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**Differential Equations 2280**  
**Midterm Exam 2**  
**Wednesday, 1 April 2009**

**Instructions:** This in-class exam is 50 minutes. No calculators, notes, tables or books.

**Do four problems only.** The problems should be those that you did not do on 25 March 2009.

No answer check is expected. Details count 75%. The answer counts 25%.

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1. (ch3)

Using Euler's theorem on atoms and the characteristic equation for higher order constant-coefficient differential equations, solve (a), (b), (c) and (d).

(a) [25%] Find a homogeneous constant-coefficient differential equation with solutions  $2e^{-x}$ ,  $e^{-x} - e^{2x/3}$ ,  $e^{-x} + e^x$ .

(b) [25%] Solve  $y^{(6)} + 2y^{(5)} + 5y^{(4)} = 0$ .

(c) [25%] Given characteristic equation  $r(r+4)(r^3+4r^2)^3(r^2+4r+5) = 0$ , solve the differential equation.

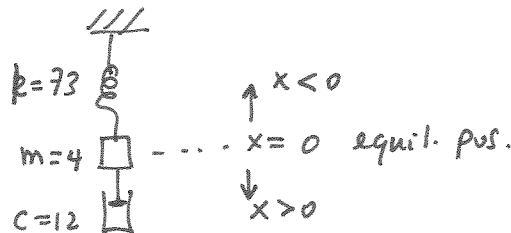
(d) [25%] Given  $4x''(t) + 12x'(t) + 73x(t) = 0$ , which represents an unforced damped spring-mass system with  $m = 4$ ,  $c = 12$ ,  $k = 73$ . Solve the differential equation [15%]. Classify the answer as over-damped, critically damped or under-damped [5%]. Illustrate in a drawing of the physical model the meaning of constants  $m$ ,  $c$ ,  $k$  [5%].

(a) roots = -1, 2/3, 1      char eq  $(r+1)(r-1)(r-2/3) = 0$   
 $(r^2-1)(3r-2) = 0$   
 $3r^3 - 2r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$        $3y''' - 2y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$

(b)  $r^4(r^2+2r+5) = 0$        $y = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4x^3 + c_5e^{-x}\cos 2x + c_6e^{-x}\sin 2x$   
 = linear combination of 6 atoms

(c)  $r r^6 (r+4)^{3+1} (r^2+4r+5) = 0$   
 atoms =  $1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5, x^6, e^{-4x}, x e^{-4x}, x^2 e^{-4x}, x^3 e^{-4x}$   
 $e^{-2x} \cos x, e^{-2x} \sin x$   
 $y =$  linear comb. of above 13 atoms

(d)  $(2r+3+8i)(2r+3-8i) = 0$       under-damped  
 $x = c_1 e^{-3t/2} \cos 4t + c_2 e^{-3t/2} \sin 4t$



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2. (ch3)

(a) [25%] The trial solution  $y$  with fewest atoms, according to the method of undetermined coefficients, contains no solution of the homogeneous equation. Explain why  $y = d_1 x^2 + d_2 x^3$  is a trial solution with fewest atoms for  $y'' = x$ .

(b) [75%] Determine for  $y^{(4)} + 4y^{(2)} = x^3 + 2e^{4x} + 5 \sin 2x$  the corrected trial solution for  $y_p$  according to the method of undetermined coefficients. Do not evaluate the undetermined coefficients! The trial solution should be the one with fewest atoms.

(a)  $g(x) = x^2 f(x) = x^3 \Rightarrow$  atoms  $1, x, x^2, x^3$  for a trial solution. Because  $1, x$  are atoms for  $y'' = 0$ , then they are removed and  $y = d_1 x^2 + d_2 x^3$  is the shortest trial solution.

(b)

$$y = \underbrace{(\cancel{d_1} + \cancel{d_2} x + d_3 x^2 + d_4 x^3 + d_5 x^4 + d_6 x^5)}_{\text{homog sol}} \xrightarrow{\text{kill left, add right}} \text{once again}$$

$$+ (d_7 e^{4x}) \xrightarrow{\text{kill left, add right}} \text{again}$$

$$+ (\cancel{d_8} \cos 2x + \cancel{d_9} \sin 2x + d_{10} x \cos 2x + d_{11} x \sin 2x)_{\text{homog sol}}$$

$$y = d_3 x^2 + d_4 x^3 + d_5 x^4 + d_6 x^5 + d_7 e^{4x} + d_{10} x \cos 2x + d_{11} x \sin 2x$$

$$= \text{l.c. of } x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5, e^{4x}, x \cos 2x, x \sin 2x \quad (7 \text{ atoms})$$

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3. (ch3 and ch7)

(a) [50%] Find by any applicable method the steady-state periodic solution for the current equation  $I'' + 2I' + 5I = -10 \sin(t)$ .

(b) [50%] Find by variation of parameters a particular solution  $y_p$  for the equation  $y'' = 1-x$ . Show all steps in variation of parameters. Check the answer by quadrature.

$$(a) \quad I = d_1 \cos t + d_2 \sin t$$

$$-I + 2I' + 5I = -10 \sin t$$

$$2I' + 4I = -10 \sin t$$

$$-2d_1 \sin t + 2d_2 \cos t + 4d_1 \cos t + 4d_2 \sin t = -10 \sin t$$

$$\begin{cases} -2d_1 + 4d_2 = -10 \\ 4d_1 + 2d_2 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{-20} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{I = \cos t - 2 \sin t}$$

(b)

$$y_1 = 1$$

$$y_2 = x$$

$$W = 1$$

$$f = 1-x$$

$$y_p = \left( \int -\frac{y_2 f}{W} dx \right) y_1 + \left( \int \frac{y_1 f}{W} dx \right) y_2$$

$$= \left( \int \frac{-x(1-x)}{1} dx \right) 1 + \left( \int \frac{1(1-x)}{1} dx \right) x$$

$$= \int (-x + x^2) dx + \int (1-x) dx \cdot x$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \left( x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) x$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + x^2 - \frac{x^3}{2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x^2}{2} + \left( -\frac{x^3}{6} \right)}$$

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4. (ch7)

(a) [50%] Solve by Laplace's method  $x'' + 2x' + x = e^t$ ,  $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$ .

(b) [25%] Assume  $f(t)$  is of exponential order. Find  $f(t)$  in the relation

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(f(t)) \right|_{s \rightarrow (s-3)} = \mathcal{L}(f(t) - t).$$

(c) [25%] Derive an integral formula for  $y(t)$  by Laplace transform methods from

$$y''(t) + 4y'(t) + 4y(t) = f(t), \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

(a)  $\mathcal{L}(x) = \text{Transfer} \times \text{input} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2(s-1)} = \frac{a}{s+1} + \frac{b}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{c}{s-1}$   
 $x = a e^{-t} + b t e^{-t} + c e^t \quad a = -\frac{1}{4} \quad b = -\frac{1}{2} \quad c = \frac{1}{4}$

(b)  $\left. \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(f) \right|_{s \rightarrow s-3} = \mathcal{L}(f(t) - t)$   
 $\mathcal{L}(t-t)f(t) \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-3} = \mathcal{L}(f(t) - t)$  s-diff Thm  
 $\mathcal{L}(e^{3t}(-t)f(t)) = \mathcal{L}(f(t) - t)$  shift Thm  
 Lerch  $\Rightarrow$   
 $t e^{3t} f(t) + f(t) = t \Rightarrow \boxed{f(t) = \frac{t}{t e^{3t} + 1}}$

(c) By transfer function results

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 4} \mathcal{L}(f) = \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \mathcal{L}(f) = \mathcal{L}(t e^{-2t}) \mathcal{L}(f)$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^t f(t-u) u e^{-2u} du\right) \quad \text{by conv. Thm.}$$

$$y = \int_0^t f(t-u) u e^{-2u} du \quad \text{by Lerch's Thm.}$$

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5. (ch7)

(a) [30%] Solve  $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + s)(s^2 - s)}$  for  $f(t)$ .

(b) [20%] Solve for  $f(t)$  in the equation  $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{s+1}{s^2 + 4s + 5}$ .

(c) [20%] Let  $u(t)$  denote the unit step. Solve for  $f(t)$  in the relation

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(u(t-1) \sin 2t)$$

(d) [30%] Compute  $\mathcal{L}(e^{2t} f(t))$  for

$$f(t) = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{t}$$

(a)  $\mathcal{L}(f) = \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)(s-1)} = \mathcal{L}(a + bt + c e^{-t} + d e^t)$

$f(t) = a + bt + c e^{-t} + d e^t$ ,  $a=0, b=-1, c=-\frac{1}{2}, d=\frac{1}{2}$   
 used Heaviside on  $\frac{1}{u(u-1)}$ ,  $u=s^2$   
 Then " "  $\frac{1}{(s-1)(s+1)}$

(b)  $\mathcal{L}(f) = \frac{s+1}{(s+2)^2 + 1} = \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + 1} + \frac{-1}{(s+2)^2 + 1} = \mathcal{L}((\cos t) - (\sin t))|_{s \rightarrow s+2}$   
 $f(t) = e^{-2t} (\cos t - \sin t)$  by shift Thm.

(c)  $\mathcal{L}(f) = \mathcal{L}((-t)u(t-1) \sin 2t) \Rightarrow$  (by Lerch's Thm)  $f = -u(t-1)t \sin 2t$

(d)  $\mathcal{L}(f(t)t) = \mathcal{L}(e^t - e^{-t}) = \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s+1}$   
 $-\frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(f) = \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s+1} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f) = \ln \left| \frac{s+1}{s-1} \right| + c$   
 by chi quadrature  
 $c=0$  because  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}(f) = 0$ .

Then

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{2t} f(t)) = \mathcal{L}(f)|_{s \rightarrow s-2} = \boxed{\ln \left| \frac{s-2+1}{s-2-1} \right|}$$

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