

Homework 10, solutions

1. Use Laplace transform to solve the following initial value problem:

$$y''(x) + 4y(x) = 4x, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 5.$$

By taking the transform of both sides we get the following equation:

$$(s^2 + 4)Y(s) = s + 5 + \frac{4}{s^2}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{5}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{4}{s^2(s^2 + 4)} \\ &= \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{5}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} \\ &= \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{4}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{s^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y(x) = \cos(2x) + 2 \sin(2x) + x.$$

2. Use Laplace transform to solve the following initial value problem:

$$y''(x) + 2y'(x) + 5y(x) = 3e^{-x} \sin(x), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 3.$$

By taking the transform of both sides we get the following equation:

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

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{3}{s^2 + 2s + 5} + \frac{3}{(s^2 + 2s + 2)(s^2 + 2s + 5)} \\ &= \frac{3}{s^2 + 2s + 5} + \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 2} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 5} \\ &= \frac{3}{(s + 1)^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{(s + 1)^2 + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y(x) = e^{-x} \sin(2x) + e^{-x} \sin(x).$$