

MATH 20D: Differential Equations Spring 2023

Homework 7

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Remember to list the sources you used when completing the assignment.
Below *NSS* is used to reference the text *Fundamentals of Differential Equations* (9th edition) by Nagle, Saff, Snider

Question (1). Solve the initial value problems below using the method Laplace transforms.

- (a) $w'' + w = \delta(t - \pi)$; $w(0) = 0$, $w'(0) = 0$.
- (b) $y'' + 2y' - 3y = \delta(t - 1) - \delta(t - 2)$; $y(0) = 2$, $y'(0) = -2$.
- (c) $y'' - y = 4\delta(t - 2) + t^2$; $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 2$.
- (d) $w'' + 6w' + 5w = e^t\delta(t - 1)$; $w(0) = 0$, $w'(0) = 4$.
- (e) $y'' + y = \delta(t - 2\pi)$; $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$.
- (f) $y'' + y = -\delta(t - \pi) + \delta(t - 2\pi)$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$.

Question (2). A mass attached to a spring is released from rest $1m$ to the right of the springs equilibrium and begins to vibrate. After $\pi/2$ seconds, the mass is struck by a hammer exerting an impulse on the mass. The displacement of the mass is governed by the symbolic initial value problem

$$y'' + 9y = -4\delta(t - \frac{\pi}{2}), \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Determine the function $y(t)$.

Question (3). (a) For the ODEs in parts (i)-(iii) find the the impulse response function $h(t)$ by using the fact that $h(t)$ is a solution to the symbolic initial value problem with $g(t) = \delta(t)$ and initial conditions $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$.

$$(i) \quad y'' + 4y' + 8y = g(t), \quad (ii) \quad y'' - 2y' + 5y = g(t), \quad (iii) \quad y'' - y = g(t).$$

(b) The equation of motion for a damped mass spring spring system solves an ODE of the form

$$my'' + by' + ky = g(t) \tag{0.1}$$

where m , k , and b are positive constants. Show that the impulse response function $h(t)$ for the ODE (0.1) satisfies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h(t) = 0$. Give a physical interpretation to this statement?