

## EXERCISE SHEET 7 : SOLUTIONS

Q1.

(a) Substituting  $x = e^{mt}$  the auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + \gamma m + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

with solutions

$$m = -\frac{\gamma}{2} \pm i \left( \omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4} \right)^{1/2} \quad (\gamma < 2\omega_0)$$

The general solution is therefore of the form

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} (A_1 \cos \omega t + A_2 \sin \omega t)$$

where 
$$\omega = \left( \omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4} \right)^{1/2}$$

Now apply the boundary conditions  $x = A$ ,  $dx/dt = 0$   
at  $t = 0$

$$A = A_1 \quad (\text{from } x(0))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -\frac{\gamma}{2} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} (A_1 \cos \omega t + A_2 \sin \omega t) \\ &+ e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} (-A_1 \omega \sin \omega t + A_2 \omega \cos \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)_{t=0} = -\frac{\gamma}{2} A_1 + A_2 \omega = -\frac{\gamma}{2} A + A_2 \omega = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 = \frac{\gamma}{2} \frac{A}{\omega}$$

$$\text{i.e. } x(t) = A e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} \left( \cos \omega t + \frac{\gamma}{2\omega} \sin \omega t \right)$$

(b) For  $\gamma = 2\omega_0$  the auxiliary equation reduces to

$$\left( m + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right)^2 = 0$$

with the degenerate roots

$$m_1 = m_2 = m = -\frac{\gamma}{2}$$

The general solution is therefore

$$x(t) = (A_1 + A_2 t) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t}$$

$x = A$ ,  $dx/dt = 0$  at  $t = 0$  gives

$$A = A_1$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A_2 e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} + (A_1 + A_2 t) \left( -\frac{\gamma}{2} \right) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t}$$

$$\left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)_{t=0} = A_2 - \frac{A_1 \gamma}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow A_2 = \frac{\gamma}{2} A_1$$

$$\text{i.e. } x(t) = A \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} t \right) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t}$$

(c) For  $\gamma > 2\omega_0$  the solutions of the auxiliary equation are

$$m = -\alpha_1, -\alpha_2$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \frac{\gamma}{2} + \left(\frac{\gamma^2}{4} - \omega_0^2\right)^{1/2}$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{\gamma}{2} - \left(\frac{\gamma^2}{4} - \omega_0^2\right)^{1/2}$$

The general solution is therefore

$$x(t) = A_1 e^{-\alpha_1 t} + A_2 e^{-\alpha_2 t}$$

$x = A$ ,  $dx/dt = 0$  at  $t = 0$  gives

$$A = A_1 + A_2$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\alpha_1 A_1 e^{-\alpha_1 t} - \alpha_2 A_2 e^{-\alpha_2 t}$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)_{t=0} = -\alpha_1 A_1 - \alpha_2 A_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 = -\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} A_1; \quad A = A_1 \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = A \left(\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1}\right); \quad A_2 = A \left(\frac{-\alpha_1}{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1}\right);$$

is.  $x(t) = \frac{A}{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1} \left(\alpha_2 e^{-\alpha_1 t} - \alpha_1 e^{-\alpha_2 t}\right)$

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Q2.

$$(i) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \delta(x) dx = F(0)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \delta(-x) dx = F(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta(x) = \delta(-x)$$

$$(ii) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \delta(ax) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) \delta(u) \frac{du}{a} = \frac{F(0)}{a} \text{ for } a > 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \delta(ax) dx = \int_{+\infty}^{-\infty} F\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) \delta(u) \frac{du}{a} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F\left(\frac{u}{a}\right) \delta(u) \frac{du}{(-a)}$$

$$= \frac{F(0)}{|a|} \text{ for } a < 0$$

$$\text{and so } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \left(\frac{\delta(x)}{|a|}\right) dx = \frac{F(0)}{|a|}$$

$$\text{and hence } \delta(ax) = \frac{1}{|a|} \delta(x)$$

$$(iii) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \left(\frac{d}{dx} \delta(x-x_0)\right) dx =$$

$$= \left[ F(x) \delta(x-x_0) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dF}{dx} \cdot \delta(x-x_0) dx$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} = 0 \\ \text{since } \delta(x-x_0) \\ = 0 \text{ for } x \neq x_0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dF}{dx} \delta(x-x_0) dx = - \left[ \frac{d}{dx} F(x) \right]_{x=x_0} = -F'(x_0)$$

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$$(iv) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) x \delta(x) dx = \left[ F(x) x \right]_{x=0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \delta(x) = 0$$

$$(v) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) x \delta'(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) x \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) dx$$

$$= \left[ \cancel{F(x) x} \delta(x) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} (x F(x)) \delta(x) dx$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( F(x) - x \frac{d}{dx} F(x) \right) \delta(x) dx$$

$$= - \left[ F(x) - x \frac{d}{dx} F(x) \right]_{x=0} = -F(0) - 0 \cdot \frac{d}{dx} F(0) = -F(0)$$

$$\text{and } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) (-\delta(x)) dx = -F(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \delta'(x) = -\delta(x)$$

$$(vi) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \delta((x-a)(x-b)) dx$$

$$= \int_{a-\epsilon}^{a+\epsilon} F(x) \delta((x-a)(x-b)) dx$$

$$+ \int_{b-\epsilon}^{b+\epsilon} F(x) \delta((x-a)(x-b)) dx$$

Integrals outside these ranges vanish since  $\delta((x-a)(x-b)) = 0$  for  $x \neq a, x \neq b$ . If we consider one of the remaining integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a-\epsilon}^{a+\epsilon} F(x) \delta((x-a)(x-b)) dx &= \int_{a-\epsilon}^{a+\epsilon} F(x) \delta((x-a)(a-b)) dx \\ &= \int_{a-\epsilon}^{a+\epsilon} F(x) \frac{\delta(x-a)}{|a-b|} dx = \frac{F(a)}{|a-b|} \end{aligned}$$

The other term is similar, hence

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \delta((x-a)(x-b)) dx = \frac{F(a) + F(b)}{|a-b|}$$

We also have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) \frac{(\delta(x-a) + \delta(x-b))}{|a-b|} dx = \frac{F(a) + F(b)}{|a-b|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta((x-a)(x-b)) = \frac{1}{|a-b|} (\delta(x-a) + \delta(x-b))$$

Comparing this with

$$\delta(f(x)) = \sum_i \frac{\delta(x-x_i)}{|f'(x_i)|} \quad *$$

we have  $f(x) = (x-a)(x-b)$  which has zeroes

$x_1 = a$  and  $x_2 = b$  such that

$$f'(a) = a-b = -f'(b)$$

and so \* becomes the same as the expression <sup>7.</sup>  
just derived.

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$$Q3. \quad x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x \ln x$$

Divide through by  $x^2$ :

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{3}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3}{x^2} y = \frac{1}{x} \ln x$$

$$\text{i.e. } P(x) = -\frac{3}{x}, \quad Q(x) = \frac{3}{x^2}, \quad F(x) = \frac{1}{x} \ln x$$

The homogeneous equation is

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{3}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3}{x^2} y = 0$$

$$\text{Trying } y = x^n \text{ gives } \frac{dy}{dx} = nx^{n-1}, \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = n(n-1)x^{n-2}$$

$$\text{and } n(n-1)x^{n-2} - \frac{3}{x} \cdot nx^{n-1} + \frac{3}{x^2} x^n$$

$$= (n(n-1) - 3n + 3)x^{n-2}$$

$$= 0 \text{ provided } n(n-1) - 3n + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 4n + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-3)(n-1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow y_1 = x, \quad y_2 = x^3$$
$$y_1' = 1, \quad y_2' = 3x^2$$

$$\text{Then } w(x) = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2$$

$$= x \cdot 3x^2 - 1 \cdot x^3 = 2x^3$$

$$y_2(x) \int \frac{y_1(x') F(x')}{w(x')} dx' = x^3 \int \frac{\ln x'}{2x'^3} dx'$$

$$= x^3 \left[ -\frac{\ln x}{4x^2} + \int \frac{dx'}{4x'^3} \right] \quad (\text{integrating by parts})$$

$$= x^3 \left[ -\frac{\ln x}{4x^2} - \frac{1}{8x^2} \right]$$

Also

$$y_1(x) \int \frac{y_2(x') F(x')}{w(x')} dx' = x \int \frac{\ln x'}{2x'} dx'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} x (\ln x)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = -\frac{1}{4} x (\ln x)^2 - \frac{1}{4} x \ln x - \frac{1}{8} x$$


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## HOMEWORK SHEET 7: SOLUTIONS

Q1. 
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = e^{2x} + e^x$$

Homogeneous equation:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$(m^2 + m - 6) = (m - 2)(m + 3) = 0 \quad (2)$$

with solutions  $m = 2$  and  $m = -3$ . The complementary function is of the form

$$y_c(x) = Ae^{2x} + Be^{-3x} \quad (1)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants. The particular solution is found by using the trial solution

$$y_p(x) = Cxe^{2x} + De^x \quad (1)$$

(note the extra factor  $x$  in front of  $e^{2x}$  because  $e^{2x}$  occurs in  $y_c$ )

Substitute into the differential eqn.

$$\frac{dy_p(x)}{dx} = 2Cxe^{2x} + Ce^{2x} + De^x \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d^2 y_p(x)}{dx^2} = 4Cxe^{2x} + 2Ce^{2x} + 2Ce^{2x} + De^x \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{i.e. } \frac{d^2 y_p}{dx^2} + \frac{dy_p}{dx} - 6y_p & \\
 = 4Cx e^{2x} + 2C e^{2x} + 2C e^{2x} + D e^x & \\
 + 2Cx e^{2x} + C e^{2x} + D e^x & \\
 - 6Cx e^{2x} - 6D e^x & \\
 = 5C e^{2x} - 4D e^x = e^{2x} + e^x &
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{5}, \quad D = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{i.e. } y_p(x) = \frac{1}{5} x e^{2x} - \frac{1}{4} e^x \quad (2)$$

The complete solution is

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$$

$$= A e^{2x} + B e^{-3x} + \frac{1}{5} x e^{2x} - \frac{1}{4} e^x$$

$$= \left(A + \frac{1}{5} x\right) e^{2x} + B e^{-3x} - \frac{1}{4} e^x \quad (2)$$

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$$2+1+1+1+1+2+2=10$$

Q2. Prove that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \frac{d}{dx} s(x) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f'(x) s(x) dx$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \frac{d}{dx} s(x) dx = \left[ f(x) s(x) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f'(x) s(x) dx \quad (2)$$

(using integration by parts)

$$\text{But } \left[ f(x) \delta(x) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 0 \quad (2)$$

because  $\delta(x) = 0$  except at  $x = 0$ .

$$\text{Hence } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f'(x) \delta(x) dx$$

Now let  $f(x) = x g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x g(x) \delta'(x) dx &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) \frac{d}{dx} (x g(x)) dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) [g(x) + x g'(x)] dx \quad (3) \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \delta(x) dx \quad \left( \text{since } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x g'(x) \delta(x) dx = 0 \right) \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from the definition of the  $\delta$  function,

$$x \delta'(x) = -\delta(x) \quad (1)$$

$$2 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 10$$

$$\text{Q3. } \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = f_0 \cos \omega t$$

The homogeneous equation is

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

(This was solved in EXERCISE 7.1)

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + \gamma m + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

with solutions

$$m = -\frac{\gamma}{2} \pm i \left( \omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4} \right)^{1/2}$$

for  $\gamma < 2\omega_0$ . Hence the solution is of the form

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} (A_1 \cos \omega t + A_2 \sin \omega t) \quad (3)$$

where  $\omega = \left( \omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4} \right)^{1/2}$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$

For the case  $\gamma = 2\omega_0$  the solutions of the auxiliary equation are  $m_1 = m_2 = m = -\frac{\gamma}{2}$ . Hence the solution is of the form

$$x(t) = (A_1 + A_2 t) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} \quad (3)$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$

For the case  $\gamma > 2\omega_0$  the solutions of the auxiliary equation are  $m_1 = -\alpha_1$ ,  $m_2 = -\alpha_2$  where

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\gamma}{2} + \left( \frac{\gamma^2}{4} - \omega_0^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{\gamma}{2} - \left( \frac{\gamma^2}{4} - \omega_0^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

and so the solution is of the form

$$x(t) = A_1 e^{-\alpha_1 t} + A_2 e^{-\alpha_2 t} \quad (3)$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ .

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Hence all these solutions to the homogeneous equation  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore we must investigate the particular solution. The trial function is

$$x(t) = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t \quad (1)$$

Substitution in the ODE gives

$$\begin{aligned} & -\omega^2 A \cos \omega t - \omega^2 B \sin \omega t \\ & - \gamma \omega A \sin \omega t + \gamma \omega B \cos \omega t \\ & + \omega_0^2 A \cos \omega t + \omega_0^2 B \sin \omega t \\ & = f_0 \cos \omega t \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Equating terms in  $\sin \omega t$ :

$$-\omega^2 B - \gamma \omega A + \omega_0^2 B = 0 = B(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) - A\gamma\omega \quad (1)$$

Equating terms in  $\cos \omega t$ :

$$-\omega^2 A + \gamma \omega B + \omega_0^2 A = f_0 = A(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) + B\gamma\omega \quad (1)$$

The solution is

$$A = \frac{f_0(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)}{[(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2 \omega^2]} ; B = \frac{f_0 \gamma \omega}{[(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2 \omega^2]} ; \quad (2)$$

Now, writing

$$x = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t = C \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$= C \cos \alpha \cos \omega t - C \sin \alpha \sin \omega t$$

(1)

we have

$$\tan \alpha = -\frac{B}{A} = \frac{\gamma \omega}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

(1)

$$\text{and } C^2 = A^2 + B^2 = \frac{f_0^2}{[(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2 \omega^2]}$$

(1)

so that we have

$$x(t) = \frac{f_0}{[(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \gamma^2 \omega^2]^{1/2}} \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$$

(1)

$$\text{where } \alpha = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\gamma \omega}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2} \right)$$

[ Note: the amplitude of the oscillation peaks when the forcing frequency  $\omega$  equals the natural frequency  $\omega_0$ . This is the phenomenon of resonance. ]

$$3 + 3 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 20$$

Q4. 
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = \sin 2x = F(x)$$

where  $y(0) = y(\pi/2) = 0$

The homogeneous equation is  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -y$

$\Rightarrow y(x)$  is  $\cos x$  or  $\sin x$

$y_1(0) = 0 \Rightarrow y_1(x) = \sin x ; y_1' = \cos x$  (2)

$y_2(\pi/2) = 0 \Rightarrow y_2(x) = \cos x ; y_2' = -\sin x$

$$W(x) = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = (\sin x)(-\sin x) - (\cos x)(\cos x)$$

$$= -\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x = -1$$
 (1)

So 
$$y_2(x) \int_0^x \frac{y_1(x') F(x')}{W(x')} dx' = \cos x \int_0^x \frac{\sin x' \cdot \sin 2x'}{(-1)} dx'$$

$$= -\cos x \int_0^x \sin x' \cdot \sin 2x' dx'$$

$$= -2 \cos x \int_0^x \sin x' \cdot \sin x' \cos x' dx'$$

$$= -2 \cos x \int_0^x \sin^2 x' d(\sin x') = -2 \cos x \left[ \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 x' \right]_0^x$$

$$= -\frac{2}{3} \cos x \cdot \sin^3 x$$
 (2)

$$y_1(x) \int_x^{\pi/2} \frac{y_2(x') F(x')}{W(x')} dx' = \sin x \int_x^{\pi/2} \frac{(\cos x') \cdot \sin 2x'}{(-1)} dx'$$

$$= -\sin x \int_x^{\pi/2} \cos x' \cdot \sin 2x' dx'$$

$$= -2 \sin x \int_x^{\pi/2} \sin x' \cos^2 x' dx'$$

$$= -2 \sin x \int_x^{\pi/2} \cos^2 x' d(-\cos x') = 2 \sin x \left[ \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 x' \right]_x^{\pi/2}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{3} \sin x \cdot \cos^3 x$$

(2)

$$y(x) = y_1(x) \int_x^{\pi/2} \frac{y_2(x') F(x')}{w(x')} dx' + y_2(x) \int_0^x \frac{y_1(x') F(x')}{w(x')} dx'$$

$$= -\frac{2}{3} \sin x \cdot \cos^3 x - \frac{2}{3} \cos x \cdot \sin^3 x$$

$$= -\frac{2}{3} \sin x \cos x (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \sin 2x$$

(3)

$$2+1+2+2+3 = 10$$


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