

## Sample Final Problem 2

Solving  $y''+y'-12y = 65\sin 2t$ , with  $y(0) = -1$  and  $y'(0) = 1$

a. using methods of chapter 4...

Solve the corresponding homogeneous solution (to find  $y_h$ ) ~5 points

$y''+y'-12y = 0$ , so I'll write and solve the characteristic equation:  $r^2 + r - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow (r + 4)(r - 3) = 0$ , which gives me  $r = -4$  and  $r = 3$ . Thus, my general solution to the corresponding homogeneous equation is the equation  $y_h = c_1e^{-4t} + c_2e^{3t}$ .

Find a particular solution to the original DE (this was called  $y_p$ ) ~10 points

I will use the Method of Undetermined Coefficients for this part. So, I suppose that  $y_p = A\cos 2t + B\sin 2t$ . That means  $y_p' = -2A\sin 2t + 2B\cos 2t$  and  $y_p'' = -4A\cos 2t - 4B\sin 2t$ . Plugging these into the original equation yields  $-4A\cos 2t - 4B\sin 2t + (-2A\sin 2t + 2B\cos 2t) - 12(A\cos 2t + B\sin 2t) = 65\sin 2t$ . Now, when I rearrange these terms on the left, I get  $(-4A + 2B - 12A)\cos 2t + (-4B - 2A - 12B)\sin 2t = 65\sin 2t$ . This results in the simple system:  $-16A + 2B = 0$  and  $-2A - 16B = 65$ . I multiply the first equation by 8, which gives  $-128A + 16B = 0$ , and then I add this to the second equation,  $-130A = 65$ , so  $A = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Then, it's easy to see that  $B = -4$ . From this work, I know that a particular solution is  $y_p = -\frac{1}{2}\cos 2t - 4\sin 2t$ , and a general solution to the whole DE is  $y(t) = c_1e^{-4t} + c_2e^{3t} - \frac{1}{2}\cos 2t - 4\sin 2t$ .

Determine the arbitrary constants using initial conditions ~10 points

I already know the general equation  $y(t)$ , and since  $y(0) = -1$ , I substitute in:  $-1 = c_1 + c_2 - \frac{1}{2}$ , which can simplify to  $c_1 + c_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Next, I find the derivative  $y' = -4c_1e^{-4t} + 3c_2e^{3t} + \sin 2t - 8\cos 2t$ , and since  $y'(0) = 1$ , I know that  $1 = -4c_1 + 3c_2 - 8$ , or  $-4c_1 + 3c_2 = 9$ . I multiply the first equation in my system by 4, which gives  $4c_1 + 4c_2 = -2$ , and then I add that to the second equation:  $7c_2 = 7$ , so  $c_2 = 1$ . It is then easy to see that  $c_1 = -\frac{3}{2}$ . My final answer to the IVP is  $y(t) = -\frac{3}{2}e^{-4t} + e^{3t} - \frac{1}{2}\cos 2t - 4\sin 2t$ .

b. using the LaPlace transform and its inverse...

Take the transform of both sides ~10 points

$\mathcal{L}\{y''+y'-12y\} = \mathcal{L}\{65\sin 2t\}$ , so  $\mathcal{L}\{y''\} + \mathcal{L}\{y'\} - 12\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 65\mathcal{L}\{\sin 2t\}$  by linearity. Now, we apply the principles as to how the transform deals with derivatives, and evaluate the right side using the table:

$s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - s y(0) - y'(0) + (s \mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)) - 12\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 65\left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right)$ . On the left side, we know that  $y(0) = -1$

and  $y'(0) = 1$ , so we substitute those in:  $s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} + s - 1 + s \mathcal{L}\{y\} + 1 - 12\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 65\left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right)$ . Now, I can

simply collect and factor the terms involving the transform,  $\mathcal{L}\{y\}(s^2 + s - 12) + s = 65\left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right)$ , or

equivalently  $\mathcal{L}\{y\}(s^2 + s - 12) = 65\left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right) - s$ . Before I continue with anything further, let me "clean up"

the right side a bit...  $65\left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right) - s = \frac{130}{s^2+4} + \frac{(-s)(s^2+4)}{s^2+4}$ , which becomes  $\frac{130-s^3-4s}{s^2+4} = \frac{-s^3-4s+130}{s^2+4}$ .

So, my equation above involving the transform is simply  $\mathcal{L}\{y\}(s^2 + s - 12) = \frac{-s^3-4s+130}{s^2+4}$ , which means

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{-s^3-4s+130}{(s^2+4)(s-3)(s+4)}$$

Find the solution using the inverse transform ~15 points

This is just going to be tedious algebra, but it's not terribly difficult. I'll use partial fraction separation on the

transform  $\frac{-s^3-4s+130}{(s^2+4)(s-3)(s+4)} = \frac{As+B}{s^2+4} + \frac{C}{s-3} + \frac{D}{s+4}$ . Putting these "back together" is a bit of a pain, but

yields  $\frac{(As+B)(s-3)(s+4) + C(s^2+4)(s+4) + D(s^2+4)(s-3)}{(s^2+4)(s-3)(s+4)}$ . I distribute out the numerator, then factor it,

resulting in  $\frac{(A+C+D)s^3 + (A+B+4C-3D)s^2 + (-12A+B+4C+4D)s + (-12B+16C-12D)}{(s^2+4)(s-3)(s+4)}$ , and I can

now establish my system:  $A+C+D = -1$ ,  $A+B+4C-3D = 0$ ,  $-12A+B+4C+4D = -4$ , and finally,

$-12B+16C-12D = 130$ . Multiply the first equation by  $-4$ :  $-4A-4C-4D = 4$ , then add it to the third

equation:  $-16A+B = 0$ , so  $B = 16A$ . Plug this into the second equation:  $17A+4C-3D = 0$ , and the fourth

equation:  $-192A+16C-12D = 130$ , and combine with  $A+C+D = -1$  so we now have a 3x3 system.

Multiply this last equation by 3:  $3A+3C+3D = -3$ , add to  $17A+4C-3D = 0$ , gives  $20A+7C = -3$ .

Multiply  $A+C+D = -1$  by 12:  $12A+12C+12D = -12$ , then add to  $-192A+16C-12D = 130$  to get

$-180A+28C = 118$ , with  $20A+7C = -3$  is 2x2 system. Multiply second equation by  $-4$ :  $-80A-28C = 12$ ,

then add  $-260A = 130$ , so  $A = -\frac{1}{2}$ , meaning  $B = -8$ . Also,  $20A+7C = -3$  yields  $-10+7C = -3$ , or  $C = 1$ .

Finally, since  $A+C+D = -1$ , we get  $D = -\frac{3}{2}$ . Whew... Thus, our solution to the IVP is found as follows:

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{-\frac{1}{2}s-8}{s^2+4} + \frac{1}{s-3} + \left(\frac{-\frac{3}{2}}{s+4}\right)\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right) - 4\left(\frac{2}{s^2+4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{s-3}\right) - \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{1}{s+4}\right)\right\}, \text{ and these can all}$$

be picked up from the table now:  $y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}\cos 2t - 4\sin 2t + e^{3t} - \frac{3}{2}e^{-4t}$ . I'm really glad it worked out... ☺