indicial equation and $r_1 - r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r_1}, \quad c_0 \neq 0, \quad y_2(x) = \underbrace{C}_{\text{can be 0}} y_1(x) \ln x + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n x^{n+r_2}, \quad d_0 \neq 0.$$

Solution.

In the class we have found that the two roots of the indicial equation is $r = 1, 0$. For $r = 1$, we have found a series solution

$$y_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+1}, \quad c_{n+1} = \frac{-c_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

For $r = 0$, we set

$$y_2(x) = C y_1(x) \ln x + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n x^n, \quad d_0 \neq 0.$$

Therefore,

$$y_2'' = C y_1'' \ln x + C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) c_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) d_n x^{n-2}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= x y_2'' + y_2 = C (x y_1'' + y_1) \ln x + C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) c_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) d_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{C c_n (2n+1) + (n+1) n d_{n+1} + d_n\} x^n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y_2(x) = C \ln x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n x^n$$

$$\text{where } c_{n+1} = \frac{-c_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}, \quad C c_n (2n+1) + (n+1) n d_{n+1} + d_n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

5. (Laplace Transform and its Inverse Transform) [20]

Evaluate the following:

(a) $\mathcal{L} \{(t + \cos t) \sinh 2t\}$ [5]

(b) $\mathcal{L} \{(t^3 - 3t^2 + 3t - 1)\mathcal{U}(t - 2)\}$ [5]

(c) $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3e^{-s}}{(s^3 - 1)} \right\}$ [5]

(d) $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{6s^2 - 14}{(s - 3)^2(s^2 + 2s + 5)} \right\}$ [5]

Solution.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \{(t + \cos t) \sinh 2t\} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L} \{(t + \cos t)e^{2t}\} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L} \{(t + \cos t)e^{-2t}\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L} \{(t + \cos t)\} |_{s \rightarrow s-2} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L} \{(t + \cos t)\} |_{s \rightarrow s+2} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-2)^2} - \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{s-2}{(s-2)^2+1} - \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+1} \right\}} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \{(t^3 - 3t^2 + 3t - 1)\mathcal{U}(t - 2)\} &= \mathcal{L} \{(t - 1)^3 \mathcal{U}(t - 2)\} = \mathcal{L} \{(t + 1 - 2)^3 \mathcal{U}(t - 2)\} \\ &= e^{-2s} \mathcal{L} \{(t + 1)^3\} = \boxed{e^{-2s} \left\{ \frac{6}{s^4} + \frac{6}{s^3} + \frac{3}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \right\}} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\frac{3}{(s^3 - 1)} = \frac{1}{s - 1} - \frac{s + 2}{s^2 + s + 1} = \frac{1}{s - 1} - \frac{(s + \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{3}{2}}{(s + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}}$$

Hence,

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{(s^3 - 1)} \right\} = e^t - e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t \right) - \sqrt{3} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t \right),$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3e^{-s}}{(s^3 - 1)} \right\} = \boxed{\left\{ e^{t-1} - e^{-\frac{t-1}{2}} \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (t-1) \right) - \sqrt{3} e^{-\frac{t-1}{2}} \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (t-1) \right) \right\} \mathcal{U}(t-1)}.$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{6s^2 - 14}{(s - 3)^2(s^2 + 2s + 5)} \right\} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s - 3} + \frac{2}{(s - 3)^2} + \frac{-(s + 1)}{(s + 1)^2 + 4} \right\} \\ &= \boxed{e^{3t} + 2te^{3t} - e^{-t} \cos 2t}. \end{aligned}$$

6. (Solving IVP with Laplace Transform)

[10]

Solve the following initial value problem: $y(\pi) = 1$, $y'(\pi) = -1$,

$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = g(t) = \begin{cases} \cos 2t & t < 2\pi \\ e^{-(t-2\pi)} \cos 2t & t \geq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

*Solution.*Let $\tau := t - \pi$, and convert the original IVP into the following one:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve : } & y'' + 4y' + 4y = \cos 2\tau(1 - \mathcal{U}(\tau - \pi)) + e^{-(\tau-\pi)} \cos 2\tau \mathcal{U}(\tau - \pi) \\ \text{subject to : } & y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Using the Laplace transform, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - e^{-\pi s}) \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + e^{-\pi s} \frac{s + 1}{(s + 1)^2 + 4} &= (s^2 Y(s) - s + 1) + 4(sY(s) - 1) + 4Y(s) \\ &= (s + 2)^2 Y(s) - s - 3 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{s + 3}{(s + 2)^2} + (1 - e^{-\pi s}) \frac{s}{(s^2 + 4)(s + 2)^2} + e^{-\pi s} \frac{s + 1}{[(s + 1)^2 + 4](s + 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{s + 2} + \frac{1}{(s + 2)^2} + \frac{1 - e^{-\pi s}}{4} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} - \frac{1}{(s + 2)^2} \right\} \\ &\quad + e^{-\pi s} \left\{ \frac{\frac{3}{25}(s + 1) + \frac{8}{25}}{(s + 1)^2 + 4} + \frac{\frac{3}{25}(s + 2) - \frac{2}{25}}{(s + 2)^2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Taking the inverse transform, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y(\tau) &= e^{-2\tau} + \tau e^{-2\tau} + \frac{1}{8} \{ \sin 2\tau - \sin 2(\tau - \pi) \mathcal{U}(\tau - \pi) \} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \{ \tau e^{-2\tau} - (\tau - \pi) e^{-2(\tau-\pi)} \mathcal{U}(\tau - \pi) \} \\ &\quad + \left\{ -\frac{3}{25} e^{-(\tau-\pi)} \cos 2(\tau - \pi) + \frac{4}{25} e^{-(\tau-\pi)} \sin 2(\tau - \pi) \right\} \mathcal{U}(\tau - \pi) \\ &\quad + \left\{ \frac{3}{25} e^{-2(\tau-\pi)} - \frac{2}{25} (\tau - \pi) e^{-2(\tau-\pi)} \right\} \mathcal{U}(\tau - \pi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= e^{-2(t-\pi)} + \frac{3}{4} (t - \pi) e^{-2(t-\pi)} + \frac{1}{8} \sin 2t (1 - \mathcal{U}(t - 2\pi)) \\ &\quad + \left\{ -\frac{3}{25} e^{-(t-2\pi)} \cos 2t + \frac{4}{25} e^{-(t-2\pi)} \sin 2t \right\} \mathcal{U}(t - 2\pi) \\ &\quad + \left\{ \frac{3}{25} e^{-2(t-2\pi)} - \frac{17}{100} (t - 2\pi) e^{-2(t-2\pi)} \right\} \mathcal{U}(t - 2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

7. (What Laplace Transform does not Take Care of)

[10]

Solve the following initial value problem: $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 3$,

$$y'' - y = g(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t^3 & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Hint. Be careful at the solution you found: it has to satisfy $y'' - y = 0$ for $t < 0$.

Solution.

For $t \geq 0$, using the Laplace transform, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6}{s^4} &= (s^2 Y(s) - s - 3) - Y(s) = (s^2 - 1)Y(s) - (s + 3) \\ \implies Y(s) &= \frac{s + 3}{s^2 - 1} + \frac{6}{s^4(s^2 - 1)} = \frac{2}{s - 1} - \frac{1}{s + 1} + \frac{3}{s - 1} - \frac{3}{s + 1} - \frac{6}{s^2} - \frac{6}{s^4} \\ \implies y(t) &= 5e^t - 4e^{-t} - 6t - t^3 \end{aligned}$$

For $t < 0$, let $\tau = -t$, and we get

$$y'' - y = 0, \quad \tau > 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 3.$$

Using the Laplace transform, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (s^2 Y(s) - s - 3) - Y(s) = (s^2 - 1)Y(s) - (s + 3) \\ \implies Y(s) &= \frac{s + 3}{s^2 - 1} = \frac{2}{s - 1} - \frac{1}{s + 1} \\ \implies y(t) &= 2e^t - e^{-t}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 5e^t - 4e^{-t} - 6t - t^3, & t \geq 0 \\ 2e^t - e^{-t}, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$