

## Differential Equations MATH 2073 Final-2018. Key

**Instructions.** Simplify your answers when appropriate. Be sure to show your work so that it is clear how you got your answers.

1. Find the solution of the initial value problem  $y' + 6t^2y^2 = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ .

This is separable equation.  $-\int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int 6t^2 dt$  so  $1/y = 2t^3 + C$  and  $y = \frac{1}{2t^3 + C}$ . Initial condition gives  $C = 1$  so the answer is  $y(t) = \frac{1}{1+2t^3}$

2. Solve the initial value problem  $y' - 2y = 4t$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ .

This is linear equation with the integrating factor  $\mu(t) = e^{-2t}$ , so the general solution is  $y(t) = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \int 4t\mu(t) dt = e^{2t} \int 4te^{-2t} = e^{2t}(-2te^{-2t} - 2e^{-2t} + C) = Ce^{2t} - 1 - 2t$

Answer:  $y = e^{2t} - 1 - 2t$

3. Find the general solution of the equation  $y^{(4)} - y = 10e^t$ .

The characteristic equation  $r^4 - 1 = 0$  factors as  $r^4 - 1 = (r^2 - 1)(r^2 + 1) = (r - 1)(r + 1)(r - i)(r + i) = 0$  with roots  $\pm 1, \pm i$ . The general solution is  $y = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} + C_3 \sin t + C_4 \cos t$ .

Seek particular solution  $y_p = Ate^t$ . This gives  $y_p = \frac{5}{2}te^t$  Answer:  $y = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} + C_3 \sin t + C_4 \cos t + \frac{5}{2}te^t$

4. Find the general solution of the equation  $y''' + 4y' = 10e^t$ . We first find the general solution of the homogeneous equation  $y''' + 4y' = 0$ . Characteristic equation  $r^3 + 4r = 0$  factors as  $r(r - 2i)(r + 2i) = 0$ . The roots are  $0, -2i, 2i$ . So the general solution is  $y = C_1 + C_2 \cos 2t + C_3 \sin 2t$

Seek  $y_p = Ae^t$ . This gives  $y_p = 2e^t$  Answer:  $y = C_1 + C_2 \cos 2t + C_3 \sin 2t + 2e^t$

5. Find the general solution of the nonhomogeneous equation  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 10 \cos t$ .

The homogeneous equation has solution  $y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t}$ . Using method of undetermined parameters, we seek the particular solution  $y_* = A \cos t + B \sin t$ . Calculation gives  $A = 1, B = -2$ .

Answer  $y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t} + \cos t - 2 \sin t$ .

6. Find the general solution of the homogeneous Euler equation  $x^2 y'' + xy' - y = 0$  for  $x > 0$ . *Hint. Recall that we search for the solutions of the form  $y = x^r$ .* The characteristic equation is  $r(r - 1) + r - 1 = 0$ . This has roots  $r = \pm 1$ . The general solution of the homogeneous equation is  $y = C_1 \frac{1}{x} + C_2 x$

7. Find the power series solution  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  of equation  $y'' - xy' - y = 0$  with the initial value  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$ . Steps in the solution:

- (a) Express  $xy'$  and  $y''$  as the power series in powers of  $x^n$ .

$$xy' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^n$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}x^n$$

- (b) Determine the recurrence relation for coefficients  $a_n$ . Simplify your answer!

$$(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - na_n - a_n = 0$$

This simplifies to

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{a_n}{n+2}$$

- (c) Compute the first six terms of the power series  $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + \dots$  and notice the pattern.

Since  $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 0$ , the recursion gives

$$a_2 = \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, a_3 = \frac{0}{3}, a_4 = \frac{a_2}{4} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4}, a_5 = \frac{a_3}{5} = \frac{0}{3 \cdot 5}, a_6 = \frac{a_4}{6} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}$$

The first six terms are  $y = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^6}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} + \dots = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{8} + \frac{x^6}{48} + \dots$

The pattern is

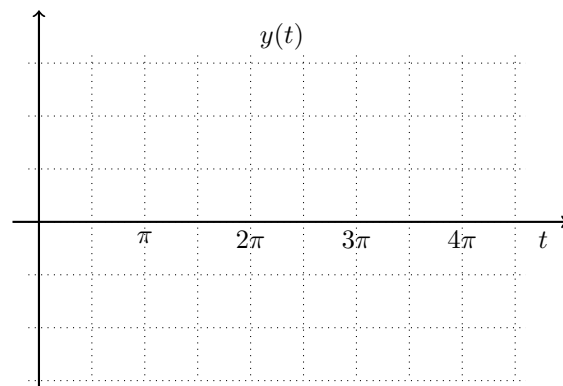
$$a_{2k} = \frac{1}{2 \times 4 \times \dots \times (2k)} = \frac{1}{2^k k!}$$

$$a_{2k+1} = 0$$

The answer is

$$y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{2^k k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^k}{k!} = e^{x^2/2}$$

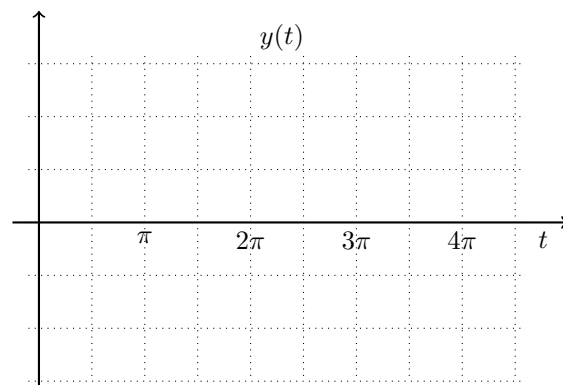
8. Solve the differential equation  $y'' + y = -u_\pi(t)$ ,  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$ . (Here  $u_\pi(t)$  is the unit step function.) Sketch the graph of the solution.



**Solution:** The Laplace transform is  $Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+1} - \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s(s^2+1)} = \frac{s}{s^2+1} - e^{-\pi s} \left( \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right)$ . Therefore the solution is  $y(t) = \cos t - u_\pi(t)(1 - \cos(t - \pi)) = \cos t - u_\pi(t)(1 + \cos t)$ . Thus

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} \cos t & t < \pi \\ -1 & t > \pi \end{cases}$$

9. Solve the differential equation  $y'' + y = \delta(t - \pi)$ ,  $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$ . (Here  $\delta(t)$  is the unit impulse function.) Sketch the graph of the solution.



**Solution:** The Laplace transform is  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+1} + \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{s^2+1}$ . Therefore the solution is  $y(t) = \sin t + u_\pi(t) \sin(t - \pi) = (1 - u_\pi(t)) \sin t$ . Thus

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} \sin t & \text{if } t \leq \pi \\ 0 & \text{if } t > \pi \end{cases}$$

10. Consider the system of differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= 2u_1 + u_2, \\u_2' &= u_1 + 2u_2\end{aligned}$$

with initial condition  $u_1(0) = 2, u_2(0) = 4$ .

Determine solution  $u_1(t)$  of this system. *Hint. Transform the system into a single equation of order 2. (Alternatively, you can use the Laplace transform.)*

**Standard solution from the book:** From first equation,  $u_2 = u_1' - 2u_1$ , so the second equation becomes  $u_1'' - 2u_1' = u_1 + 2(u_1' - 2u_1)$ . This simplifies to

$$u_1'' - 4u_1' + 3u_1 = 0$$

The initial conditions are  $u_1(0) = 2$  and  $u_1'(0) = 2u_1(0) + u_2(0) = 8$ .

The characteristic equation is  $r^2 - 4r + 3 = (r - 1)(r - 3) = 0$  so the general solution is  $u_1 = C_1e^t + C_2e^{3t}$ . Using the initial condition

$$C_1 + C_2 = 2, C_1 + 3C_2 = 8$$

We determine that  $C_2 = 3$  and  $C_1 = -1$ .

Answer:  $u_1(t) = 3e^{3t} - e^t$  and  $u_2(t) = 3e^{3t} + e^t$

**Non-standard solution:**

Adding the equations we get  $u_1' + u_2' = 3u_1 + 3u_2$ . So we have an equation  $y' = 3y$  with initial condition  $y(0) = 6$  for  $y = u_1 + u_2$ . The solution of this equation is  $y = Ce^{3t}$  with  $C = 6$ .

Subtracting the equations we get  $u_1' - u_2' = u_1 - u_2$ . So we have an equation  $y' = y$  with  $y(0) = -2$  for  $y = u_1 - u_2$ . The solution of this equation is  $y = Ce^t$  with  $C = -2$ .

So  $u_1 + u_2 = 6e^{3t}$  and  $u_1 - u_2 = -2e^t$ . Adding the equations we get

Answer:  $u_1(t) = 3e^{3t} - e^t$

**Laplace transform solution:** Taking the Laplace transforms of both sides of the equations we get

$$sU_1(s) - 2 = 2U_1 + U_2 \text{ and } sU_2 - 4 = U_1 + 2U_2$$

where  $U_1 = U_1(s) = \mathcal{L}(u_1)$ .

Solving the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}(s - 2)U_1 - U_2 &= 2 \\-U_1 + (s - 2)U_2 &= 4\end{aligned}$$

we get

$$U_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & s-2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} s-2 & -1 \\ -1 & s-2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{2s}{(s-2)^2 - 1^2} = \frac{2s}{((s-2)-1)((s-2)+1)} = \frac{2s}{(s-3)(s-1)} = \frac{3}{s-3} - \frac{1}{s-1}$$

From the table of Laplace transforms we read out the answer  $u_1 = 3e^{3t} - e^t$

**Table of Laplace transforms**  $\mathcal{L}(f) = \int_0^\infty e^{-ts} f(t) dt$

$f(t)$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f)$	(domain of $F(s)$ )
1	$\frac{1}{s}$	$(s > 0)$
$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	$(s > 0)$
$e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$	$(s > a)$
$\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}$	$(s > 0)$
$\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$	$(s > 0)$
$u_c(t)$	$\frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$	$(s > 0)$
$\delta(t-a)$	$e^{-as}$	$(s > 0)$

**Laplace transform formulas**

$$\mathcal{L}(f_1(t) + cf_2(t)) = \mathcal{L}(f_1(t)) + c\mathcal{L}(f_2(t))$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(f^{(n)}(t)\right) = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - \dots - sf^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at}f(t)) = F(s-a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(t^k f(t)) = (-1)^k \frac{d^k}{ds^k} F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u_c(t)f(t-c)) = e^{-cs}F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau) d\tau\right) = F(s) \cdot G(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f(at)) = \frac{1}{a}F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$