

- (1) Use Laplace's transform to find the solution of the following initial value problems.

$y''(t) + 4y'(t) + 5y = h(t)$ with $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 1$ where

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 3, \\ t - 3, & 3 \leq t < 6, \\ 3, & 6 \leq t. \end{cases}$$

Solution:

First, we find the Laplace's transform of $h(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 3, \\ t - 3, & 3 \leq t < 6, \\ 3, & 6 \leq t. \end{cases} + \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 3, \\ 0, & 3 \leq t < 6, \\ 3, & 6 \leq t. \end{cases} \\ &= (t - 3) \cdot \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 3, \\ 1, & 3 \leq t < 6, \\ 0, & 6 \leq t. \end{cases} + 3 \cdot \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 3, \\ 0, & 2 \leq t < 6, \\ 1, & 3 \leq t. \end{cases} \\ &= (t - 3)u_{3,6}(t) + 3u_6(t) = (t - 3)(u_3(t) - u_6(t)) + 3u_6(t) = (t - 3)u_3(t) + (-t + 6)u_6(t) \\ &= (t - 3)u_3(t) - (t - 6)u_6(t). \end{aligned}$$

Let $k(t - 3) = t - 3$ and $l(t - 6) = t - 6$. Then $h(t) = k(t - 3)u_3(t) - l(t - 6)u_6(t)$, $k(t) = t$ and $l(t) = t$. Hence $L(h(t)) = L(k(t - 3)u_3(t) - l(t - 6)u_6(t)) = L(k(t - 3)u_3(t)) - L(l(t - 6)u_6(t)) = e^{-3s}L(k(t)) - e^{-6s}L(l(t)) = e^{-3s}L(t) - e^{-6s}L(t) = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-6s}}{s^2}$.

Taking the Laplace's transform of the differential equation $y'' + 4y' + 5y = h(t)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(y'' + 4y' + 5y) &= L(h(t)) = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-6s}}{s^2}. \text{ Using } L(y'') = s^2L(y) - sy(0) - y'(0) \text{ and } L(y') = sL(y) - y(0), \text{ we have} \\ &s^2L(y) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4(sL(y) - y(0)) + 5L(y) = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-6s}}{s^2} \\ &\text{and } (s^2 + 4s + 5)L(y) - sy(0) - y'(0) - 4y(0) = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-6s}}{s^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 1$, we have

$$(s^2 + 4s + 5)L(y) - s \cdot 1 - 1 - 4 = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-6s}}{s^2} \text{ and}$$

$$(s^2 + 4s + 5)L(y) = s + 5 + \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} - \frac{e^{-6s}}{s^2}.$$

$$\text{So } L(y) = \frac{s+5}{s^2+4s+5} + \frac{e^{-3s}}{(s^2+4s+5)s^2} - \frac{e^{-6s}}{(s^2+4s+5)s^2}.$$

Note that $s^2 + 4s + 5 = (s + 2)^2 + 1$. First, we simplify the term $\frac{s+5}{s^2+4s+5}$. We have

$$(1) \quad \frac{s+5}{s^2+4s+5} = \frac{(s+2)+3}{(s+2)^2+1} = \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{(s+2)^2+1}.$$

Now we simplify the term $\frac{1}{(s^2+4s+5)s^2}$ by partial fraction. We have

$$\frac{1}{(s^2+4s+5)s^2} = \frac{1}{((s+2)^2+1)s^2} = \frac{a(s+2)+b}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{cs+d}{s^2}. \text{ Multiplying } ((s+2)^2+1)s^2, \text{ we have}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= (a(s+2)+b)s^2 + (cs+d)((s+2)^2+1) \\ &= (as+(2a+b))s^2 + (cs+d)(s^2+4s+5) \\ &= as^3 + (2a+b)s^2 + cs^3 + ds^2 + 4cs^2 + 4ds + 5cs + 5d \\ &= (a+c)s^3 + ((2a+b)+d+4c)s^2 + (4d+5c)s + 5d. \text{ Comparing the coefficient, we get } a+c=0, 2a+b+4c+d=0, \\ &\quad 5c+4d=0 \text{ and } 5d=1. \text{ From } 5d=1, \text{ we have } d=\frac{1}{5}. \text{ From } 5c+4d=0, \text{ we have } 5c=-4d=-\frac{4}{5} \text{ and } c=-\frac{4}{25}. \text{ From } a+c=0, \text{ we have } a=-c=\frac{4}{25}. \text{ From } 2a+b+4c+d=0, \\ &\text{we have } b=-2a-4c-d=-2 \cdot \frac{4}{25} - 4 \cdot \frac{-4}{25} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{25}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{(s^2+4s+5)s^2} = \frac{\frac{4}{25}(s+2)+\frac{3}{25}}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{-\frac{4}{25}s+\frac{1}{5}}{s^2}$$

$$(3) \quad = \frac{4}{25} \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{25} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+1} - \frac{4}{25} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{s^2}.$$

From equations (1) and (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(y) &= \frac{s+5}{s^2+4s+5} + \frac{e^{-3s}}{(s^2+4s+5)s^2} - \frac{e^{-6s}}{(s^2+4s+5)s^2} \\ &= \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{(s+2)^2+1} + e^{-3s} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{25} \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{25} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+1} - \frac{4}{25} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{s^2} \right) \\ &\quad - e^{-6s} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{25} \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{25} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+1} - \frac{4}{25} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{s^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(t) &= L^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{25} \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{25} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+1} - \frac{4}{25} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{s^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{25} e^{-2t} \cos(t) + \frac{3}{25} e^{-2t} \sin(t) - \frac{4}{25} + \frac{1}{5} t. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } L^{-1}(e^{-3s} \cdot &\left(\frac{4}{25} \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{25} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+1} - \frac{4}{25} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{s^2} \right) \\ &= u_3(t)f(t-3) \text{ and} \\ L^{-1}(e^{-6s} \cdot &\left(\frac{4}{25} \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{25} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+1} - \frac{4}{25} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{s^2} \right) \\ &= u_6(t)f(t-6). \text{ Note that we have used } L^{-1}(e^{-cs}F(s)) = u_c(t)f(t-c) \text{ where } f(t) = L^{-1}(F(s)). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= L^{-1} \left(\frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{(s+2)^2+1} + (e^{-3s} - e^{-6s}) \cdot \left(\frac{4}{25} \frac{(s+2)}{(s+2)^2+1} + \frac{3}{25} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2+1} - \frac{4}{25} \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{s^2} \right) \right) \\ &= e^{-2t} \cos(t) + 3e^{-2t} \sin(t) + u_3(t)f(t-3) - u_6(t)f(t-6) \\ \text{where } f(t) &= \frac{4}{25} e^{-2t} \cos(t) + \frac{3}{25} e^{-2t} \sin(t) - \frac{4}{25} + \frac{1}{5} t. \end{aligned}$$