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AND  
LINEAR ALGEBRA**

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**MANUAL FOR INSTRUCTORS**

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## Problem Set 2.1, page 79

- 1 Find a cosine and a sine that solve  $d^2y/dt^2 = -9y$ . This is a second order equation so we expect *two constants*  $C$  and  $D$  (from integrating twice):

**Simple harmonic motion**  $y(t) = C \cos \omega t + D \sin \omega t$ . What is  $\omega$ ?

If the system starts from rest (this means  $dy/dt = 0$  at  $t = 0$ ), which constant  $C$  or  $D$  will be zero?

*Solution* Letting  $y(t) = C \cos(\omega t) + D \sin(\omega t)$ :

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 9y = -\omega^2 C \cos(\omega t) + 9C \cos(\omega t) - \omega^2 \sin(\omega t) + 9 \sin(\omega t) = 0$$

$$\omega = 3$$

Differentiating  $y(t)$  and equating to zero at time  $t = 0$  gives us:

$$y'(t) = -C\omega \sin(\omega t) + D\omega \cos(\omega t) = 0$$

$$\text{At } t = 0 : D\omega = 0 \rightarrow D = 0$$

- 2 In Problem 1, which  $C$  and  $D$  will give the starting values  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 1$ ?

*Solution*  $y(0) = C \cos(\omega 0) + D \sin(\omega 0) = 0$  gives  $C = 0$

Differentiating  $y(t)$  and equating to 1 at time  $t = 0$  gives us:

$$y'(0) = D\omega = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad D = \frac{1}{\omega} = \frac{1}{3}$$

- 3 Draw Figure 2.3 to show simple harmonic motion  $y = A \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$  with phases  $\alpha = \pi/3$  and  $\alpha = -\pi/2$ .

*Solution* Notice that  $A$  is the maximum height  $y_{\max}$ . At  $t = 0$  we see  $y = A \cos(-\alpha) = A \cos \alpha$ .

- 4 Suppose the circle in Figure 2.4 has radius 3 and circular frequency  $f = 60$  Hertz. If the moving point starts at the angle  $-45^\circ$ , find its  $x$ -coordinate  $A \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$ . The phase lag is  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ . When does the point first hit the  $x$  axis?

*Solution*  $f = \omega/2\pi = 60$  Hertz is equivalent to  $\omega = 120\pi$  radians per second. With magnitude  $A = 3$  and  $\alpha = -45^\circ = -\pi/4$  radians,  $A \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$  becomes  $3 \cos(120\pi t + \pi/4)$ . The point going around the circle hits the  $x$ -axis when that angle is a multiple of  $\pi$ . The first hit occurs at  $120\pi t + \pi/4 = \pi$  and  $120t = 3/4$  and  $t = 3/480 = 1/160$ .

- 5 If you drive at 60 miles per hour on a circular track with radius  $R = 3$  miles, what is the time  $T$  for one complete circuit? Your circular frequency is  $f = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  and your angular frequency is  $\omega = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  (with what units?). The period is  $T$ .

*Solution* The distance around a circle of radius  $R = 3$  miles is  $2\pi R = 6\pi$  miles. The time  $T$  for a complete circuit at 60 miles per hour is  $T = 6\pi/60 = \pi/10$  hours. From  $T = 1/f = 2\pi/\omega$  the circular frequency is  $f = 10/\pi$  cycles per hour and  $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi/T = 20$  radians per hour.

- 6 The total energy  $E$  in the oscillating spring-mass system is

$$E = \text{kinetic energy in mass} + \text{potential energy in spring} = \frac{m}{2} \left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{k}{2} y^2.$$

Compute  $E$  when  $y = C \cos \omega t + D \sin \omega t$ . The energy is constant!

*Solution*  $y = C \cos \omega t + D \sin \omega t$  has  $dy/dt = -\omega C \sin \omega t + \omega D \cos \omega t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The total energy is } E &= \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (C^2 \sin^2 \omega t - 2CD \sin \omega t \cos \omega t + D^2 \cos^2 \omega t) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} k (C^2 \cos^2 \omega t + 2CD \sin \omega t \cos \omega t + D^2 \sin^2 \omega t). \end{aligned}$$

When  $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$  and  $m\omega^2 = k$ , use  $\sin^2 \omega t + \cos^2 \omega t = 1$  to find

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k (C^2 + D^2) (\sin^2 \omega t + \cos^2 \omega t) = \frac{1}{2} k (C^2 + D^2) = \text{constant}.$$

- 7 Another way to show that the total energy  $E$  is constant :

Multiply  $my'' + ky = 0$  by  $y'$ . Then integrate  $my'y''$  and  $kyy'$ .

*Solution*  $(my'' + ky)y' = 0$  is the same as  $\frac{d}{dt}(\frac{1}{2}my'^2 + \frac{1}{2}ky^2) = 0$ .

This says that  $E = \frac{1}{2}my'^2 + \frac{1}{2}ky^2$  is constant.

- 8 A forced oscillation has another term in the equation and  $A \cos \omega t$  in the solution :

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4y = F \cos \omega t \quad \text{has} \quad y = C \cos 2t + D \sin 2t + A \cos \omega t.$$

(a) Substitute  $y$  into the equation to see how  $C$  and  $D$  disappear (they give  $y_n$ ). Find the forced amplitude  $A$  in the particular solution  $y_p = A \cos \omega t$ .

(b) In case  $\omega = 2$  (forcing frequency = natural frequency), what answer does your formula give for  $A$ ? The solution formula for  $y$  breaks down in this case.

*Solution* (a) The frequency  $\omega = 2$  gives the null solutions  $y = C \cos 2t + D \sin 2t$  :  $y''_n + 4y_n = 0$ .

The choice of  $A$  gives a particular solution  $y_p = A \cos \omega t$ . Substitute this  $y_p$  :

$$y''_p + 4y_p = (-\omega^2 + 4)A \cos \omega t = F \cos \omega t \quad \text{and} \quad A = \frac{F}{4 - \omega^2}.$$

(b)  $\omega = 2$  leads to  $A = \infty$  and that solution  $y_p$  breaks down : **resonance**. (The correct  $y_p$  will include a factor  $t$ )

- 9 Following Problem 8, write down the complete solution  $y_n + y_p$  to the equation

$$m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + ky = F \cos \omega t \quad \text{with} \quad \omega \neq \omega_n = \sqrt{k/m} \quad (\text{no resonance}).$$

The answer  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$  has free constants  $C$  and  $D$  to match  $y(0)$  and  $y'(0)$  ( $A$  is fixed by  $F$ ).

*Solution*  $y = y_n + y_p = C \cos \left( \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right) + D \sin \left( \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right) + \frac{A}{k - m\omega^2} \cos \omega t$ .

- 10 Suppose Newton's Law  $F = ma$  has the force  $F$  in the same direction as  $a$  :

$$my'' = +ky \quad \text{including} \quad y'' = 4y.$$

Find two possible choices of  $s$  in the exponential solutions  $y = e^{st}$ . The solution is not sinusoidal and  $s$  is real and the oscillations are gone. Now  $y$  is unstable.

*Solution* The exponents in  $y_n = Ce^{t\sqrt{k/m}} + De^{-t\sqrt{k/m}}$  are now real. Those numbers  $\pm \sqrt{k/m}$  come from substituting  $y = e^{st}$  into the differential equation :

$$my'' - ky = (ms^2 - k)e^{st} = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad s = \sqrt{k/m} \quad \text{and} \quad s = -\sqrt{k/m}.$$

- 11 Here is a *fourth order* equation:  $d^4y/dt^4 = 16y$ . Find *four* values of  $s$  that give exponential solutions  $y = e^{st}$ . You could expect four initial conditions on  $y$ :  $y(0)$  is given along with what three other conditions?

*Solution* Substitute  $y = e^{st}$  in the differential equation to find  $s^4 = 16$ . This has four solutions:  $s = 2, -2, 2i, -2i$ . The constants in  $y = c_1e^{2t} + c_2e^{-2t} + c_3e^{2it} + c_4e^{-2it}$  are determined by the initial values  $y(0), y'(0), y''(0), y'''(0)$ .

- 12 To find a particular solution to  $y'' + 9y = e^{ct}$ , I would look for a multiple  $y_p(t) = Ye^{ct}$  of the forcing function. What is that number  $Y$ ? When does your formula give  $Y = \infty$ ? (Resonance needs a new formula for  $Y$ .)

*Solution* Substitute  $y_p = Ye^{ct}$  to find  $(c^2 + 9)Ye^{ct} = e^{ct}$  and  $Y = 1/(c^2 + 9)$ . This is called the “exponential response function” in Section 2.4. The resonant case  $Y = \infty$  occurs when  $c^2 + 9 = 0$  or  $c = \pm 3i$ . Then a new formula for  $y(t)$  involves  $te^{ct}$  as well as  $e^{ct}$ .

- 13 In a particular solution  $y = Ae^{i\omega t}$  to  $y'' + 9y = e^{i\omega t}$ , what is the amplitude  $A$ ? The formula blows up when the forcing frequency  $\omega =$  what natural frequency?

*Solution* Substitute  $y_p = Ae^{i\omega t}$  to find  $i^2\omega^2Ae^{i\omega t} + 9Ae^{i\omega t} = e^{i\omega t}$ . With  $i^2 = -1$  this gives  $A = 1/(9 - \omega^2)$ . This blows up when  $9 - \omega^2 = 0$  at the natural frequency  $\omega_n = 3$ .

- 14 If  $y(0) > 0$  and  $y'(0) < 0$ , does  $\alpha$  fall between  $\pi/2$  and  $\pi$  or between  $3\pi/2$  and  $2\pi$ ? If you plot the vector from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(y(0), y'(0)/\omega)$ , its angle is  $\alpha$ .

*Solution* If  $y(0) > 0$  and  $y'(0) < 0$  then  $\alpha$  falls between  $3\pi/2$  and  $2\pi$ . This occurs because the vector from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(y(0), y'(0)/\omega)$  is in the fourth quadrant.

- 15 Find a point on the sine curve in Figure 2.1 where  $y > 0$  but  $v = y' < 0$  and also  $a = y'' < 0$ . The curve is sloping down and bending down.

Find a point where  $y < 0$  but  $y' > 0$  and  $y'' > 0$ . The point is below the  $x$ -axis but the curve is sloping *UP* and bending *UP*.

*Solution* For  $\frac{\pi}{2} < t < \pi$  ( $90^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$ ),  $y(t) = \sin t > 0$  but  $y'(t) < 0$  and  $y''(t) < 0$ .

Note that for  $\frac{3\pi}{2} < t < 2\pi$ ,  $y(t) < 0$  but  $y'(t) > 0$  and  $y''(t) > 0$ . The point is below the  $x$ -axis but the bold sine curve is sloping upwards and bending upwards.

- 16 (a) Solve  $y'' + 100y = 0$  starting from  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 10$ . (**This is  $y_n$ .**)  
 (b) Solve  $y'' + 100y = \cos \omega t$  with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ . (**This can be  $y_p$ .**)

*Solution* (a) Substitute  $y = e^{ct}$

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + 100y &= 0 \\ c^2e^{ct} + 100e^{ct} &= 0 \\ c^2 &= -100 \\ c &= \pm 10i \\ y &= ce^{10it} + de^{-10it} \end{aligned}$$

This can be rewritten in terms of sines and cosines of  $10t$ . Introducing the initial conditions we have:

$$y(t) = A \cos(10t) + B \sin(10t)$$

$$y(0) = A = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 10B = 10 \rightarrow B = 1$$

$$y(t) = \sin(10t) + \cos(10t)$$

(b) As in equation (11) we assume the particular solution is

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{100 - \omega^2} \cos(\omega t)$$

Adding in the null solution and substituting in the initial conditions gives :

$$y(t) = B \sin(10t) + A \cos(10t) + \frac{1}{100 - \omega^2} \cos(\omega t)$$

$$y(0) = B \sin(0) + A \cos(0) + \frac{1}{100 - \omega^2} \cos(0) = 0$$

$$A = \frac{1}{\omega^2 - 100}$$

$$y'(0) = 10B \cos(0) - 10A \sin(0) - \frac{\omega}{100 - \omega^2} \sin(0) \\ = 10B = 0 \rightarrow B = 0$$

Therefore the solution is:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{100 - \omega^2} (\cos(\omega t) - \cos(10t))$$

**17** Find a particular solution  $y_p = R \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$  to  $y'' + 100y = \cos \omega t - \sin \omega t$ .

*Solution*

$$\text{Right side : } \cos \omega t - \sin \omega t = \sqrt{2} \cos \left( \omega t + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$\text{Diff. Eqn : } -\omega^2 R \cos(\omega t - \alpha) + 100R \cos(\omega t - \alpha) = \sqrt{2} \cos \left( \omega t + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$(100 - \omega^2)R \cos(\omega t - \alpha) = \sqrt{2} \cos \left( \omega t + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$\text{Then } \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ and } R = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{100 - \omega^2}$$

**18** Simple harmonic motion also comes from a linear pendulum (like a grandfather clock). At time  $t$ , the height is  $A \cos \omega t$ . What is the frequency  $\omega$  if the pendulum comes back to the start after 1 second? The period does not depend on the amplitude (a large clock or a small metronome or the movement in a watch can all have  $T = 1$ ).

*Solution* The equation describing Simple Harmonic Motion is :

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t - \phi)$$

If the period is  $T = 1$  second, the frequency is  $f = 1$  Hertz or  $\omega = 2\pi$  radians per second.

- 19 If the phase lag is  $\alpha$ , what is the time lag in graphing  $\cos(\omega t - \alpha)$ ?

*Solution*

$$\cos(\omega t - \alpha) = \cos\left(\omega\left(t - \frac{\alpha}{\omega}\right)\right)$$

Therefore the time lag is  $\alpha/\omega$ .

- 20 What is the response  $y(t)$  to a delayed impulse if  $my'' + ky = \delta(t - T)$ ?

*Solution* Similar to equation (15) we have

$$y_p(t) = \frac{\sin(\omega_n(t - T))}{m\omega_n}$$

The conditions at time  $T$  are:

$$y_p(T) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y_p'(T) = \frac{1}{m}$$

Note that  $y_p$  starts from time  $t = T$ . We have  $y_p = 0$ .

- 21 (Good challenge) Show that  $y = \int_0^t g(t-s)f(s) ds$  has  $my'' + ky = f(t)$ .

**1** Why is  $y' = \int_0^t g'(t-s)f(s) ds + g(0)f(t)$ ? Notice the two  $t$ 's in  $y$ .

*Solution 1* The variable  $t$  appears twice in the formula for  $y$ , so the derivative  $dy/dt$  has **two terms** (called the Leibniz rule). One term is the value of  $g(t-s)f(s)$  at the upper limit  $s = t$ ; this is from the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Since  $t$  also appears in the quantity  $g(t-s)f(s)$ , its derivative  $g'(t-s)f(s)$  also appears in  $y'$ .

**2** Using  $g(0) = 0$ , explain why  $y'' = \int_0^t g''(t-s)f(s) ds + g'(0)f(t)$ .

*Solution 2* Since  $g(0) = 0$ , part 1 produced  $y' = \int_0^t g'(t-s)f(s) ds$ . Using the Leibniz rule again (now on  $y'$ ), we get the two terms in  $y''$ .

**3** Now use  $g'(0) = 1/m$  and  $mg'' + kg = 0$  to confirm  $my'' + ky = f(t)$ .

*Solution 3*  $my'' + ky = m \left( \int_0^t g''(t-s)f(s) ds + g'(0)f(t) \right) + k \left( \int_0^t g(t-s)f(s) ds \right) = m(1/m)f(t)$ . The integrals cancelled because  $mg'' + kg = 0$ .

**22** With  $f = 1$  (direct current has  $\omega = 0$ ) verify that  $my'' + ky = 1$  for this  $y$ :

**Step response**  $y(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\sin \omega_n(t-s)}{m\omega_n} 1 ds = y_p + y_n$  equals  $\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k} \cos \omega_n t$ .

*Solution* This  $y(t)$  certainly solves  $my'' + ky = 1$ . *Comment:* That formula for  $y(t)$  fits with the usual  $\int g(t-s)f(s) ds$  when  $f = 1$  and the impulse response is  $g(t) = (\sin \omega_n t)/m\omega_n$  in equation (15). And always this **step response should be the integral of the impulse response**. The natural frequency is  $\omega_n = k/m$ :

$$y(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\sin(\omega_n(t-s))}{m\omega_n} ds = - \left. \frac{\cos(\omega_n(t-s))}{m\omega_n^2} \right]_0^t = \frac{1}{k} - \frac{\cos(\omega_n t)}{k}.$$

Notice that without damping resistance, the step response oscillates forever—not approaching the steady state  $y_\infty = 1/k$ .

**23** (Recommended) For the equation  $d^2y/dt^2 = 0$  find the null solution. Then for  $d^2g/dt^2 = \delta(t)$  find the fundamental solution (start the null solution with  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g'(0) = 1$ ). For  $y'' = f(t)$  find the particular solution using formula (16).

*Solution*

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = 0 \text{ gives } y_n = A + Bt.$$

We get the fundamental solution  $g(t) = t$  for  $t \geq 0$  by starting the null solution with  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g'(0) = 1$ . Then  $g(t) = t$  and  $g(t-s) = t-s$ . This gives the particular solution for  $d^2y/dt^2 = f(t)$  using formula (16):

$$y(t) = \int_0^t (t-s)f(s) ds.$$

**24** For the equation  $d^2y/dt^2 = e^{i\omega t}$  find a particular solution  $y = Y(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$ . Then  $Y(\omega)$  is the frequency response. Note the “resonance” when  $\omega = 0$  with the null solution  $y_n = 1$ .

*Solution* Substitute  $y = Ye^{i\omega t}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -Y(\omega)\omega^2 e^{i\omega t} &= e^{i\omega t} \\ Y(\omega) &= -1/\omega^2 \\ y_p(t)_p &= e^{i\omega t}/\omega^2 \end{aligned}$$

The null solution to  $y'' = 0$  is  $y(t)_n = At + B$ .

When  $A = 0$  and  $B = 1$ , we get  $y_n = 1$ . This causes resonance at  $\omega = 0$ , the solution formula  $y_p = e^{i\omega t}/\omega^2$  breaks down.

- 25** Find a particular solution  $Y e^{i\omega t}$  to  $my'' - ky = e^{i\omega t}$ . The equation has  $-ky$  instead of  $ky$ . What is the frequency response  $Y(\omega)$ ? For which  $\omega$  is  $Y$  infinite?

*Solution* Substitute  $y(t) = Y e^{i\omega t}$  in  $my'' - ky = e^{i\omega t}$

$$\text{Then } -Ym\omega^2 e^{i\omega t} - kY e^{i\omega t} = e^{i\omega t}$$

$$-Ym\omega^2 - Yk = 1$$

$$Y(\omega) = \frac{1}{k + m\omega^2}$$

$Y$  is infinite for  $\omega = i\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ . No resonance at real frequencies  $\omega$ , because the equation has  $-ky$  instead of  $ky$ .

## Problem Set 2.2, page 87

- 1** Mark the numbers  $s_1 = 2+i$  and  $s_2 = 1-2i$  as points in the complex plane. (The plane has a real axis and an imaginary axis.) Then mark the sum  $s_1 + s_2$  and the difference  $s_1 - s_2$ .

*Solution* The sum is  $s_1 + s_2 = 3 - i$ . The difference is  $s_1 - s_2 = 1 + 3i$ .

- 2** Multiply  $s_1 = 2 + i$  times  $s_2 = 1 - 2i$ . Check absolute values:  $|s_1||s_2| = |s_1 s_2|$ .

*Solution* The product  $(2+i)(1-2i)$  is  $2+i-4i-2i^2 = 4-3i$ . The absolute values of  $2+i$  and  $1-2i$  are  $\sqrt{2^2+1^2} = \sqrt{5}$ . The product  $4-3i$  has absolute value  $\sqrt{4^2+3^2} = 5$ , agreeing with  $(\sqrt{5})(\sqrt{5})$ .

- 3** Find the real and imaginary parts of  $1/(2+i)$ . Multiply by  $(2-i)/(2-i)$ :

$$\frac{1}{2+i} \frac{2-i}{2-i} = \frac{2-i}{|2+i|^2} = ?$$

*Solution*  $\frac{1}{2+i} \frac{2-i}{2-i} = \frac{2-i}{5}$  In general  $\frac{1}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}$  because  $z\bar{z} = |z|^2$ .

- 4** *Triple angles* Multiply equation (2.10) by another  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  to find formulas for  $\cos 3\theta$  and  $\sin 3\theta$ .

*Solution* Equation (10) is  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^2 = \cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta$ . Multiply by another  $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 &= \cos \theta \cos 2\theta + i \sin \theta \cos 2\theta + i \cos \theta \sin 2\theta - \sin \theta \sin 2\theta \\ &= \cos(\theta + 2\theta) + i \sin(\theta + 2\theta) \text{ by sum formulas} \\ &= \cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta \end{aligned}$$

**Real part**  $\cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$  **Imaginary part**  $\sin 3\theta = 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta$ .

- 5 Addition formulas** Multiply  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  times  $e^{i\phi} = \cos \phi + i \sin \phi$  to get  $e^{i(\theta+\phi)}$ . Its real part is  $\cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \sin \phi$ . What is its imaginary part  $\sin(\theta + \phi)$ ?

*Solution* The imaginary part of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)(\cos \phi + i \sin \phi)$  is the coefficient of  $i$ :  $\sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi$  must equal  $\sin(\theta + \phi)$ .

- 6** Find the real part and the imaginary part of each cube root of 1. Show directly that the three roots add to zero, as equation (2.11) predicts.

*Solution* The cube roots of 1 are at angles  $0, 2\pi/3, 4\pi/3$  (or  $0^\circ, 120^\circ, 240^\circ$ ). They are equally spaced on the unit circle (absolute value 1). The three roots are 1 and

$$e^{2\pi i/3} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$e^{4\pi i/3} = \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

The sum  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  equals **zero**. Always:  $n$  roots of  $z^n = 1$  add to zero.

- 7** The three cube roots of 1 are  $z$  and  $z^2$  and 1, when  $z = e^{2\pi i/3}$ . What are the three cube roots of 8 and the three cube roots of  $i$ ? (The angle for  $i$  is  $90^\circ$  or  $\pi/2$ , so the angle for one of its cube roots will be \_\_\_\_\_. The roots are spaced by  $120^\circ$ .)

*Solution* The three cube roots of 8 are 2 and  $2e^{2\pi i/3} = -1 + \sqrt{3}i$  and  $2e^{4\pi i/3} = -1 - \sqrt{3}i$ . (They also add to zero.)

The three cube roots of  $i = e^{\pi i/2}$  are  $e^{\pi i/6}$  and  $e^{5\pi i/6}$  and  $e^{9\pi i/6}$  still add to zero.

- 8** (a) The number  $i$  is equal to  $e^{\pi i/2}$ . Then its  $i^{\text{th}}$  power  $i^i$  comes out equal to a real number, using the fact that  $(e^s)^t = e^{st}$ . What is that real number  $i^i$ ?

(b)  $e^{i\pi/2}$  is also equal to  $e^{5\pi i/2}$ . Increasing the angle by  $2\pi$  does not change  $e^{i\theta}$  — it comes around a full circle and back to  $i$ . Then  $i^i$  has another real value  $(e^{5\pi i/2})^i = e^{-5\pi/2}$ . What are all the possible values of  $i^i$ ?

*Solution* (a) The  $i^{\text{th}}$  power of  $i = e^{\pi i/2}$  is  $i^i = (e^{\pi i/2})^i = e^{-\pi/2}$  by the ordinary rule for exponents. Surprising that  $i^i$  is a real number.

(b)  $i$  also equals  $e^{5\pi i/2}$  since  $\frac{5\pi}{2}$  is a full rotation from  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . So  $i^i$  also equals  $(e^{5\pi i/2})^i = e^{-5\pi/2}$ —and infinitely many other possibilities  $e^{-(2\pi+1)\pi/2}$  for every whole number  $n$ . We are on a “Riemann surface” with an infinity of layers.

- 9** The numbers  $s = 3 + i$  and  $\bar{s} = 3 - i$  are complex conjugates. Find their sum  $s + \bar{s} = -B$  and their product  $(s)(\bar{s}) = C$ . Then show that  $s^2 + Bs + C = 0$  and also  $\bar{s}^2 + B\bar{s} + C = 0$ . Those numbers  $s$  and  $\bar{s}$  are the two roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 + Bx + C = 0$ .

*Solution*  $-B = s + \bar{s} = (3 + i) + (3 - i) = 6$ .  $C = (s)(\bar{s}) = (3 + i)(3 - i) = 10$ .

Then  $s$  and  $\bar{s}$  are the two roots of  $x^2 - Bx + C = x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$ . The usual quadratic formula gives  $\frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36-40}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm 2i}{2} = 3 \pm i$ .

- 10** The numbers  $s = a + i\omega$  and  $\bar{s} = a - i\omega$  are complex conjugates. Find their sum  $s + \bar{s} = -B$  and their product  $(s)(\bar{s}) = C$ . Then show that  $s^2 + Bs + C = 0$ . The two solutions of  $x^2 + Bx + C = 0$  are  $s$  and  $\bar{s}$ .

*Solution*  $-B = (a + i\omega) + (a - i\omega) = 2a$   $C = (a + i\omega)(a - i\omega) = a^2 + i\omega^2$ .

Then the roots of  $x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + \omega^2 = 0$  are  $x = \frac{2a \pm \sqrt{-4\omega^2}}{2} = a \pm i\omega$ .

11 (a) Find the numbers  $(1+i)^4$  and  $(1+i)^8$ .

(b) Find the polar form  $re^{i\theta}$  of  $(1+i\sqrt{3})/(\sqrt{3}+i)$ .

*Solution* (a)  $(1+i)^4 = (\sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4})^4 = (\sqrt{2})^4 e^{i\pi} = -4$

$(1+i)^8 = \text{square of } (1+i)^4 = (\text{square of } -4) = 16.$

(b)  $(1+i\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3}+i) = \sqrt{3} + 3i + i - \sqrt{3} = 4i$ . Dividing by  $(2)(2) = 4$  this is  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)(\sin \theta + i \cos \theta) = i(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = i$ .

**The unexpected part is  $\sin \theta + i \cos \theta = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) = e^{i(\pi/2 - \theta)}$ .**

Then the product of  $e^{i\theta}$  and  $e^{i(\pi/2 - \theta)}$  is  $e^{i\pi/2}$  which equals  $i$  as above.

12 The number  $z = e^{2\pi i/n}$  solves  $z^n = 1$ . The number  $Z = e^{2\pi i/2n}$  solves  $Z^{2n} = 1$ . How is  $z$  related to  $Z$ ? (This plays a big part in the Fast Fourier Transform.)

*Solution* If  $Z = e^{2\pi i/2n}$  then  $Z^2 = e^{2\pi i/n} = z$ . The square of the  $2n$ th root is the  $n$ th root. The angle for  $Z$  is half the angle for  $z$ .

The Fast Fourier Transform connects the transform at level  $2n$  to the transform at level  $n$  (and on down to  $n/2$  and  $n/4$  and eventually to 1, if these numbers are powers of 2).

13 (a) If you know  $e^{i\theta}$  and  $e^{-i\theta}$ , how can you find  $\sin \theta$ ?

(b) Find all angles  $\theta$  with  $e^{i\theta} = -1$ , and all angles  $\phi$  with  $e^{i\phi} = i$ .

*Solution* (a)  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i}[(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) - (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)] = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$ .

(b) The angles with  $e^{i\theta} = -1$  are  $\theta = \pi +$  (any multiple of  $2\pi$ ) =  $(2n + 1)\pi$ .

The angles with  $e^{i\phi} = i$  are  $\phi =$  any multiple of  $2\pi = 2n\pi$ .

14 Locate all these points on one complex plane:

(a)  $2+i$  (b)  $(2+i)^2$  (c)  $\frac{1}{2+i}$  (d)  $|2+i|$

*Solution*  $2+i$  is in quadrant 1.  $(2+i)^2$  is in quadrant 2.  $\frac{1}{2+i}$  is in quadrant 4.  $|2+i| = \sqrt{5}$  is on the positive real axis.

15 Find the absolute values  $r = |z|$  of these four numbers. If  $\theta$  is the angle for  $6+8i$ , what are the angles for these four numbers?

(a)  $6-8i$  (b)  $(6-8i)^2$  (c)  $\frac{1}{6-8i}$  (d)  $8i+6$

*Solution* The absolute values are 10 and 100 and  $\frac{1}{10}$  and 10.

The angles are  $2\pi - \theta$  (or just  $-\theta$ ),  $2\pi - 2\theta$  (or just  $-2\theta$ ),  $\theta$ , and  $\theta$ .

16 What are the real and imaginary parts of  $e^{a+i\pi}$  and  $e^{a+i\omega}$ ?

*Solution*  $e^{a+i\pi} = e^a e^{i\pi} = -e^a$  (real)  $e^{a+i\omega} = e^a \cos \omega + i e^a \sin \omega$

17 (a) If  $|s| = 2$  and  $|z| = 3$ , what are the absolute values of  $sz$  and  $s/z$ ?

(b) Find upper and lower bounds in  $L \leq |s+z| \leq U$ . When does  $|s+z| = U$ ?

*Solution* (a)  $|sz| = |s| |z| = 6$   $|s/z| = |s|/|z| = 2/3$ .

(b) The best bounds are  $L = 1$  and  $U = 5$ :  $1 \leq |s+z| \leq 5$ .

That bound 5 is reached when  $s$  and  $z$  have the **same angle**  $\theta$ .

- 18 (a) Where is the product  $(\sin \theta + i \cos \theta)(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  in the complex plane?  
 (b) Find the absolute value  $|S|$  and the polar angle  $\phi$  for  $S = \sin \theta + i \cos \theta$ .

This is my favorite problem, because  $S$  combines  $\cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta$  in a new way. To find  $\phi$ , you could plot  $S$  or add angles in the multiplication of part (a).

*Solution*  $(\sin \theta + i \cos \theta)(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = \sin \theta \cos \theta + i(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) - \cos \theta \sin \theta = i$ . The product is imaginary. The angles must add to  $90^\circ$ .

Since  $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  is at angle  $\theta$  and the product  $i$  is at angle  $\pi/2$ , the first factor  $\sin \theta + i \cos \theta$  must be  $e^{i\phi}$  at angle  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$ . The absolute value is 1. See also Problem 2.2.11.

- 19 Draw the spirals  $e^{(1-i)t}$  and  $e^{(2-2i)t}$ . Do those follow the same curves? Do they go clockwise or anticlockwise? When the first one reaches the negative  $x$ -axis, what is the time  $T$ ? What point has the second one reached at that time?

*Solution* The spiral  $e^{(1-i)t} = e^t e^{-it}$  starts at 1 when  $t = 0$ . As  $t$  increases, it goes outward (absolute value  $e^t$ ) and clockwise (the angle is  $-t$ ). It reaches the negative  $X$  axis when  $t = \pi$ . The second spiral  $e^{(2-2i)t}$  is **the same curve** but traveled twice as fast. Its angle  $-2t$  reaches  $-\pi$  (the  $X$ -axis) at time  $t = \pi/2$ .

- 20 The solution to  $d^2y/dt^2 = -y$  is  $y = \cos t$  if the initial conditions are  $y(0) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  and  $y'(0) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ . The solution is  $y = \sin t$  when  $y(0) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  and  $y'(0) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ . Write each of those solutions in the form  $c_1 e^{it} + c_2 e^{-it}$ , to see that real solutions can come from complex  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

*Solution*  $y = \cos t$  has  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .  $y = \sin t$  has  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 1$ . Those solutions are  $\cos t = (e^{it} + e^{-it})/2$  and  $\sin t = (e^{it} - e^{-it})/2i$ .

The complete solution to  $y'' = -y$  is  $y = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t$ . The same complete solution is  $C_1(e^{it} + e^{-it})/2 + C_2(e^{it} - e^{-it})/2i = c_1 e^{it} + c_2 e^{-it}$  with  $c_1 = (C_1 + C_2)/2$  and  $c_2 = (C_1 - C_2)/2i$ .

- 21 Suppose  $y(t) = e^{-t} e^{it}$  solves  $y'' + By' + Cy = 0$ . What are  $B$  and  $C$ ? If this equation is solved by  $y = e^{3it}$ , what are  $B$  and  $C$ ?

*Solution* If  $y = e^{st}$  solves  $y'' + By' + Cy = 0$  then substituting  $e^{st}$  shows that  $s^2 + Bs + C = 0$ . This problem has  $s = -1 + i$ . Then the other root is the conjugate  $\bar{s} = -1 - i$  (always assuming  $B$  and  $C$  are real numbers). The sum  $-2$  is  $-B$ . The product  $(s)(\bar{s}) = 2$  is  $C$ . So the underlying equation is  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$ .

- 22 From the multiplication  $e^{iA} e^{-iB} = e^{i(A-B)}$ , find the “subtraction formulas” for  $\cos(A-B)$  and  $\sin(A-B)$ .

*Solution* Start with the fact that  $e^{iA} e^{-iB} = e^{i(A-B)}$ . Use Euler’s formula:

$$(\cos A + i \sin A)(\cos B - i \sin B) = \cos(A-B) + i \sin(A-B).$$

Compare real parts:  $\cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B = \cos(A-B)$ .

Compare imaginary parts:  $\sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B = \sin(A-B)$ .

- 23 (a) If  $r$  and  $R$  are the absolute values of  $s$  and  $S$ , show that  $rR$  is the absolute value of  $sS$ . (Hint: Polar form!)

(b) If  $\bar{s}$  and  $\bar{S}$  are the complex conjugates of  $s$  and  $S$ , show that  $\overline{sS}$  is the complex conjugate of  $sS$ . (Polar form!)

*Solution* (a) Given:  $s = re^{i\theta}$  and  $S = Re^{i\phi}$  for some angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . Then  $sS = rRe^{i(\theta+\phi)}$ . The absolute value of  $sS$  is  $rR =$  (absolute value of  $s$ ) (absolute value of  $S$ ).

(b) Now  $\bar{s} = re^{-i\theta}$  and  $\bar{S} = Re^{-i\phi}$ . Multiply to get  $\bar{s}\bar{S} = rRe^{-i(\theta+\phi)}$ . This is the complex conjugate of  $sS = rRe^{i(\theta+\phi)}$  in part (a).

- 24** Suppose a complex number  $s$  solves a real equation  $s^3 + As^2 + Bs + C = 0$  (with  $A, B, C$  real). Why does the complex conjugate  $\bar{s}$  also solve this equation? “Complex solutions to real equations come in conjugate pairs  $s$  and  $\bar{s}$ .”

*Solution* The complex conjugate of  $s^3 + As^2 + Bs + C = 0$  is  $\bar{s}^3 + A\bar{s}^2 + B\bar{s} + C = 0$ .

We took the conjugate of every term using the fact that  $A, B, C$  are real. (The conjugates of  $s^2$  and  $s^3$  are  $\bar{s}^2$  and  $\bar{s}^3$  by Problem 23).

For quadratic equations  $x^2 + Bx + C = 0$ , the formula  $(-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4C})/2$  is producing **complex conjugates from  $\pm$**  when  $B^2 - 4C$  is negative.

- 25** (a) If two complex numbers add to  $s + S = 6$  and multiply to  $sS = 10$ , what are  $s$  and  $S$ ? (They are complex conjugates.)  
 (b) If two numbers add to  $s + S = 6$  and multiply to  $sS = -16$ , what are  $s$  and  $S$ ? (Now they are real.)

*Solution* (a)  $s$  and  $S$  must have the same real part 3. They each have magnitude  $\sqrt{10}$ . So  $s$  and  $S$  are  $3 + i$  and  $3 - i$ .

(b) If  $s + S = 6$  and  $sS = -16$  then  $s$  and  $S$  are the roots of  $x^2 - 6x - 16 = 0$ . Factor into  $(x - 8)(x + 2) = 0$  to see that  $s$  and  $S$  are 8 and  $-2$ . (Not complex conjugates! In this example  $B^2 - 4AC = 36 + 64 = 100$  and the quadratic has real roots 8 and  $-2$ .)

- 26** If two numbers  $s$  and  $S$  add to  $s + S = -B$  and multiply to  $sS = C$ , show that  $s$  and  $S$  solve the quadratic equation  $x^2 + Bx + C = 0$ .

*Solution* Just check that  $(x - s)(x - S) = x^2 + Bx + C$ . The left side is  $x^2 - (s + S)x + sS$ . Then  $s + S$  agrees with  $-B$  and  $sS$  matches  $C$ .

- 27** Find three solutions to  $s^3 = -8i$  and plot the three points in the complex plane. What is the sum of the three solutions?

*Solution* The three solutions have the same absolute value 2. Their angles are separated by  $120^\circ = 2\pi/3$  radians  $= 4\pi/6$  radians. The first angle is  $\theta = -30^\circ = -\pi/6$  radians (so that  $3\theta = -90^\circ = -\pi/2$  radians matches  $-i$ ).

The answers are  $2e^{-\pi i/6}$ ,  $2e^{3\pi i/6}$ ,  $2e^{7\pi i/6}$ . They add to 0.

- 28** (a) For which complex numbers  $s = a + i\omega$  does  $e^{st}$  approach 0 as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ? Those numbers  $s$  fill which “half-plane” in the complex plane?  
 (b) For which complex numbers  $s = a + i\omega$  does  $s^n$  approach 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ? Those numbers  $s$  fill which part of the complex plane? Not a half-plane!

*Solution* (a) If  $s = a + i\omega$ , the absolute value of  $e^{st}$  is  $e^{at}$ . This approaches 0 if  $a$  is **negative**. The numbers  $s = a + i\omega$  with negative  $a$  fill the **left half-plane**.

(b) This part asks about the powers  $s^n$  instead of  $e^{st}$ . Powers of  $s$  approach zero if  $|s| < 1$ . This is the same as  $a^2 + \omega^2 < 1$ . These complex numbers fill the **inside of the unit circle**.

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1 Substitute  $y = e^{st}$  and solve the characteristic equation for  $s$ :

(a)  $2y'' + 8y' + 6y = 0$       (b)  $y'''' - 2y'' + y = 0$ .

*Solution* (a)  $2s^2 + 8s + 6$  factors into  $2(s+3)(s+1)$  so the roots are  $s = -3$  and  $s = -1$ . The null solutions are  $y = e^{-3t}$  and  $y = e^{-t}$  (and any combination).

(b)  $s^4 - 2s^2 + 1$  factors into  $(s^2 - 1)^2$  which is  $(s-1)^2(s+1)^2$ . The roots are  $s = 1, 1, -1, -1$ . The null solutions are  $y = c_1e^t + c_2te^t + c_3e^{-t} + c_4te^{-t}$ . (The factor  $t$  enters for double roots.)

2 Substitute  $y = e^{st}$  and solve the characteristic equation for  $s = a + i\omega$ :

(a)  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$       (b)  $y'''' + 2y'' + y = 0$

*Solution* (a)  $s^2 + 2s + 5 = 0$  gives  $s = (-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20})/2 = -1 \pm 2i = a + i\omega$ . Then  $y = e^{-t} \cos 2t$  and  $y = e^{-t} \sin 2t$  solve the (null) equation.

(b)  $s^4 + 2s^2 + 1 = 0$  factors into  $(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 1) = 0$ . The roots are  $i, i, -i, -i$ . The solutions are  $y = c_1e^{it} + c_2te^{it} + c_3e^{-it} + c_4te^{-it}$ . They can also be written as  $y = C_1 \cos t + C_2t \cos t + C_3 \sin t + C_4t \sin t$ .

3 Which second order equation is solved by  $y = c_1e^{-2t} + c_2e^{-4t}$ ? Or  $y = te^{5t}$ ?

*Solution* If  $s = -2$  and  $s = 4$  are the exponents, the characteristic equation must be  $s^2 + 6s + 8 = 0$  coming from  $y'' + 6y' + 8y = 0$ .

If  $y = te^{5t}$  is a solution, then  $5$  is a **double root**. The characteristic equation must be  $(s - 5)^2 = s^2 - 10s + 25 = 0$  coming from  $y'' - 10y' + 25y = 0$ .

4 Which second order equation has solutions  $y = c_1e^{-2t} \cos 3t + c_2e^{-2t} \sin 3t$ ?

*Solution* Those sine/cosine solutions combine to give  $e^{-2t}e^{3it}$  and  $e^{-2t}e^{-3it}$ . Then  $s = -2 \pm 3i$ . The sum is  $-4$  and  $4$ , the product is  $2^2 + 3^2 = 13$ .

The equation must be  $y'' - 4y' + 13y = 0$ .

5 Which numbers  $B$  give (under) (critical) (over) damping in  $4y'' + By' + 16y = 0$ ?

*Solution* The roots of  $4s^2 + Bs + 16$  are  $s = (-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 64})/2$ . We have underdamping for  $B^2 > 64$  (real roots); critical damping for  $B^2 = 64$  (double root); overdamping for  $B^2 < 64$  (complex roots).

6 If you want oscillation from  $my'' + by' + ky = 0$ , then  $b$  must stay below \_\_\_\_\_.

*Solution* Oscillations mean underdamping. We need  $b^2 < 4km$ .

**Problems 7–16 are about the equation  $As^2 + Bs + C = 0$  and the roots  $s_1, s_2$ .**

7 The roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  satisfy  $s_1 + s_2 = -2p = -B/2A$  and  $s_1s_2 = \omega_n^2 = C/A$ . Show this two ways:

(a) Start from  $As^2 + Bs + C = A(s - s_1)(s - s_2)$ . Multiply to see  $s_1s_2$  and  $s_1 + s_2$ .

(b) Start from  $s_1 = -p + i\omega_d, s_2 = -p - i\omega_d$

*Solution* (a) Match  $As^2 + Bs + C$  to  $A(s - s_1)(s - s_2) = As^2 - A(s_1 + s_2)s + As_1s_2$ . Then  $-B = A(s_1 + s_2)$  and  $C = As_1s_2$ . **Error in problem:**  $s_1 + s_2$  equals  $-B/A$  and not  $-B/2A$ .

(b)  $s_1 + s_2 = (-p + i\omega_d) + (-p - i\omega_d) = -2p = -B/A$ . Then  $p = B/2A$ .

- 8** Find  $s$  and  $y$  at the bottom point of the graph of  $y = As^2 + Bs + C$ . At that minimum point  $s = s_{\min}$  and  $y = y_{\min}$ , the slope is  $dy/ds = 0$ .

*Solution* The minimum of  $As^2 + Bs + C$  is located by derivative  $= 2As + B = 0$ . Then  $s = -B/2A$  (which is  $p$ ). The value of  $As^2 + Bs + C$  at that minimum point is  $A(B^2/4A^2) - (B^2/2A) + C = -(B^2/4A) + C = (4AC - B^2)/4A$ .

Notice: If  $B^2 < 4AC$  the minimum is  $> 0$ . Then  $As^2 + Bs + C \neq 0$  for real  $s$ .

- 9** The parabolas in Figure 2.10 show how the graph of  $y = As^2 + Bs + C$  is raised by increasing  $B$ . Using Problem 8, show that the bottom point of the graph moves left (change in  $s_{\min}$ ) and down (change in  $y_{\min}$ ) when  $B$  is increased by  $\Delta B$ .

*Solution* For the graph of  $y = As^2 + Bs + C$ , the bottom point is  $y = (4AC - B^2)/4A$  at  $s = -B/2A$ . When  $B$  is increased,  $s$  moves left and  $y$  moves down. (The convention is  $A > 0$ .)

- 10** (recommended) Draw a picture to show the paths of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  when  $s^2 + Bs + 1 = 0$  and the damping increases from  $B = 0$  to  $B = \infty$ . At  $B = 0$ , the roots are on the \_\_\_\_\_ axis. As  $B$  increases, the roots travel on a circle (why?). At  $B = 2$ , the roots meet on the real axis. For  $B > 2$  the roots separate to approach 0 and  $-\infty$ . Why is their product  $s_1s_2$  always equal to 1?

*Solution* The roots of  $s^2 + Bs + 1$  will move as  $B$  increases from 0 to  $\infty$ . At  $B = 0$ , the roots of  $s^2 + 1 = 0$  are **imaginary**:  $s = \pm i$ . As  $B$  increases, the roots are complex conjugates always multiplying to  $s_1s_2 = 1$ . They are on the **unit circle**. When  $B$  reaches 2, the roots of  $s^2 + 2s + 1 = (s + 1)^2$  meet at  $s = -1$ . (Each root traveled a quarter-circle, from  $\pm i$  to  $-1$ .) For larger  $B$  and overdamping  $B^2 > 4AC = 4(1)(1)$ , the roots  $s_1s_2$  are **real**. One root moves from  $-1$  toward  $s = 0$ , the other moves from  $-1$  toward  $-\infty$ . **At all times**  $s_1s_2 = C/A = 1/1$ .

- 11** (this too if possible) Draw the paths of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  when  $s^2 + 2s + k = 0$  and the stiffness increases from  $k = 0$  to  $k = \infty$ . When  $k = 0$ , the roots are \_\_\_\_\_. At  $k = 1$ , the roots meet at  $s = \_\_\_\_\_\_$ . For  $k \rightarrow \infty$  the two roots travel up/down on a \_\_\_\_\_ in the complex plane. Why is their sum  $s_1 + s_2$  always equal to  $-2$ ?

*Solution* This problem changes  $k$  in  $s^2 + 2s + k = 0$ . So the **sum**  $s_1 + s_2$  stays at  $-2$ , the **product**  $s_1s_2 = k/1$  increases from 0 to  $\infty$ .

When  $k = 0$ , the roots  $-2$  and 0 are **real**. When  $k = 1$ , the roots are  $-1$  and  $-1$  (**repeated**). When  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $B^2 - 4AC = 4 - 4k$  is negative and the roots  $s = -1 \pm i\omega$  are **complex conjugates**. They lie on the vertical line  $x = \text{Re } s = -1$  in the complex plane.

- 12** If a polynomial  $P(s)$  has a double root at  $s = s_1$ , then  $(s - s_1)$  is a double factor and  $P(s) = (s - s_1)^2Q(s)$ . Certainly  $P = 0$  at  $s = s_1$ . Show that also  $dP/ds = 0$  at  $s = s_1$ . Use the product rule to find  $dP/ds$ .

*Solution*  $P = (s - s_1)^2Q(s)$  has a double root  $s = s_1$ , together with the roots of  $Q(s)$ . The derivative is

$$\frac{dP}{ds} = (s - s_1)^2 \frac{dQ}{ds} + 2(s - s_1)Q(s). \text{ This is zero at } s = s_1.$$

- 13** Show that  $y'' = 2ay' - (a^2 + \omega^2)y$  leads to  $s = a \pm i\omega$ . Solve  $y'' - 2y' + 10y = 0$ .

*Solution* Substitute  $y = e^{st}$  in the differential equation. Cancel  $e^{st}$  from every term to leave  $s^2 = 2as - (a^2 + \omega^2)$ .

The roots are  $a \pm i\omega$ , their sum is  $2a$ , their product is  $a^2 + \omega^2$ .

For  $y'' - 2y' + 10y = 0$  (negative damping!) the sum is  $s_1 + s_2 = 2$  and the product is 10. The roots are  $s = 1 \pm 3i$ . The solution  $y(t)$  is  $c_1e^{(1+3i)t} + c_2e^{(1-3i)t}$ .

- 14** The undamped *natural frequency* is  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k/m}$ . The two roots of  $ms^2 + k = 0$  are  $s = \pm i\omega_n$  (pure imaginary). With  $p = b/2m$ , the roots of  $ms^2 + bs + k = 0$  are  $s_1, s_2 = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - \omega_n^2}$ . The coefficient  $p = b/2m$  has the units of 1/time.

Solve  $s^2 + 0.1s + 1 = 0$  and  $s^2 + 10s + 1 = 0$  with numbers correct to two decimals.

*Solution*  $s^2 + 0.1s + 1 = 0$  gives  $s = (-0.1 \pm \sqrt{0.01 - 4})/2 = (-0.1 \pm i\sqrt{3.99})/2$ .

**How to approximate that square root?**

The square root of  $4 - x$  is close to  $2 - \frac{1}{4}x$ . Computing  $(2 - \frac{1}{4}x)^2 = 4 - x + x^2/16$  we see the small error  $x^2/16$ . Our problem has  $4 - x = 3.99$  and  $x = 1/100$ . So the square root is close to  $2 - \frac{1}{400}$ . The roots are  $s \approx (-0.1 \pm i(2 - \frac{1}{400}))/2$ . In other words  $s = -0.05 + i(1 - 0.00125)$ .

For  $s^2 + 10s + 1 = 0$ , the roots are  $s = (-10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4})/2 = -5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 1}$ . The square root of  $25 - x$  is close to  $5 - \frac{1}{10}x$ , because squaring the approximation gives  $25 - x + (x^2/100)$ . Our example has  $x = 1$  and  $s \approx -5 \pm (5 - \frac{1}{10})$ , which gives the two approximate roots  $s = -\frac{1}{10}$  and  $-10 + \frac{1}{10}$ .

These add to  $-10$  (correct) and multiply to  $.99$  (almost correct).

- 15** With large overdamping  $p \gg \omega_n$ , the square root  $\sqrt{p^2 - \omega_n^2}$  is close to  $p - \omega_n^2/2p$ . Show that the roots of  $ms^2 + bs + k$  are  $s_1 \approx -\omega_n^2/2p =$  (small) and  $s_2 \approx -2p = -b/m$  (large).

*Solution* Use that approximate square root  $p - \omega_n^2/2p$  in the quadratic formula:

$$s = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - \omega_n^2} \approx -p \pm \left( p - \frac{\omega_n^2}{2p} \right). \text{ Then } s = -\frac{\omega_n^2}{2p} \text{ and } -2p + \frac{\omega_n^2}{2p}.$$

When  $p$  is large and  $\omega_n$  is small, a small root is near  $-\omega_n^2/2p$  and a large root is near  $-2p$ . (Their product is the correct  $\omega_n^2$ , their sum is close to the correct  $-2p$ .)

- 16** With small underdamping  $p \ll \omega_n$ , the square root of  $p^2 - \omega_n^2$  is approximately  $i\omega_n - ip^2/2\omega_n$ . Square that to come close to  $p^2 - \omega_n^2$ . Then the frequency for small underdamping is reduced to  $\omega_d \approx \omega_n - p^2/2\omega_n$ .

*Solution* Now  $p$  is much **smaller** than  $\omega_n$ . So the roots  $s = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - \omega_n^2}$  are complex. The damped frequency  $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_n^2 - p^2}$  is close to  $\omega_n$  and the correction term is  $-p^2/2\omega_n$  from the approximation  $\omega_n - p^2/2\omega_n$  to the square root. (Square that approximation to see  $\omega_n^2 - p^2 + (p^4/4\omega_n^2)$ .)

- 17** Here is an 8th order equation with eight choices for solutions  $y = e^{st}$ :

$$\frac{d^8 y}{dt^8} = y \text{ becomes } s^8 e^{st} = e^{st} \text{ and } s^8 = 1 : \text{ Eight roots in Figure 2.6.}$$

Find two solutions  $e^{st}$  that don't oscillate ( $s$  is real). Find two solutions that only oscillate ( $s$  is imaginary). Find two that spiral in to zero and two that spiral out.

*Solution* The equation  $s^8 = 1$  has 8 roots. Two of them are  $s = 1$  and  $s = -1$  (**real**: no oscillation). Two are  $s = i$  and  $s = -i$  (**imaginary**: pure oscillation). Two are  $s = e^{2\pi i/8}$  and  $s = e^{-2\pi i/8}$  (positive real parts  $\cos \frac{\pi}{4}$ : (oscillating growth, spiral out). Two are  $s = e^{3\pi i/4}$  and  $s = e^{-3\pi i/4}$  (negative real parts: oscillating decay, spiral in).

- 18  $A_n \frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + \cdots + A_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + A_0 y = 0$  leads to  $A_n s^n + \cdots + A_1 s + A_0 = 0$ .

The  $n$  roots  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  produce  $n$  solutions  $y(t) = e^{st}$  (if those roots are distinct). Write down  $n$  equations for the constants  $c_1$  to  $c_n$  in  $y = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + \cdots + c_n e^{s_n t}$  by matching the  $n$  initial conditions for  $y(0), y'(0), \dots, D^{n-1}y(0)$ .

*Solution* The  $n$  roots give  $n$  solutions  $y = e^{st}$  (when the roots  $s$  are all different). There are  $n$  constants in  $y = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + \cdots + c_n e^{s_n t}$ . These constants are found by matching the  $n$  initial conditions  $y(0), y'(0), \dots$ . **Take derivatives of  $y$  and set  $t = 0$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + c_2 + \cdots + c_n &= y(0) \\ c_1 s_1 + c_2 s_2 + \cdots + c_n s_n &= y'(0) \\ c_1 s_1^2 + c_2 s_2^2 + \cdots + c_n s_n^2 &= y''(0) \\ &\dots = \dots \end{aligned}$$

The  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $A$  in those equations is the transpose of a **Vandermonde matrix**:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ s_1 & s_2 & \cdots & s_n \\ s_1^2 & s_2^2 & \cdots & s_n^2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

- 19 Find two solutions to  $d^{2015}y/dt^{2015} = dy/dt$ . Describe all solutions to  $s^{2015} = s$ .

*Solution* With  $y = e^{st}$  we find  $s^{2015} = s$ . One solution has  $s = 1$  and  $y = e^t$ . The other 2014 solutions have  $s^{2014} = 1$  ( $s = 1$  is double! Second solution  $y = te^t$ .) The 2014 values of  $s$  are equally spaced around the unit circle, separated by the angle  $2\pi/2014$ .

- 20 The solution to  $y'' = 1$  starting from  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$  is  $y(t) = t^2/2$ . The fundamental solution to  $g'' = \delta(t)$  is  $g(t) = t$  by Example 5. Does the integral  $\int g(t-s)f(s)ds = \int (t-s)ds$  from 0 to  $t$  give the correct solution  $y = t^2/2$ ?

*Solution* The main formula for a particular solution is correct:

$$y_p(t) = \int_0^t g(t-s)f(s)ds = \int_0^t (t-s)ds = -\left. \frac{(t-s)^2}{2} \right]_{s=0}^t = \frac{t^2}{2}.$$

- 21 The solution to  $y'' + y = 1$  starting from  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$  is  $y = 1 - \cos t$ . The solution to  $g'' + g = \delta(t)$  is  $g(t) = \sin t$  by equation (13) with  $\omega = 1$  and  $A = 1$ . Show that  $1 - \cos t$  agrees with the integral  $\int g(t-s)f(s)ds = \int \sin(t-s)ds$ .

*Solution* The formula for a particular solution is again correct:

$$y_p(t) = \int_0^t g(t-s)f(s)ds = \int_0^t \sin(t-s)ds = \left. \cos(t-s) \right]_{s=0}^t = 1 - \cos t.$$

Then  $y_p'' + y_p = 1$ .

- 22 The step function  $H(t) = 1$  for  $t \geq 0$  is the integral of the delta function. **So the step response  $r(t)$  is the integral of the impulse response.** This fact must also come from our basic solution formula:

$$Ar'' + Br' + Cr = 1 \text{ with } r(0) = r'(0) = 0 \text{ has } r(t) = \int_0^t g(t-s) \mathbf{1} ds$$

Change  $t-s$  to  $\tau$  and change  $ds$  to  $-d\tau$  to confirm that  $r(t) = \int_0^t g(\tau) d\tau$ .

Section 2.5 will find two good formulas for the step response  $r(t)$ .

*Solution* For any equation  $Ar'' + Br' + Cr = 1$  with  $f(t) = 1$ ,  $y_p$  comes from the integral formula:

$$y_p = \int_0^t g(t-s)f(s) ds = \int_0^t g(t-s) ds. \text{ Change to } t-s = \tau \text{ and } -ds = d\tau \text{ and}$$

$$-\int_t^0 g(\tau) d\tau = + \int_0^t g(\tau) d\tau = \text{step response}$$

## Problem Set 2.4, page 114

**Problems 1-4 use the exponential response  $y_p = e^{ct}/P(c)$  to solve  $P(D)y = e^{ct}$ .**

**1** Solve these constant coefficient equations with exponential driving force:

$$(a) y_p'' + 3y_p' + 5y_p = e^t \quad (b) 2y_p'' + 4y_p = e^{it} \quad (c) y_p'''' = e^t$$

*Solution* (a) Substitute  $y = Ye^t$  to find  $Y$ :

$$Ye^t + 3Ye^t + 5Ye^t = e^t \text{ gives } 9Y = 1 \text{ and } Y = 1/9 : y = e^t/9$$

$$(b) \text{ Substitute } y = Ye^{it} : 2i^2Ye^{it} + 4Ye^{it} = e^{it} : 2Y = 1 : y = e^{it}/2$$

$$(c) \text{ Substitute } y = Ye^t \text{ to find } Y = 1 \text{ and } y = e^t.$$

**2** These equations  $P(D)y = e^{ct}$  use the symbol  $D$  for  $d/dt$ . Solve for  $y_p(t)$ :

$$(a) (D^2 + 1)y_p(t) = 10e^{-3t} \quad (b) (D^2 + 2D + 1)y_p(t) = e^{i\omega t}$$

$$(c) (D^4 + D^2 + 1)y_p(t) = e^{i\omega t}$$

*Solution* (a) Substitute  $y = Ye^{-3t}$  to find  $9Y + Y = 10 : Y = 1$  and  $y = e^{-3t}$ .

(b) Substitute  $y = Ye^{i\omega t}$  to find  $((i\omega)^2 + 2i\omega + 1)Y = 1$  and  $Y = 1/(1 - \omega^2 + 2i\omega)$ .

(c) Substitute  $y = Ye^{i\omega t}$  to find  $((i\omega)^4 + (i\omega)^2 + 1)Y = 1$  and  $Y = 1/(1 - \omega^2 + \omega^4)$ .

**3** How could  $y_p = e^{ct}/P(c)$  solve  $y'' + y = e^t e^{it}$  and then  $y'' + y = e^t \cos t$ ?

*Solution* First,  $y'' + y = e^{(1+i)t}$  has  $c = 1+i$  and  $y = Ye^{ct} = e^{(1+i)t}/((1+i)^2 + 1) = e^t e^{it}/(1 + 2i)$ . The **real part** of that  $y$  solves the equation driven by  $e^t \cos t$ :

$$y = \text{Re} \left[ e^t (\cos t + i \sin t) \left( \frac{1 - 2i}{1^2 + 2^2} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{5} e^t (\cos t + 2 \sin t).$$

4 (a) What are the roots  $s_1$  to  $s_3$  and the null solutions to  $y_n''' - y_n = 0$  ?

(b) Find particular solutions to  $y_p''' - y_p = e^{it}$  and to  $y_p''' - y_p = e^t - e^{i\omega t}$ .

*Solution* (a)  $y = e^{st}$  leads to  $s^3 - 1 = 0$ . The three roots  $s = 1, s = e^{2\pi i/3} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}i, s = e^{-2\pi i/3} = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}i$  give three null solutions  $y_n = e^t, e^{-t/2} \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t, e^{-t/2} \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t$ .

(b) The particular solution with  $f = e^{it}$  is  $y_p = e^{it}/(i^3 - 1)$ .

The particular solution with  $f = e^t - e^{i\omega t}$  looks like  $y = e^t/(1^3 - 1) - e^{i\omega t}/((i\omega)^3 - 1)$ . But the first part has  $1^3 - 1 = 0$  and resonance: then  $e^t/(1^3 - 1)$  changes by equation (19) to  $te^t/3$ : (The differential equation has  $y''' - y = (D^3 - 1)y = P(D)y$  and is  $P'(D) = 3D^2$  and  $P'(c) = 3$  because  $e^t$  has  $c = 1$ .)

**Problems 5-6 involve repeated roots  $s$  in  $y_n$  and resonance  $P(c) = 0$  in  $y_p$ .**

5 Which value of  $C$  gives resonance in  $y'' + Cy = e^{i\omega t}$  ? Why do we never get resonance in  $y'' + 5y' + Cy = e^{i\omega t}$  ?

*Solution*  $y'' + Cy = e^{i\omega t}$  has resonance when  $e^{i\omega t}$  solves the null equation, so  $(i\omega)^2 + C = 0$  and  $C = \omega^2$ . For this  $C$  the particular solution must change from  $y_p = e^{i\omega t}/0$  to  $y_p = te^{i\omega t}/2i\omega$  (because the derivative of  $P(D) = D^2 + C$  is  $P'(D) = 2D$  and then  $P'(i\omega) = 2i\omega$ ).

We never get resonance with  $P(D) = D^2 + 5D + C$  because  $P(i\omega) = (i\omega)^2 + 5i\omega + C$  is never zero and  $y = e^{i\omega t}$  is never a null solution.

6 Suppose the third order equation  $P(D)y_n = 0$  has solutions  $y = c_1e^t + c_2e^{2t} + c_3e^{3t}$ . What are the null solutions to the sixth order equation  $P(D)P(D)y_n = 0$  ?

*Solution* The three roots of  $P(s)$  must be  $s = 1, 2, 3$ . The sixth order equation  $P(D)P(D)y = 0$  has those as **double roots** of  $P(s)^2$ . So the null solutions are  $y = c_1e^t + c_2te^t + c_3e^{2t} + c_4te^{2t} + c_5e^{3t} + c_6te^{3t}$

7 Complete this table with equations for  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  and  $y_n$  and  $y_p$  :

|                        |                             |  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Undamped free</b>   | $my'' + ky = 0$             | $y_n = c_1e^{i\omega_n t} + c_2e^{-i\omega_n t}$ |
| <b>Undamped forced</b> | $my'' + ky = e^{i\omega t}$ | $y_p = e^{i\omega t}/m(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)$   |
| <b>Damped free</b>     | $my'' + by' + ky = 0$       | $y_n = c_1e^{s_1 t} + c_2e^{s_2 t}$              |
| <b>Damped forced</b>   | $my'' + by' + ky = e^{ct}$  | $y_p = e^{ct}/(mc^2 + bc + k)$                   |

Here  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are  $-b/2m \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4mk}/2m$ .

8 Complete the same table when the coefficients are 1 and  $2Z\omega_n$  and  $\omega_n^2$  with  $Z < 1$ .

|                           |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Undamped free</b>      | $y'' + \omega_n^2 y = 0$                      | $y_n = c_1e^{i\omega_n t} + c_2e^{-i\omega_n t}$ |
| <b>Undamped forced</b>    | $y'' + \omega_n^2 y = e^{i\omega t}$          | $y_p = e^{i\omega t}/m(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)$   |
| <b>Underdamped free</b>   | $y'' + 2Z\omega_n y' + \omega_n^2 y = 0$      | $y_n = c_1e^{s_1 t} + c_2e^{s_2 t}$              |
| <b>Underdamped forced</b> | $y'' + 2Z\omega_n y' + \omega_n^2 y = e^{ct}$ | $y_p = e^{ct}/(c^2 + 2Z\omega_n c + \omega_n^2)$ |

Those use equations (20) in 2.3 and (32-33) in 2.4.

9 What equations  $y'' + By' + Cy = f$  have these solutions ? Hint: Find  $B$  and  $C$  from the exponents  $s$  in  $y_n$  :  $s_1 + s_2 = -B$  and  $s_1 s_2 = C$ . Find  $f$  by substituting  $y_p$ .

(a)  $y = c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t + \cos 3t$      $y'' + 4y = -5 \cos 3t$

(b)  $y = c_1 e^{-t} \cos 4t + c_2 e^{-t} \sin 4t + \cos 5t$      $y'' + 2y' + 17y = -8 \cos 5t - 10 \sin 5t$

(c)  $y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t} + e^{i\omega t}$      $y'' + 2y' + y = [(i\omega)^2 + 2i\omega + 1]e^{i\omega t}$ .

- 10 If  $y_p = te^{-6t} \cos 7t$  solves a second order equation  $Ay'' + By' + Cy = f$ , what does that tell you about  $A, B, C$ , and  $f$ ?

*Solution* This particular  $y_p$  is showing **resonance** from the factor  $t$ . (If this was  $y_n$ , we would be seeing a double root of  $As^2 + Bs + C = 0$ .) The root is  $s = -6 + 7i$  from the other factors of  $y_p$ .

So I believe that

$$As^2 + Bs + C = A(s + 6 - 7i)(s + 6 + 7i) = A(s^2 + 12s + 36 + 49)$$

$$f = Fe^{-6t}(A \cos 7t + B \sin 7t)$$

- 11 (a) Find the steady oscillation  $y_p(t)$  that solves  $y'' + 4y' + 3y = 5 \cos \omega t$ .  
 (b) Find the amplitude  $A$  of  $y_p(t)$  and its phase lag  $\alpha$ .  
 (c) Which frequency  $\omega$  gives maximum amplitude (maximum gain)?

*Solution* (a)  $y_p$  has  $\sin \omega t$  as well as  $\cos \omega t$ . Use equations (22-23) for  $y_p = M \cos \omega t + N \sin \omega t$ :

$$D = (3 - \omega^2)^2 + 16\omega^2 \quad M = \frac{3 - \omega^2}{D} \quad N = \frac{4\omega}{D}$$

(b) From equation (26) and the page 112 table:

$$\text{Amplitude} = G = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \text{ and the angle } \alpha \text{ has tangent} = \frac{N}{M} = \frac{4\omega}{3 - \omega^2}.$$

(c) The maximum gain  $G$  and the minimum of  $D = (3 - \omega^2)^2 + 16\omega^2$  will occur when

$$\frac{dD}{d\omega} = -4\omega(3 - \omega^2) + 32\omega = 0 \text{ and } 3 - \omega^2 = 8 \text{ and } \omega = \pm\sqrt{5}.$$

This “practical resonance frequency” is computed at the end of section 2.5.

- 12 Solve  $y'' + y = \sin \omega t$  starting from  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ . Find the limit of  $y(t)$  as  $\omega$  approaches 1, and the problem approaches resonance.

*Solution* The solution is  $y = y_n + y_p = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t + Y \sin \omega t$ . Substituting into the equation gives  $-\omega^2 Y \sin \omega t + Y \sin \omega t = \sin \omega t$  and  $Y = \frac{1}{1 - \omega^2}$ .

$y(0) = 0$  gives  $c_1 = 0$ . And  $y'(0) = c_2 + \omega Y = 0$  gives  $c_2 = -\omega Y$ :

$$y(t) = \frac{-\omega}{1 - \omega^2} \sin t + \frac{1}{1 - \omega^2} \sin \omega t = \frac{\sin \omega t - \omega \sin t}{1 - \omega^2}.$$

As  $\omega$  goes to 1, this goes to  $0/0$ . Then the l'Hopital Rule finds the ratio of  $\omega$ -derivatives at  $\omega = 1$ :

$$\frac{t \cos \omega t - \sin t}{-2\omega} \rightarrow \frac{t \cos t - \sin t}{-2} = \text{Resonant solution}$$

- 13 Does critical damping and a double root  $s = 1$  in  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{ct}$  produce an extra factor  $t$  in the null solution  $y_n$  or in the particular  $y_p$  (proportional to  $e^{ct}$ )? What is  $y_n$  with constants  $c_1, c_2$ ? What is  $y_p = Y e^{ct}$ ?

*Solution* Critical damping is shown in the double root  $s = -1, -1$  in  $s^2 + 2s + 1 = 0$  and in the **null solutions**  $y_n = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t}$ . (Resonance would come when  $c$  is also  $-1$  in the right hand side.) The solution  $y_p = Y e^{ct}$  has  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{ct}$  and  $(c^2 Y + 2cY + Y) = 1$  and  $Y = 1/(c^2 + 2c + 1)$ .

- 14 If  $c = i\omega$  in Problem 13, the solution  $y_p$  to  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{i\omega t}$  is \_\_\_\_\_. That fraction  $Y$  is the transfer function at  $i\omega$ . What are the magnitude and phase in  $Y = Ge^{-i\alpha}$ ?

*Solution* Set  $c = i\omega$  in the solution to Problem 13:

$$y_p + Ye^{ct} = e^{i\omega t} / (i^2\omega^2 + 2i\omega + 1) = Ge^{-i\alpha} e^{i\omega t}.$$

Then  $G = 1/(1 - \omega^2 + 2i\omega)$  has magnitude  $|G| = 1/\sqrt{(1 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\omega^2} = 1/\sqrt{D}$ . The phase angle has  $\tan \alpha = \frac{2\omega}{1 - \omega^2}$ .

**By rescaling both  $t$  and  $y$ , we can reach  $A = C = 1$ . Then  $\omega_n = 1$  and  $B = 2Z$ . The model problem is  $y'' + 2Zy' + y = f(t)$ .**

- 15 What are the roots of  $s^2 + 2Zs + 1 = 0$ ? Find two roots for  $Z = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$  and identify each type of damping. The natural frequency is now  $\omega_n = 1$ .

*Solution* The roots are  $s = -Z \pm \sqrt{Z^2 - 1}$ . (All factors 2 will cancel.)

$$Z = 0 : s = \pm i \quad \text{No damping}$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{2} : s = (-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i)/2 \quad \text{Underdamping}$$

$$Z = 1 : s = -1, -1 \quad \text{Critical damping}$$

$$Z = 2 : s = -2 \pm \sqrt{3} \quad \text{Overdamping}$$

- 16 Find two solutions to  $y'' + 2Zy' + y = 0$  for every  $Z$  except  $Z = 1$  and  $-1$ . Which solution  $g(t)$  starts from  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g'(0) = 1$ ? What is different about  $Z = 1$ ?

*Solution* If  $Z^2 \neq 1$  the solutions are  $y = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t}$ . The **impulse response**  $g(t)$  on page 97 comes from  $s = -Z \pm r$ :

$$g(t) = \frac{e^{s_1 t} - e^{s_2 t}}{s_1 - s_2} = e^{-Zt} (e^{rt} - e^{-rt}) / 2r \quad \text{with } r = \sqrt{Z^2 - 1} \text{ in formula (2.3.12).}$$

If  $Z = 1$  (critical) then  $s_1 = s_2$  and  $r = 0$  and  $g(t)$  changes to  $te^{-t}$  (formula 2.3.15).

- 17 The equation  $my'' + ky = \cos \omega_n t$  is exactly at resonance. The driving frequency on the right side equals the natural frequency  $\omega_n = \sqrt{k/m}$  on the left side. Substitute  $y = Rt \sin(\sqrt{k/m} t)$  to find  $R$ . This resonant solution grows in time because of the factor  $t$ .

$$\text{Solution } y' = R \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + R \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \text{ and } y'' = 2R \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t - R \frac{k}{m} t \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t.$$

$$\text{Then } my'' + ky = 2R\sqrt{km} \cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t - Rkt \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + kRt \sin \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t = 2R\sqrt{km} \cos \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t.$$

This agrees with  $\cos \omega_n t$  on the right side of the differential equation if  $R = 1/2\sqrt{km}$ .

- 18 Comparing the equations  $Ay'' + By' + Cy = f(t)$  and  $4Az'' + Bz' + (C/4)z = f(t)$ , what is the difference in their solutions?

**Correction** The forcing term in the  $z$ -equation should be  $f(\frac{t}{4})$ .

$$\text{Solution } z(t) \text{ will be } 4y(\frac{t}{4}). \text{ Then } z' = y'(\frac{t}{4}) \text{ and } z'' = \frac{1}{4}y''(\frac{t}{4}).$$

$$4Az'' + Bz' + \frac{C}{4}z \text{ equals term by term to } Ay''(\frac{t}{4}) + By'(\frac{t}{4}) + Cy(\frac{t}{4}) = f(\frac{t}{4}).$$

- 19 Find the fundamental solution to the equation  $g'' - 3g' + 2g = \delta(t)$ .

*Solution* The roots of  $s^2 - 3s + 2 = 0$  are  $s = 2$  and  $s = 1$ : **Real roots**. Use formula 2.3.12 on page 97 to find  $g(t)$ :

$$g(t) = \frac{e^{s_1 t} - e^{s_2 t}}{A(s_2 - s_1)} = e^{2t} - e^t.$$

Notice that  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g'(0) = 1$  (and  $A = 1$  in the differential equation).

- 20** (Challenge problem) Find the solution to  $y'' + By' + y = \cos t$  that starts from  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ . Then let the damping constant  $B$  approach zero, to reach the resonant equation  $y'' + y = \cos t$  in Problem 17, with  $m = k = 1$ .

Show that your solution  $y(t)$  is approaching the resonant solution  $\frac{1}{2}t \sin t$ .

*Solution* The particular solution is  $y_p = \frac{\sin t}{B}$ . Then  $y_p'' + y_p = 0$  and  $By_p' = \cos t$ . The roots of  $s^2 + Bs + 1 = 0$  are  $s = (-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4})/2 = (-B \pm i\sqrt{4 - B^2})/2$ .

Then  $y = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t} + \frac{1}{B} \sin t$ . At  $t = 0$  we must have  $c_1 + c_2 = 0$  and  $s_1 c_1 + s_2 c_2 + \frac{1}{B} = 0$ . Put  $c_2 = -c_1$  to find  $(s_1 - s_2)c_1 = i\sqrt{4 - B^2}c_1 = -1/B$ .

$$\text{Solution near } B = 0 \quad y = \frac{i}{B\sqrt{4 - B^2}}(e^{s_1 t} - e^{s_2 t}) + \frac{1}{B} \sin t.$$

At  $B = 0$  the roots are  $s_1 = i$  and  $s_2 = -i$ , and  $\sqrt{4 - B^2} = 2$ .

The solution  $y(t)$  approaches  $y = \frac{i}{2B} 2i \sin t + \frac{1}{B} \sin t = \frac{0}{0}$  (sign of resonance).

L'Hopital asks for the ratio of the  $B$ -derivatives. Certainly  $B$  in the denominator has  $B$ -derivative equal to 1. And  $\sqrt{4 - B^2}$  approaches 2. So we want the  **$B$ -derivative of the numerator**, where  $s_1, s_2$  depend on  $B$ . Then as  $B \rightarrow 0$ ,  $y$  approaches  $\frac{d}{dB} \frac{i}{2} (e^{s_1 t} - e^{s_2 t}) = \frac{it}{2} [e^{s_1 t} \frac{ds_1}{dB} - e^{s_2 t} \frac{ds_2}{dB}] \rightarrow \frac{it}{2} (-\frac{1}{2}) e^{it} - \frac{it}{2} (-\frac{1}{2}) e^{-it} = \frac{1}{2} t \sin t$ . Wow!

- 21** Suppose you know three solutions  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  to  $y'' + B(t)y' + C(t)y = f(t)$ . (Recommended) How could you find  $B(t)$  and  $C(t)$  and  $f(t)$ ?

*Solution* The differences  $u = y_1 - y_2$  and  $v = y_1 - y_3$  are null solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} u'' + B(t)u' + C(t)u &= 0 \\ v'' + B(t)v' + C(t)v &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solve those two linear equations for the numbers  $B(t)$  and  $C(t)$  at each time  $t$ . Then  $y_1$  is a particular solution so  $y_1'' + B(t)y_1' + C(t)y_1$  gives  $f(t)$ .

## Problem Set 2.5, page 127

- 1** (Resistors in parallel) Two parallel resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  connect a node at voltage  $V$  to a node at voltage zero. The currents are  $V/R_1$  and  $V/R_2$ . What is the total current  $I$  between the nodes? Writing  $R_{12}$  for the ratio  $V/I$ , what is  $R_{12}$  in terms of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ ?

*Solution* Currents  $V/R_1$  and  $V/R_2$  in parallel give total current  $I = V/R_1 + V/R_2$ . Then the effective resistance in  $I = V/R$  has

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 R_2} \quad \text{and} \quad R = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}.$$

- 2** (Inductor and capacitor in parallel) Those elements connect a node at voltage  $V e^{i\omega t}$  to a node at voltage zero (grounded node). The currents are  $(V/i\omega L)e^{i\omega t}$  and  $V(i\omega C)e^{i\omega t}$ . The total current  $I e^{i\omega t}$  between the nodes is their sum. Writing  $Z_{12} e^{i\omega t}$  for the ratio  $V e^{i\omega t}/I e^{i\omega t}$ , what is  $Z_{12}$  in terms of  $i\omega L$  and  $i\omega C$ ?

*Solution* This is like Problem 1 with impedances  $i\omega L$  and  $1/i\omega C$  in parallel, instead of resistances  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . The effective impedance imitates that previous formula for  $R = R_1 R_2 / (R_1 + R_2)$ :

$$Z = \frac{Z_1 Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} = \frac{i\omega L(1/i\omega C)}{i\omega L + (i\omega C)^{-1}} = \frac{i\omega L}{1 - \omega^2 LC}.$$

- 3 The impedance of an RLC loop is  $Z = i\omega L + R + 1/i\omega C$ . This impedance  $Z$  is real when  $\omega = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . This impedance is pure imaginary when  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . This impedance is zero when  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

*Solution*  $Z$  is real when  $i\omega L$  cancels with  $1/i\omega C = -i/\omega C$ . Then  $\omega L = 1/\omega C$  and  $\omega^2 = 1/LC$ .  $Z$  is imaginary when  $R = 0$ . The impedance is zero when both  $R = 0$  and  $\omega^2 = 1/LC$ .

- 4 What is the impedance  $Z$  of an RLC loop when  $R = L = C = 1$ ? Draw a graph that shows the magnitude  $|Z|$  as a function of  $\omega$ .

*Solution* An RLC loop adds the impedances  $R + i\omega L + i/(i\omega C)$ . In case  $R = L = C = 1$ , the total impedance in series is  $Z = 1 + i\omega + 1/i\omega$ . The magnitude  $|Z| = (1 + (\omega - 1/\omega)^2)^{1/2}$  will equal 1 at  $\omega = 1$ . For large  $\omega$ ,  $|Z|$  is asymptotic to the line  $|Z| = \omega$ . For small  $\omega$ ,  $|Z|$  is asymptotic to the curve  $|Z| = 1/\omega$ .

- 5 Why does an LC loop with no resistor produce a  $90^\circ$  phase shift between current and voltage? Current goes around the loop from a battery of voltage  $V$  in the loop.

*Solution* The phase shift is the angle of the complex impedance  $Z$ . With no resistor,  $R = 0$  and  $Z = i\omega L + (1/i\omega C) = i(\omega L - (1/\omega C))$ . This pure imaginary number has angle  $\theta = \pm\pi/2 = \pm 90^\circ$  in the complex plane.

- 6 The mechanical equivalent of zero resistance is zero damping:  $my'' + ky = \cos \omega t$ . Find  $c_1$  and  $Y$  starting from  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$  with  $\omega_n^2 = k/m$ .

$$y(t) = c_1 \cos \omega_n t + Y \cos \omega t.$$

That answer can be written in two equivalent ways:

$$y = Y(\cos \omega t - \cos \omega_n t) = 2Y \sin \frac{(\omega_n - \omega)t}{2} \sin \frac{(\omega_n + \omega)t}{2}.$$

*Solution* The complete solution is  $y = c_1 \cos \omega_n t + c_2 \sin \omega_n t + (\cos \omega t)/(k - m\omega^2)$ . The initial conditions  $y = y' = 0$  determine  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ :

$$y(0) = 0 \quad c_1 = -1/(k - m\omega^2) \quad y'(0) = 0 \quad c_2 = 0.$$

Then  $y(t) = (\cos \omega t - \cos \omega_n t)/(k - m\omega^2)$ . The identity  $\cos \omega t - \cos \omega_n t = 2 \sin \frac{(\omega - \omega_n)t}{2} \sin \frac{(\omega + \omega_n)t}{2}$  expresses  $y$  as the product of two oscillations.

- 7 Suppose the driving frequency  $\omega$  is close to  $\omega_n$  in Problem 2. A fast oscillation  $\sin[(\omega_n + \omega)t/2]$  is multiplying a very slow oscillation  $2Y \sin[(\omega_n - \omega)t/2]$ . By hand or by computer, draw the graph of  $y = (\sin t)(\sin 9t)$  from 0 to  $2\pi$ .

You should see a fast sine curve inside a slow sine curve. This is a **beat**.

*Solution* When  $\omega$  is close to  $\omega_n$ , the first (bold) formula in Problem 6 is near 0/0. The second formula is much better:

$$2 \sin \frac{(\omega - \omega_n)t}{2} \approx (\omega - \omega_n)t \quad \sin \frac{(\omega + \omega_n)t}{2} \approx \sin \omega_n t \quad y \approx (\omega - \omega_n)t \sin \omega_n t$$

This shows the typical  $t$  factor for resonance. The graph of  $y = (\sin t)(\sin 9t)$  has  $\omega = 10$  and  $\omega_n = 8$ , so that  $(10 - 8)/2 = 1$  and  $(10 + 8)/2 = 9$ . The graph shows a fast “sin 9t” curve inside a slow “sin t” curve: good to draw by computer.

- 8 What  $m, b, k, F$  equation for a mass-dashpot-spring-force corresponds to Kirchhoff's Voltage Law around a loop? What force balance equation on a mass corresponds to Kirchhoff's Current Law?

*Solution* The Voltage Law says that **voltage drops add to zero** around a loop:

$$\text{Equation (5) is } L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI + \frac{1}{C} \int I dt = V e^{i\omega t}.$$

This corresponds to  $my'' + by' + ky = f$ . The Current Law says that "flow in equals flow out" at every node. The mechanical analog is that "**forces balance**" at every node.

In a static structure (no movement) we can have force balance equations in the  $x, y$ , and  $z$  direction. In a dynamic structure (with movement) the forces include the inertia term  $my''$  and the friction term  $by'$ .

- 9 If you only know the natural frequency  $\omega_n$  and the damping coefficient  $b$  for one mass and one spring, why is that *not enough* to find the damped frequency  $\omega_d$ ? If you know all of  $m, b, k$  what is  $\omega_d$ ?

*Solution* If we only know  $\omega_n^2 = k/m$  and  $b$ , that does not determine the damping ratio  $Z = b^2/4mk$  or the damped frequency  $\omega_d = \sqrt{p^2 - \omega_n^2}$  with  $p = B/2A = b/2m = \omega_n Z$  in equation (2.4.30). We need *three numbers* as in  $m, b, k$  or *two ratios* as in  $\omega_n^2 = k/m$  and  $2p = b/m$ .

- 10 Varying the number  $a$  in a first order equation  $y' - ay = 1$  changes the *speed* of the response. Varying  $B$  and  $C$  in a second order equation  $y'' + By' + Cy = 1$  changes the *form* of the response. Explain the difference.

*Solution* The growth factor in a first order equation is  $e^{at}$ . The units of  $a$  are 1/time and this controls the speed. For a second-order equation  $y'' + By' + Cy = f$ , the coefficients  $B$  and  $C$  control not only the frequency  $\omega_n = \sqrt{C}$  but also the form of  $y(t)$ : damped oscillation if  $B^2 < 4C$  and overdamping if  $B^2 > 4C$ .

- 11 Find the step response  $r(t) = y_p + y_n$  for this overdamped system:

$$r'' + 2.5r' + r = 1 \text{ with } r(0) = 0 \text{ and } r'(0) = 0.$$

*Solution* The roots of  $s^2 + 2.5s + 1 = (s + 2)(s + \frac{1}{2})$  are  $s_1 = -2$  and  $s_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Then equation (18) for the step response gives

$$r(t) = 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} + 2e^{-t/2} \right) / (-3/2) = 1 + \frac{1}{3}e^{-2t} - \frac{4}{3}e^{-t/2}.$$

Check that  $r(0) = 0$  and  $r'(0) = 0$  (and  $r(\infty) = 1$ ).

- 12 Find the step response  $r(t) = y_p + y_n$  for this critically damped system. The double root  $s = -1$  produces what form for the null solution?

$$r'' + 2r' + r = 1 \text{ with } r(0) = 0 \text{ and } r'(0) = 0.$$

*Solution* The characteristic equation  $s^2 + 2s + 1 = 0$  has a double root  $s = -1$ . The null solution is  $y_n = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t}$ . The particular solution with  $f = 1$  is  $y_p = 1$ . The initial conditions give  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} r(t) &= c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t} + 1 \\ r(0) &= c_1 + 1 = 0 & \mathbf{c_1} &= \mathbf{-1} \\ r'(0) &= -c_1 + c_2 + 1 = 0 & \mathbf{c_2} &= \mathbf{-2} \\ r(t) &= \mathbf{1 - (1 + 2t)e^{-t}} \end{aligned}$$

- 13 Find the step response  $r(t)$  for this underdamped system using equation (22):

$$r'' + r' + r = 1 \quad \text{with } r(0) = 0 \quad \text{and } r'(0) = 0.$$

*Solution* Equation (22) gives the step response for an underdamped system.

$$r(t) = 1 - \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-pt} \sin(\omega_d t + \phi).$$

Then  $r'' + r' + r = 1$  has  $m = b = k = 1$  and  $b^2 < 4mk$  (underdamping).

$$p = \frac{b}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{m} = 1 \quad \omega_d^2 = \omega_n^2 - p^2 = \frac{3}{4} \quad \cos \phi = \frac{p}{\omega_n} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

Substituting in the formula gives  $r(t) = 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} e^{-t/2} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ .

- 14 Find the step response  $r(t)$  for this undamped system and compare with (22):

$$r'' + r = 1 \quad \text{with } r(0) = 0 \quad \text{and } r'(0) = 0.$$

*Solution* Now  $r'' + r = 1$  has  $m = k = 1$  and  $b = 0$  (no damping):

$$\text{In this case } p = 0 \quad \omega_n^2 = 1 \quad \omega_d = \omega_n \quad \cos \phi = \frac{p}{\omega_n} = 0 \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Substituting into (22) gives  $r(t) = 1 - \sin\left(t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 - \cos t$ .

- 15 For  $b^2 < 4mk$  (underdamping), what parameter decides the speed at which the step response  $r(t)$  rises to  $r(\infty) = 1$ ? Show that the **peak time** is  $T = \pi/\omega_d$  when  $r(t)$  reaches its maximum before settling back to  $r = 1$ . At peak time  $r'(T) = 0$ .

*Solution* With underdamping, formula (22) has the decay factor  $e^{-pt}$ . Then  $p = B/2A = b/2m$  is the decay rate. The “peak time” is the time when  $r$  reaches its maximum (its peak). That time  $T$  has  $dr/dt = 0$ .

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} (-pe^{-pt} \sin(\omega_d t + \phi) + \omega_d e^{-pt} \cos(\omega_d t + \phi)) = 0 \quad \text{at } t = T \quad (\text{peak time}).$$

$$-p \sin(\omega_d T + \phi) + \omega_d \cos(\omega_d T + \phi) = 0$$

$$\tan(\omega_d T + \phi) = \omega_d/p \quad \text{which is } \tan \phi$$

Then  $\omega_d T = \pi$  and  $T = \pi/\omega_d$ . (Note: I seem to get  $2\pi/\omega_d$ .)

- 16 If the voltage source  $V(t)$  in an RLC loop is a unit step function, what resistance  $R$  will produce an overshoot to  $r_{\max} = 1.2$  if  $C = 10^{-6}$  Farads and  $L = 1$  Henry? (Problem 15) found the peak time  $T$  when  $r(T) = r_{\max}$ .

Sketch two graphs of  $r(t)$  for  $p_1 < p_2$ . Sketch two graphs as  $\omega_d$  increases.

*Solution* The peak time is  $T = \pi/\omega_d$ . Then  $\omega_d T = \pi$  and we want  $r = 1.2$ :

$$r_{\max}(T) = 1 - \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-pT} \sin(\pi + \phi)$$

$$1.2 = 1 + \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_d} e^{-pT} \sin(\phi) = 1 + e^{-pT}$$

$$0.2 = e^{-p\pi/\omega_d}$$

$$p\pi/\omega_d = -\ln(0.2) = \ln 5$$

We substitute  $p = B/2A = R/2\omega L$  and  $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2} = \sqrt{(1/LC) - \omega^2}$ . With known values of  $L$  and  $C$  and  $\omega$  we can find  $R$ .

- 17 What values of  $m, b, k$  will give the step response  $r(t) = 1 - \sqrt{2}e^{-t} \sin(t + \frac{\pi}{4})$ ?

*Solution* This response  $r(t)$  matches equation (22) when  $\omega_n = \sqrt{2}\omega_d$  and  $p = 1$  and  $\phi = \pi/4$ . Then

$$\omega_d^2 = \omega_n^2 - p^2 = 2\omega_d^2 - 1 \text{ gives } \omega_d = 1 \text{ and } \omega_n = \sqrt{2}.$$

Therefore  $\omega_n^2 = k/m = 2$  and  $p = b/2m = 1$ . The numbers  $m, b, k$  are proportional to **1, 2, 2**.

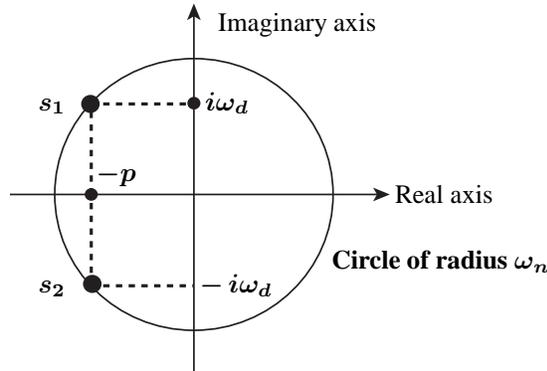
- 18 What happens to the  $p - \omega_d - \omega_n$  right triangle as the damping ratio  $\omega_n/p$  increases to 1 (critical damping)? At that point the damped frequency  $\omega_d$  becomes \_\_\_\_\_. The step response becomes  $r(t) = \text{_____}$ .

*Solution* Critical damping has equal roots  $s_1 = s_2$  and  $b^2 = 4mk$  and damping ratio  $Z = 1$  and  $\omega_d = \omega_n\sqrt{1 - Z^2} = 0$ . (The oscillation disappears and the damped frequency goes to  $\omega_d = 0$  so that  $\phi = 0$ .) Then the step response is

$$r(t) = 1 - \frac{\omega_n t}{\omega_d t^e} - pt \sin(\omega_d t) \rightarrow 1 - \omega_n t e^{-pt}.$$

- 19 The roots  $s_1, s_2 = -p \pm i\omega_d$  are poles of the transfer function  $1/(As^2 + Bs + C)$

Show directly that the product of the roots  $s_1 = -p + i\omega_d$  and  $s_2 = -p - i\omega_d$  is  $s_1 s_2 = \omega_n^2$ . The sum of the roots is  $-2p$ . The quadratic equation with those roots is  $s^2 + 2ps + \omega_n^2 = 0$ .



*Solution* Multiplying the complex conjugate number  $s = -p \pm i\omega_d$  gives  $|s|^2 = (-p + i\omega_d)(-p - i\omega_d) = p^2 + \omega_d^2 = \omega_n^2$ .

For any quadratic  $As^2 + Bs + C = A(s - s_1)(s - s_2)$ ,  $C$  matches  $As_1 s_2$ . Then  $s_1 s_2 = C/A = \omega_n^2$ . Complex roots **stay on the circle of radius  $\omega_n$** , as in the picture.

Adding  $-p + i\omega$  to  $-p - i\omega$  gives  $s_1 + s_2 = -2p$ . This always equals  $-B/A$ .

- 20 Suppose  $p$  is increased while  $\omega_n$  is held constant. How do the roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  move?

*Solution* Increasing  $p$  will make both roots go along the circle in the direction of  $-\omega_n$ . Problem 19 showed that they stay on the circle of radius  $\omega_n$  until they meet at  $-\omega_n$ . At that point  $s_1 + s_2 = -2\omega_n = -2p$ . Therefore that value of  $p$  is  $\omega_n$ .

Increasing  $p$  beyond  $\omega_n$  will give **two negative real roots** that add to  $-2\omega_n$ .

- 21 Suppose the mass  $m$  is increased while the coefficients  $b$  and  $k$  are unchanged. What happens to the roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ ?

*Solution* The key number  $B^2 - 4AC = b^2 - 4mk$  will eventually go negative when  $m$  is increased. The roots will be complex (a conjugate pair). Further increasing the mass  $m$  will decrease both  $p = b/2m$  and  $\omega_n^2 = k/m$ . The roots approach zero.

- 22 **Ramp response** How could you find  $y(t)$  when  $F = t$  is a ramp function?

$$y'' + 2py' + \omega_n^2 y = \omega_n^2 t \text{ starting from } y(0) = 0 \text{ and } y'(0) = 0.$$

A particular solution (straight line) is  $y_p = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . The null solution still has the form  $y_n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . Find the coefficients  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in the null solution from the two conditions at  $t = 0$ .

This ramp response  $y(t)$  can also be seen as the integral of  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

*Solution* A particular solution is  $y_p = C + t$ . Substitute into the equation:

$$y'' + 2py' + \omega_n^2 y = 0 + 2p + \omega_n^2(C + t) = \omega_n^2 t. \text{ Thus } C = -2p/\omega_n^2.$$

The null solution is still  $y_n = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t}$ . We find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  at  $t = 0$ :

$$y = c_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 e^{s_2 t} + C + t = c_1 + c_2 + C = 0$$

$$y' = c_1 s_1 e^{s_1 t} + c_2 s_2 e^{s_2 t} + 1 = c_1 s_1 + c_2 s_2 + 1 = 0$$

Solving those equations gives  $c_1 = \frac{Cs_2 - 1}{s_1 - s_2}$  and  $c_2 = \frac{1 - Cs_1}{s_1 - s_2}$  with  $C = -2p/\omega_n^2$ .

The ramp response is also the integral of the **step response**.

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**Find a particular solution by inspection** (or the method of undetermined coefficients)

1 (a)  $y'' + y = 4$  (b)  $y'' + y' = 4$  (c)  $y'' = 4$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = 4$  (b)  $y_p = 4t$  (c)  $y_p = 2t^2$

2 (a)  $y'' + y' + y = e^t$  (b)  $y'' + y' + y = e^{ct}$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = \frac{1}{3}e^t$  (b)  $y_p = e^{ct}/(c^2 + c + 1)$

3 (a)  $y'' - y = \cos t$  (b)  $y'' + y = \cos 2t$  (c)  $y'' + y = t + e^t$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = -\frac{1}{2} \cos t$  (b)  $y_p = -\frac{1}{3} \cos 2t$  (c)  $y_p = t + \frac{1}{2}e^t$

- 4 For these  $f(t)$ , predict the form of  $y(t)$  with undetermined coefficients:

(a)  $f(t) = t^3$  (b)  $f(t) = \cos 2t$  (c)  $f(t) = t \cos t$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d$  (b)  $y_p = a \cos 2t + b \sin 2t$

(c)  $y_p = (At + B) \cos t + (Ct + D) \sin t$

- 5 Predict the form for  $y(t)$  when the right hand side is

(a)  $f(t) = e^{ct}$  (b)  $f(t) = te^{ct}$  (c)  $f(t) = e^t \cos t$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = Y e^{ct}$  (b)  $y_p = (Yt + Z)e^{ct}$  (c)  $y_p = ae^t \cos t + be^t \sin t$

- 6 For  $f(t) = e^{ct}$  when is the prediction for  $y(t)$  different from  $Y e^{ct}$ ?

*Solution* There will be a  $te^{ct}$  term in  $y_p$  when  $e^{ct}$  is a null solution. This is resonance:

$$Ac^2 + Bc + C = 0 \text{ and } c \text{ is } s_1 \text{ or } s_2.$$

**Problems 7-11 : Use the method of undetermined coefficients to find a solution  $y_p(t)$ .**

- 7 (a)  $y'' + 9y = e^{2t}$  (b)  $y'' + 9y = te^{2t}$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = Y e^{2t}$  with  $4Y e^{2t} + 9Y e^{2t} = e^{2t}$  and  $Y = \frac{1}{13}$

(b)  $y_p = (Yt + Z)e^{2t}$  with  $y' = (2Yt + Y + 2Z)e^{2t}$  and  $y'' = (4Yt + 4Y + 4Z)e^{2t}$ .

The equation  $y'' + 9y = te^{2t}$  gives  $(4Yt + 4Y + 4Z + 9Yt + 9Z)e^{2t} = te^{2t}$ .

Then  $13Yt = t$  and  $4Y + 13Z = 0$  give  $Y = \frac{1}{13}$  and  $Z = -\frac{4}{13}Y$  and  $y_p = \frac{1}{13}(t - \frac{4}{13})e^{2t}$ .

- 8 (a)  $y'' + y' = t + 1$  (b)  $y'' + y' = t^2 + 1$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = at^2 + bt$  and  $y'' + y' = 2a + 2at + b = t + 1$ .

Then  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $b = 0$  and  $y_p = \frac{1}{2}t^2$ .

\*Notice that  $y_p = \text{constant}$  is a null solution so we needed to assume  $y_p = at^2 + bt$ .

(b)  $y_p = at^3 + bt^2 + ct$  (NOT  $+d$ ) and  $y'' + y' = (6at + 2b) + (3at^2 + 2bt + c) = t^2 + 1$ .

Then  $3a = 1$  and  $6a + 2b = 0$  and  $2b + c = 1$  :  $y_p = \frac{1}{3}t^3 - 1t^2 + 3t$ .

- 9 (a)  $y'' + 3y = \cos t$  (b)  $y'' + 3y = t \cos t$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = A \cos t + B \sin t$ .

$y_p'' + 3y_p = -A \cos t - B \sin t + 3A \cos t + 3B \sin t = \cos t$ .

Then  $2A = 1$  and  $2B = 0$  and  $y_p = \frac{1}{2} \cos t$ .

(b)  $y_p = (At + B) \cos t + (Ct + D) \sin t$ .

$y_p' = (A + Ct + D) \cos t + (-At - B + C) \sin t$ .

$y_p'' + 3y_p = C \cos t - A \sin t + (-A - Ct - D) \sin t + (-At - B + C) \cos t + 3(At + B) \cos t + 3(Ct + D) \sin t = t \cos t$ .

Match  $3At - At = t$  and  $C - B + C + 3B = 0$  and  $-Ct + 3Ct = 0$  and  $-A - A - D + 3D = 0$ .

Then  $A = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $C = 0$ ,  $B = 0$ ,  $D = A = \frac{1}{2}$  gives  $y_p = \frac{1}{2}t \cos t + \frac{1}{2} \sin t$ .

- 10 (a)  $y'' + y' + y = t^2$  (b)  $y'' + y' + y = t^3$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = at^2 + bt + c$  give  $y_p'' + y_p' + y = (2a) + (2at + b) + (at^2 + bt + c) = t^2$ .

Then  $a = 1$  and  $2a + b = 0$  and  $2a + b + c = 0$  give  $a = 1$ ,  $b = -2$ ,  $c = 0$  :  $y_p = t^2 - 2t$ .

(b) Now  $y_p = at^2 + bt + c + dt^3$ . Added into part (a), the new  $dt^3$  produces

$y'' + y' + y = (2a) + (2at + b) + (at^2 + bt + c) + d(6t + 3t^2 + t^3) = t^3 + c = 0$

Then  $d = 1$ ,  $3d + a = 0$ ,  $6d + b + 2a = 0$ ,  $2a + b + c = 0$  give  $d = 1$ ,  $a = -3$ ,  $b = 0$ ,  $c = 6$  :  $y_p = t^3 - 3t^2 + 6$ .

- 11 (a)  $y'' + y' + y = \cos t$  (b)  $y'' + y' + y = t \sin t$

*Solution* (a)  $y_p = A \cos t + B \sin t$ .

$$y_p'' + y_p' + y_p = (-A + B + A) \cos t + (-B - A + B) \sin t = \cos t.$$

Then  $B = 1$  and  $A = 0$  and  $y_p = \sin t$ .

(b) The forms for  $y_p$  and  $y_p'$  and  $y_p''$  are the same as in 2.6.9 (b). Then  $y_p'' + y_p' + y_p$  equals  $C \cos t - A \sin t + (-A - Ct - D) \sin t + (-At - B + C) \cos t + (A + Ct + D) \cos t + (-At - B + C) \sin t + (Ct + D) \sin t = t \sin t$ .

Match coefficients of  $t \cos t, t \sin t, \cos t, \sin t$  :

$$\begin{aligned} -A + C + A &= 0 & -C - A + C &= 1 & C - B + C + A + D + B &= 0 \\ -A - A - D - B + C + D &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $A = -1, C = 0, B = 2, D = 1$  give  $y_p = -t \cos t + 2 \cos t$ .

**Problems 12–14 involve resonance. Multiply the usual form of  $y_p$  by  $t$ .**

- 12 (a)  $y'' + y = e^{it}$  (b)  $y'' + y = \cos t$

*Solution* (a) Look for  $y_p = Yte^{it}$ . Then  $y_p' = Y(it + 1)e^{it}$ .

$$y_p'' + y_p = Y(i^2t + 2ie^{it}) + Yte^{it} = 2iYe^{it}.$$

This matches  $e^{it}$  on the right side when  $Y = 1/2i$  and  $y_p = te^{it}/2i = -ite^{it}/2$ .

(b) Look for  $y_p = At \cos t + Bt \sin t$ . Then  $y_p' = A \cos t - At \sin t + B \sin t + Bt \cos t$ .

$$y_p'' + y_p = -2A \sin t - At \cos t + 2B \cos t - Bt \sin t + At \cos t + Bt \sin t = \cos t.$$

Then  $A = 0$  and  $B = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $y_p = \frac{1}{2}t \sin t$ .

- 13 (a)  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = e^t$  (b)  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = e^{3t}$

*Solution* (a) Look for  $y_p = cte^t$  with  $y_p' = c(t + 1)e^t$  and  $y_p'' = c(t + 2)e^t$ .

$$y_p'' - 4y_p' + 3y_p = (2c - 4c)e^t = e^t \text{ with } c = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } y_p = -\frac{1}{2}te^t.$$

(b) Look for  $y_p = cte^{3t}$  with  $y_p' = c(3t + 1)e^{3t}$  and  $y_p'' = c(9t + 6)e^{3t}$ .

$$y_p'' - 4y_p' + 3y_p = (6c - 4c)e^{3t} = e^{3t} \text{ with } c = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } y_p = \frac{1}{2}te^{3t}.$$

- 14 (a)  $y' - y = e^t$  (b)  $y' - y = te^t$  (c)  $y' - y = e^t \cos t$

*Solution* (a) Look for  $y_p = cte^t$  with  $y_p' = c(t + 1)e^t$ .

$$\text{Then } y_p' - y_p = ce^t = e^t \text{ when } c = 1 \text{ and } y_p = te^t.$$

(b) Look for  $y_p = ct^2e^t$  with  $y_p' = c(t^2 + 2t)e^t$ .

$$\text{Then } y_p' - y_p = c(t^2 + 2t - t^2)e^t = te^t \text{ when } c = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } y_p = \frac{1}{2}t^2e^t.$$

(c) Look for  $y_p = Ae^t \cos t + Be^t \sin t$ . Then

$$y_p' = Ae^t \cos t - Ae^t \sin t + Be^t \sin t + Be^t \cos t.$$

$y_p' - y_p = -Ae^t \sin t + Be^t \cos t = e^t \cos t$  when  $A = 0, B = 1$ , and  $y_p = e^t \sin t$ .

**15** For  $y'' + 4y = e^t \sin t$  (exponential times sinusoidal) we have two choices :

- 1 (Real) Substitute  $y_p = Me^t \cos t + Ne^t \sin t$ : determine  $M$  and  $N$
- 2 (Complex) Solve  $z'' + 4z = e^{(1+i)t}$ . Then  $y$  is the imaginary part of  $z$ .

Use both methods to find the same  $y(t)$ —which do you prefer?

*Solution* Method 1 has  $y_p' = Me^t \cos t - Me^t \sin t + Ne^t \sin t + Ne^t \cos t = (M + N)e^t \cos t + (-M + N)e^t \sin t$ .

$$\text{Then } y_p'' + 4y_p = (M + N)e^t \cos t - (M + N)e^t \sin t + (-M + N)e^t \sin t + (-M + N)e^t \cos t + 4Me^t \cos t + 4Ne^t \sin t.$$

This equals  $e^t \sin t$  when  $2N + 4M = 0$  and  $-2M + 4N = 1$ .

$$\text{Then } N = -2M \text{ and } -2M - 8M = 1 \text{ and } M = -\frac{1}{10}, N = \frac{2}{10}, y_p = -\frac{1}{10}e^t \cos t + \frac{2}{10}e^t \sin t.$$

Method 2 Look for  $z_p = Ze^{(1+i)t}$ . Then  $z_p'' + 4z_p = Z[(1+i)^2 + 4]e^{(1+i)t} = e^{(1+i)t}$  gives  $Z = 1/(4 + 2i)$ .

Take the imaginary part of  $z_p$  :

$$\text{Im} \frac{e^{(1+i)t}}{4 + 2i} = \text{Im} \frac{e^t(\cos t + i \sin t)(4 - 2i)}{16 + 4} = \frac{e^t}{20}(-2 \cos t + 4 \sin t).$$

This complex method was shorter and easier. It produced the same  $y_p$ .

**16** (a) Which values of  $c$  give resonance for  $y'' + 3y' - 4y = te^{ct}$ ?

*Solution*  $c^2 + 3c - 4 = (c - 1)(c + 4)$ . So  $c = 1$  and  $c = -4$  will give resonance.

(b) What form would you substitute for  $y(t)$  if there is no resonance?

*Solution* With no resonance look for  $y_p = (at + b)e^{ct}$ .

(c) What form would you use when  $c$  produces resonance?

*Solution* With resonance look for  $y_p = (at^2 + bt)e^{ct}$ . If we also look for  $de^{ct}$ , this will be a null solution and we cannot determine  $d$ .

**17** This is the rule for equations  $P(D)y = e^{ct}$  with resonance  $P(c) = 0$ :

If  $P(c) = 0$  and  $P'(c) \neq 0$ , look for a solution  $y_p = Cte^{ct}$  ( $m = 1$ )

If  $c$  is a root of multiplicity  $m$ , then  $y_p$  has the form \_\_\_\_\_.

*Solution* If  $c$  is a root of  $P$  with multiplicity  $m$ , then multiply the usual  $Ye^{ct}$  by  $t^m$ .

**18** (a) To solve  $d^4y/dt^4 - y = t^3e^{5t}$ , what form do you expect for  $y(t)$ ?

(b) If the right side becomes  $t^3 \cos 5t$ , which 8 coefficients are to be determined?

*Solution* (a) The exponent  $c = 5$  is not a root of  $P(D) = D^4 - 1$  ( $5^4 \neq 1$ ). So look for  $y_p = (at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d)e^{5t}$ .

(b) If the right side is  $t^3 \cos 5t$  then

$$y_p = (at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d) \cos 5t + (et^3 + ft^2 + gt + h) \sin 5t.$$

**19** For  $y' - ay = f(t)$ , the method of undetermined coefficients is looking for all right hand sides  $f(t)$  so that the usual formula  $y_p = e^{at} \int e^{-as} f(s) ds$  is easy to integrate. Find these integrals for the “nice functions”  $f = e^{ct}$ ,  $f = e^{i\omega t}$ , and  $f = t$ :

$$\int e^{-as} e^{cs} ds \qquad \int e^{-as} e^{i\omega s} ds \qquad \int e^{-as} s ds$$

*Solution* The equation has  $y' - ay$  so the growth factor (the impulse response) is  $g(t) = e^{at}$ . This problem connects the method of undetermined coefficients to the ordinary formula  $y_p = \int g(t-s)f(s) ds$ . The integral  $\int e^{a(t-s)} f(s) ds$  is easy for:

$$\int e^{-as} e^{cs} ds = \frac{e^{(c-a)s}}{(c-a)} \qquad \int e^{-as} e^{i\omega s} ds = \frac{e^{(i\omega-a)s}}{i\omega-a}$$

$$\int s e^{-as} ds = -\left(\frac{s}{a} + \frac{1}{a^2}\right) e^{-as}.$$

**Problems 20–27** develop the method of variation of parameters.

**20** Find two solutions  $y_1, y_2$  to  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$ . Use those in formula (13) to solve

(a)  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^t$       (b)  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{-t}$

*Solution* (a)  $y'' + 3y' + 2y$  leads to  $s^2 + 3s + 2 = (s+1)(s+2)$ . The null solutions are  $y_1 = e^{-t}$  and  $y_2 = e^{-2t}$ . The Variation of Parameters formula is

$$y_p = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 f}{W} + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 f}{W} \text{ with } W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = (-2-1)e^{-t} e^{-2t} = -3e^{-3t}.$$

$$f = e^t \text{ gives } y_p = +\frac{e^{-t}}{3} \int \frac{e^{-2t} e^t}{e^{-3t}} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{3} \int \frac{e^{-t} e^t}{e^{-3t}} = \frac{e^{-t}}{3} \frac{e^{2t}}{2} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{3} \frac{e^{3t}}{3} =$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{9}\right) e^t = \frac{1}{18} e^t.$$

(b) Again  $y_1 = e^{-t}$  and  $y_2 = e^{-2t}$ . Now  $f = e^{-t}$  gives resonance and  $t$  appears:

$$y_p = +\frac{e^{-t}}{3} \int \frac{e^{-2t} e^{-t}}{e^{-3t}} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{3} \int \frac{e^{-t} e^{-t}}{e^{-3t}} = \frac{e^{-t}}{3} t - \frac{e^{-2t}}{3} e^t = \frac{1}{3}(t-1)e^{-t}.$$

**21** Find two solutions to  $y'' + 4y' = 0$  and use variation of parameters for

(a)  $y'' + 4y' = e^{2t}$       (b)  $y'' + 4y' = e^{-4t}$

*Solution* (a)  $y'' + 4y' = 0$  has null solutions  $y_1 = 1 = e^{0t}$  and  $y_2 = e^{-4t}$ . Then  $W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = -4e^{-4t}$ . The equation has  $f = e^{2t}$ .

$$\text{From (13): } y_p = -1 \int \frac{e^{-4t} e^{2t}}{-4e^{-4t}} + e^{-4t} \int \frac{(1)e^{2t}}{-4e^{-4t}} = \frac{e^{2t}}{8} + e^{-4t} \left(\frac{e^{6t}}{-24}\right) = \frac{e^{2t}}{12}.$$

(b)  $f = e^{-4t}$  is also a null solution: expect resonance and a factor  $t$ .

$$y_p = -1 \int \frac{e^{-4t} e^{-4t}}{-4e^{-4t}} + e^{-4t} \int \frac{(1)e^{-4t}}{-4e^{-4t}} = -\frac{e^{-4t}}{16} - e^{-4t} \left(\frac{t}{4}\right).$$

- 22** Find an equation  $y'' + By' + Cy = 0$  that is solved by  $y_1 = e^t$  and  $y_2 = te^t$ . If the right side is  $f(t) = 1$ , what solution comes from the  $VP$  formula (13)?

*Solution* With  $y_1 = e^t$  and  $y_2 = te^t$ , the exponent  $s = 1$  must be a double root:

$$As^2 + Bs + C = A(s - 1)^2 \text{ and the equation can be } y'' - 2y' + y = f(t).$$

With  $f(t) = 1$  and  $W = y_1y_2' - y_2y_1' = e^t(e^t + te^t) - te^t(e^t) = e^{2t}$ , eq. (13) gives

$$y_p = -e^t \int \frac{te^t(1)}{e^{2t}} + te^t \int \frac{e^t(1)}{e^{2t}} = -e^t(-te^{-t} - e^{-t}) + te^t(-e^{-t}) = 1$$

$$y_p = 1 \text{ is a good solution to } y'' - 2y' + y = 1.$$

- 23**  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$  is solved by  $y_1 = e^{2t}$  and  $y_2 = e^{3t}$ , because  $s = 2$  and  $s = 3$  come from  $s^2 - 5s + 6 = 0$ . Now solve  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 12$  in two ways:

**1.** Undetermined coefficients (or inspection)    **2.** Variation of parameters using (13)

The answers are different. Are the initial conditions different?

*Solution* Solving  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 12$  gives  $y_p = 2$  by inspection or undetermined coefficients.

Using  $s^2 - 5s + 6 = (s - 2)(s - 3)$  we have  $y_1 = e^{2t}$  and  $y_2 = e^{3t}$  and  $W = e^{5t}$ . Then set  $f = 12$ :

$$y_p = -e^{2t} \int \frac{e^{3t}(12)}{e^{5t}} + e^{3t} \int \frac{e^{2t}(12)}{e^{5t}} = -e^{2t} \left( \frac{12e^{-2t}}{-2} \right) + e^{3t} \left( \frac{12e^{-3t}}{-3} \right) = 6 - 4 = 2$$

But if those two integrals are computed from 0 to  $t$ , the lower limit gives a different  $y_p$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -e^{2t} \int_0^t e^{-2t}(12) + e^{3t} \int_0^t e^{-3t}(12) &= e^{2t} \left[ \frac{12e^{-2t}}{-2} \right]_0^t + e^{3t} \left[ \frac{12e^{-3t}}{-3} \right]_0^t \\ &= 2 - 6e^{2t} + 4e^{3t} = 2 + \text{null solution.} \end{aligned}$$

- 24** What are the initial conditions  $y(0)$  and  $y'(0)$  for the solution (13) coming from variation of parameters, starting from any  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ ?

*Solution* Every integral  $I(t) = \int_0^t h(s) ds$  starts from  $I(0) = 0$  and  $I'(0) = h(0)$  by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. For equation (13), this gives  $y_p(0) = 0$  and  $y_p'(0) = 0$  (which can be checked for  $y_p = 2 - 6e^{2t} + 4e^{3t}$  in Problem 23).

- 25** The equation  $y'' = 0$  is solved by  $y_1 = 1$  and  $y_2 = t$ . Use variation of parameters to solve  $y'' = t$  and also  $y'' = t^2$ .

*Solution* Those null solutions  $y_1 = 1$  and  $y_2 = t$  give  $W = y_1y_2' = 1$ . Then

$$\text{for } f = t \quad y_p = -1 \int t^2 + t \int t = -\frac{t^3}{3} + \frac{t^3}{2} = t^3/6$$

$$\text{for } f = t^2 \quad y_p = -1 \int t t^2 + t \int t^2 = -\frac{t^4}{4} + \frac{t^4}{3} = t^4/12$$

Those are correct solutions to  $y'' = t$  and  $y'' = t^2$ .

- 26** Solve  $y_s'' + y_s = 1$  for the step response using variation of parameters, starting from the null solutions  $y_1 = \cos t$  and  $y_2 = \sin t$ .

*Solution* The Wronskian of  $y_1 = \cos t$  and  $y_2 = \sin t$  is  $W = (\cos t)(\sin t)' - (\sin t)(\cos t)' = 1$ . Set  $f = 1$  and  $W = 1$  in equation (13):

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= -\cos t \int_0^t \frac{(\sin t)(1)}{1} + \sin t \int_0^t \frac{(\cos t)(1)}{1} = -\cos t(-\cos t + 1) + \sin t(\sin t) \\ &= 1 - \cos t : \text{ Step response} \end{aligned}$$

- 27** Solve  $y_s'' + 3y_s' + 2y_s = 1$  for the step response starting from the null solutions  $y_1 = e^{-t}$  and  $y_2 = e^{-2t}$ .

*Solution* The Wronskian of  $y_1 = e^{-t}$  and  $y_2 = e^{-2t}$  is

$W = e^{-t}(-2e^{-2t}) - e^{-2t}(-e^{-t}) = -e^{-3t}$ . Set  $f = 1$  in (13):

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= -e^{-t} \int_0^t \frac{e^{-2t}(1)}{-e^{-3t}} dt + e^{-2t} \int_0^t \frac{e^{-t}(1)}{-e^{-3t}} dt = +e^{-t}[e^t - 1] + e^{-2t} \left[ \frac{1}{2}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}. \end{aligned}$$

The steady state is  $y_p(\infty) = \frac{1}{2}$ . This agrees with  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 1$  when  $y =$  constant.

- 28** Solve  $Ay'' + Cy = \cos \omega t$  when  $A\omega^2 = C$  (the case of resonance). Example 4 suggests to substitute  $y = Mt \cos \omega t + Nt \sin \omega t$ . Find  $M$  and  $N$ .

*Solution*  $y = Mt \cos \omega t + Nt \sin \omega t$  has

$$y' = M(\cos \omega t - \omega t \sin \omega t) + N(\sin \omega t + \omega t \cos \omega t).$$

Now compute  $Ay'' + Cy$  when  $C = A\omega^2$ . The result is

$$AM(-2\omega \sin \omega t - \omega^2 t \cos \omega t) + A\omega^2 Mt \cos \omega t + AN(2\omega \cos \omega t - \omega^2 t \sin \omega t) + A\omega^2 N \sin \omega t = \cos \omega t.$$

Simplify to  $AM(-2\omega \sin \omega t) + AN(2\omega \cos \omega t) = \cos \omega t$ . Then  $M = 0$  and  $N = 1/2A\omega$ .

- 29** Put  $g(t)$  into the great formulas (17)-(18) to see the equations above them.

*Solution* The equation above (17) came from the  $V$  of  $P$  equation (13):

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Particular solution} \\ \text{Constant coefficients} \end{array} \quad y_p(t) = \frac{-e^{s_1 t}}{s_2 - s_1} \int_0^t e^{-s_1 T} f(T) dT + \frac{e^{s_2 t}}{s_2 - s_1} \int_0^t e^{-s_2 T} f(T) dT$$

This is the integral of  $\frac{-e^{s_1(t-T)}}{s_2 - s_1} f(T) + \frac{e^{s_2(t-T)}}{s_2 - s_1} f(T)$  which is exactly  $g(t-T)f(T)$ .

For equal roots  $s_1 = s_2$ , the equation after (17) is the  $V$  of  $P$  equation:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Particular solution } y_p \\ \text{Null solutions } e^{st}, te^{st} \end{array} \quad y_p(t) = -e^{st} \int_0^t T e^{-sT} f(T) dT + te^{st} \int_0^t e^{-sT} f(T) dT$$

This is the integral of  $-Te^{s(t-T)}f(T) + te^{s(t-T)}f(T) dt = (t-T)e^{s(t-T)}f(T)$ .

This is exactly  $g(t-T)f(T)$  when  $g(t) = te^{st}$  in the equal roots case.

Neat conclusion: **Variation of Parameters gives exactly  $\int g(t-T)f(T)dT$ .**

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- 1 Take the Laplace transform of each term in these equations and solve for  $Y(s)$ , with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 1$ . Find the roots  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  — the poles of  $Y(s)$ :

$$\text{Undamped} \quad y'' + 0y' + 16y = 0$$

$$\text{Underdamped} \quad y'' + 2y' + 16y = 0$$

$$\text{Critically damped} \quad y'' + 8y' + 16y = 0$$

$$\text{Overdamped} \quad y'' + 10y' + 16y = 0$$

For the overdamped case use PF2 to write  $Y(s) = A/(s - s_1) + B/(s - s_2)$ .

*Solution* (a) Taking the Laplace Transform of  $y'' + 0y' + 16y = 0$  gives:

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 0 \cdot sY(s) - 0 \cdot y(0) + 16Y(s) = 0$$

$$s^2Y(s) - 1 + 16Y(s) = 0$$

$$Y(s)(s^2 + 16) = 1$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 16}$$

The poles of  $Y =$  roots of  $s^2 + 16$  are  $s = 4i$  and  $-4i$ .

(b) Taking the Laplace Transform of  $y'' + 2y' + 16y = 0$  gives:

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 2 \cdot sY(s) - 2 \cdot y(0) + 16Y(s) = 0$$

$$s^2Y(s) - 1 + 2sY(s) + 16Y(s) = 0$$

$$Y(s)(s^2 + 2s + 16) = 1$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 16}$$

The roots of  $s^2 + 2s + 16$  are  $-1 - i\sqrt{15}$  and  $-1 + i\sqrt{15}$ . Underdamping.

(c) Taking the Laplace Transform of  $y'' + 8y' + 16y = 0$  gives:

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 8 \cdot sY(s) - 2 \cdot y(0) + 16Y(s) = 0$$

$$s^2Y(s) - 1 + 8sY(s) + 16Y(s) = 0$$

$$Y(s)(s^2 + 8s + 16) = 1$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 8s + 16} = \frac{1}{(s + 4)^2}$$

There is a double pole at  $s = -4$ . Critical damping.

(d) Taking the Laplace Transform of  $y'' + 10y' + 16y = 0$  gives:

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 10 \cdot sY(s) - 10 \cdot y(0) + 16Y(s) = 0$$

$$s^2Y(s) - 1 + 10sY(s) + 16Y(s) = 0$$

$$Y(s)(s^2 + 10s + 16) = 1$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 10s + 16} = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s+8)} = \frac{1}{6(s+2)} - \frac{1}{6(s+8)}$$

The poles of  $Y(s)$  are  $-2$  and  $-8$ : Overdamping.

**2** Invert the four transforms  $Y(s)$  in Problem 1 to find  $y(t)$ .

*Solution* (a)  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 16} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{s^2 + 16}$  inverts to  $y(t) = \frac{1}{4} \sin(4t)$ .

(b)  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 16} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 15}$  inverts by equation (28) to  $y(t) = e^{-t} \cos(\sqrt{15}t)/\sqrt{15}$ .

(c)  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+4)^2}$  inverts to  $y(t) = te^{-4t}$ .

(d)  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{6(s+2)} - \frac{1}{6(s+8)}$  inverts to  $y(t) = \frac{1}{6}e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{6}e^{-8t}$ .

**3** (a) Find the Laplace Transform  $Y(s)$  from the equation  $y' = e^{at}$  with  $y(0) = A$ .

(b) Use PF2 to break  $Y(s)$  into two fractions  $C_1/(s-a) + C_2/s$ .

(c) Invert  $Y(s)$  to find  $y(t)$  and check that  $y' = e^{at}$  and  $y(0) = A$ .

*Solution* (a) Taking the Laplace Transform of  $y' = e^{at}$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned} sY(s) - y(0) &= \frac{1}{s-a} \\ sY(s) - A &= \frac{1}{s-a} \\ Y(s) &= \frac{A}{s} + \frac{1}{s(s-a)} \end{aligned}$$

(b) By using partial fractions  $Y(s) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{(s-a)} + \frac{-\frac{1}{a}}{s}$

(c) The inverse Laplace Transform of each term gives:

$$y(t) = A + \frac{1}{a}e^{at} - \frac{1}{a}$$

Differentiating gives:  $y'(t) = a \frac{1}{a}e^{at} = e^{at}$  with  $y(0) = A + \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{a} = A$ .

**4** (a) Find the transform  $Y(s)$  when  $y'' = e^{at}$  with  $y(0) = A$  and  $y'(0) = B$ .

(b) Split  $Y(s)$  into  $C_1/(s-a) + C_2/(s-a)^2 + C_3/s$ .

(c) Invert  $Y(s)$  to find  $y(t)$ . Check  $y'' = e^{at}$  and  $y(0) = A$  and  $y'(0) = B$ .

*Solution* (a) The Laplace Transform of  $y'' = e^{at}$  gives:

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$s^2Y(s) = sA + B + \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2(s-a)}$$

$$(b) \frac{1}{s^2(s-a)} = \frac{Cs+D}{s^2} + \frac{E}{s-a} = \frac{(s-a)(Cs+D) + Es^2}{s^2(s-a)}.$$

That numerator matches 1 when  $D = -\frac{1}{a}, C = -\frac{1}{a^2}, E = \frac{1}{a^2}$ .

$$(c) y(t) = A + Bt + C + Dt + Ee^{at} = A + Bt - \frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{t}{a} + \frac{1}{a^2}e^{at}.$$

**5** Transform these differential equations to find  $Y(s)$ :

(a)  $y'' - y' = 1$  with  $y(0) = 4$  and  $y'(0) = 0$

(b)  $y'' + y = \cos \omega t$  with  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$  and  $\omega \neq 1$

(c)  $y'' + y = \cos t$  with  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ . What changed for  $\omega = 1$ ?

*Solution* (a) The Laplace Transform of  $y'' - y' = 1$  is

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) - (sY(s) - y(0)) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$s^2Y(s) - 4s - sY(s) + 4 = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y(s)(s^2 - s) = \frac{1}{s} + 4s - 4$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{s} + 4s - 4}{s^2 - s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{4s^2 - 4s + 1}{s^3 - s^2}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{(2s-1)^2}{s^2(s-1)}$$

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

(b) The Laplace Transform of  $y'' + y = \cos \omega t$  with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ :

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$s^2Y(s) + Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{s}{(s^2 + \omega^2)(s^2 + 1)}$$

(c) The Laplace Transform of  $y'' + y = \cos t$  with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ :

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

$$Y(s) = \frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)^2} : \text{Double poles from resonance}$$

6 Find the Laplace transforms  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  of these functions  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ :

$$(a) f_1(t) = e^{at} - e^{bt} \quad (b) f_2(t) = e^{at} + e^{-at} \quad (c) f_3(t) = t \cos t$$

*Solution* (a) The Laplace Transform of  $e^{at} - e^{bt}$  is  $\frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s-b} = \frac{a-b}{(s-a)(s-b)}$ .

(b) The Laplace Transform of  $e^{at} + e^{-at}$  is  $\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s+a} = \frac{2s}{s^2 - a^2}$ .

(c) The Laplace Transform of  $te^{at}$  is  $\frac{1}{(s-a)^2}$  by equation (19). With  $a = i$ , write  $t \cos t = \frac{1}{2}te^{it} + \frac{1}{2}te^{-it}$ . Then the transform of  $t \cos t$  is

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s-i)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s+i)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(s+i)^2 + (s-i)^2}{(s-i)^2(s+i)^2} = \frac{s^2 - 1}{(s^2 + 1)^2}.$$

7 For any real or complex  $a$ , the transform of  $f = te^{at}$  is \_\_\_\_\_. By writing  $\cos \omega t$  as  $(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t})/2$ , transform  $g(t) = t \cos \omega t$  and  $h(t) = te^t \cos \omega t$ . (Notice that the transform of  $h$  is new.)

*Solution* The transform of  $te^{at}$  is  $\frac{1}{(s-a)^2}$  by equation (19). Here  $a = i\omega$ . Then  $t \cos \omega t = \frac{1}{2}te^{i\omega t} + \frac{1}{2}te^{-i\omega t}$  transforms to

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s-i\omega)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s+i\omega)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(s+i\omega)^2 + (s-i\omega)^2}{(s-i\omega)^2(s+i\omega)^2} = \frac{s^2 - \omega^2}{(s^2 + \omega^2)^2}.$$

Similarly  $te^t \cos \omega t = \frac{1}{2}te^{(1+i\omega)t} + \frac{1}{2}te^{(1-i\omega)t}$  transforms to

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s-1-i\omega)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(s-1+i\omega)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(s-1+i\omega)^2 + (s-1-i\omega)^2}{(s-1-i\omega)^2(s-1+i\omega)^2} = \frac{(s-1)^2 - \omega^2}{((s-1)^2 + \omega^2)^2}.$$

8 Invert the transforms  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  using PF2 and PF3 to discover  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ :

$$(a) F_1(s) = \frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)} \quad (b) F_2(s) = \frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)} \quad (c) F_3(s) = \frac{1}{s^3 - s}$$

*Solution* (a)  $F_1(s) = \frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)} = \frac{1}{(a-b)(s-a)} + \frac{1}{(b-a)(s-b)}$ .

The inverse transform is  $f_1 = \frac{1}{(a-b)}e^{at} + \frac{1}{(b-a)}e^{bt}$ .

$$(b) F_2(s) = \frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)} = \frac{a}{(a-b)(s-a)} + \frac{b}{(b-a)(s-b)}.$$

The inverse transform is  $f_2 = \frac{a}{(a-b)}e^{at} + \frac{b}{(b-a)}e^{bt}$ .

$$(c) F_3(s) = \frac{1}{s^3 - s} = \frac{1}{(s-1)(s+1)s} = -\frac{1}{s} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s-1} \text{ using PF3.}$$

The inverse transform is  $f_3 = -1 + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^t$ .

**9** Step 1 transforms these equations and initial conditions. Step 2 solves for  $Y(s)$ . Step 3 inverts to find  $y(t)$ :

$$(a) y' - ay = t \text{ with } y(0) = 0$$

$$(b) y'' + a^2y = 1 \text{ with } y(0) = 1 \text{ and } y'(0) = 2$$

$$(c) y'' + 3y' + 2y = 1 \text{ with } y(0) = 4 \text{ and } y'(0) = 5.$$

What particular solution  $y_p$  to (c) comes from using “undetermined coefficients”?  $y_p = \frac{1}{2}$ .

*Solution* (a)  $y' - ay = t$  transforms to  $sY(s) - y(0) - aY(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$  with  $y(0) = 0$ .

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(s-a)} = \frac{-\frac{1}{a^2}}{s} + \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{s^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{s-a}$$

The inverse transform is  $y(t) = -\frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{1}{a}t + \frac{1}{a^2}e^{at}$ .

(b)  $y'' + a^2y = 1$  transforms to  $s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + a^2Y(s) = \frac{1}{s}$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 2$ . This is  $(s^2 + a^2)Y(s) = y'(0) + sy(0) + \frac{1}{s}$ :

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + a^2} + \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} + \frac{1}{s(s^2 + a^2)} = \frac{2}{a} \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2} + \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2s} - \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}.$$

The inverse transform is  $y(t) = \frac{2}{a} \sin(at) + \cos(at) + \frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{1}{a^2} \cos(at)$ .

(c)  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 1$  becomes  $s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 3sY(s) - 3y(0) + 2Y(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ .

Then  $y(0) = 4$  and  $y'(0) = 5$  give

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 3s + 2)} + \frac{4s + 5}{(s^2 + 3s + 2)} = \frac{1}{s(s+1)(s+2)} + \frac{4(s+1) + 1}{(s+1)(s+2)}.$$

The inverse transform can come from **PF3** on page 143. It comes much more quickly and directly (without Laplace transforms!) from knowing that

$$y = y_p + y_n = \frac{1}{2} + c_1e^{-t} + c_2e^{-2t}:$$

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{2} + c_1 + c_2 = 4 \text{ and } y'(0) = -c_1 - 2c_2 = 5 \text{ add to } \frac{1}{2} - c_2 = \frac{18}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} + 12e^{-t} - \frac{17}{2}e^{-2t}.$$

**Questions 10-16 are about partial fractions.**

**10** Show that PF2 in equation (9) is correct. Multiply both sides by  $(s-a)(s-b)$ :

$$(*) \quad 1 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}.$$

(a) What do those two fractions in (\*) equal at the points  $s = a$  and  $s = b$ ?

(b) The equation (\*) is correct at those two points  $a$  and  $b$ . It is the equation of a straight \_\_\_\_\_. So why is it correct for every  $s$ ?

*Solution* (using  $b$  instead of  $c$  in PF2):

$$1 = \frac{s-b}{a-b} + \frac{s-a}{b-a} \text{ after multiplying equation (9) by } (s-a)(s-b).$$

(a) At  $s = a$  we get  $1 = \frac{a-b}{a-b}$ . At  $s = b$  we get  $1 = \frac{b-a}{b-a}$ .

(b) When the equation of a *straight line* is correct for two values  $s = a$  and  $s = b$ , it is correct for all values of  $s$ .

**11** Here is the PF2 formula with numerators. Formula (\*) had  $K = 1$  and  $H = 0$ :

$$\text{PF2'} \quad \frac{Hs + K}{(s-a)(s-b)} = \frac{Ha + K}{(s-a)(a-b)} + \frac{Hb + K}{(b-a)(s-b)}$$

To show that PF2' is correct, multiply both sides by  $(s-a)(s-b)$ . You are left with the equation of a straight \_\_\_\_\_. Check your equation at  $s = a$  and at  $s = b$ . Now it must be correct for all  $s$ , and PF2' is proved.

*Solution* Multiplying by  $(s-a)(s-b)$  produces

$$(*) \quad Hs + K = \frac{(Ha + K)(s-b)}{a-b} + \frac{(Hb + K)(s-a)}{b-a}.$$

At  $s = a$  this is  $Ha + K = Ha + K + 0$ : correct. Similarly correct at  $s = b$ . Since (\*) is linear in  $s$ , it is the equation of a straight line. When correct at 2 points  $s = a$  and  $s = b$ , it is correct for every  $s$ .

**12** Break these functions into two partial fractions using PF2 and PF2' :

$$(a) \frac{1}{s^2 - 4} \quad (b) \frac{s}{s^2 - 4} \quad (c) \frac{Hs + K}{s^2 - 5s + 6}$$

$$\text{Solution} \quad (a) \frac{1}{s^2 - 4} = \frac{1}{(s-2)(s+2)} = \frac{1}{(s-2)(2+2)} + \frac{1}{(s+2)(-4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4(s-2)} - \frac{1}{4(s+2)}$$

$$(b) \frac{s}{s^2 - 4} = \frac{s}{(s-2)(s+2)} = \frac{2}{(s-2)(2+2)} + \frac{-2}{(-4)(s+2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(s-2)} + \frac{1}{2(s+2)}$$

$$(c) \frac{Hs + K}{s^2 - 5s + 6} = \frac{Hs + K}{(s-2)(s-3)}$$

$$= \frac{2H + K}{(s-2)(2-3)} + \frac{3H + K}{(3-2)(s-3)}$$

$$= -\frac{2H + K}{s-2} + \frac{3H + K}{s-3}$$

- 13** Find the integrals of (a)(b)(c) in Problem 12 by integrating each partial fraction. The integrals of  $C/(s-a)$  and  $D/(s-b)$  are logarithms.

*Solution*

(a) 
$$\int \frac{1}{s^2 - 4} ds = \int \frac{1}{4(s-2)} - \frac{1}{4(s+2)} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \ln(s-2) - \frac{1}{4} \ln(s+2) = \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{s-2}{s+2}$$

(b) 
$$\int \frac{s}{s^2 - 4} ds = \int \frac{1}{2(s-2)} + \frac{1}{2(s+2)} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln(s-2) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(s+2) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(s^2 - 4)$$

(c) 
$$\int \frac{Hs + K}{s^2 - 5s + 6} ds = \int -\frac{2H + K}{s-2} + \frac{3H + K}{s-3} ds$$

$$= -(2H + K) \ln(s-2) + (3H + K) \ln(s-3)$$

- 14** Extend PF3 to PF3' in the same way that PF2 extended to PF2' :

$$\mathbf{PF3'} \quad \frac{Gs^2 + Hs + K}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{Ga^2 + Ha + K}{(s-a)(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{?}{?} + \frac{?}{?}$$

*Solution* We want 
$$\frac{Gs^2 + Hs + K}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{A}{s-a} + \frac{B}{s-b} + \frac{C}{s-c}.$$

We can multiply both sides by  $(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)$  and solve for  $A, B, C$ . Or we can use  $A$  as given in the problem statement—and permute letters  $a, b, c$  to get  $B$  and  $C$  from  $A$ . That way is easier, and our three fractions are

$$\frac{a^2G + aH + K}{(a-b)(a-c)} \frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{b^2G + bH + K}{(b-a)(b-c)} \frac{1}{s-b} + \frac{c^2G + cH + K}{(c-a)(c-b)} \frac{1}{s-c}$$

- 15** The linear polynomial  $(s-b)/(a-b)$  equals 1 at  $s=a$  and 0 at  $s=b$ . Write down a quadratic polynomial that equals 1 at  $s=a$  and 0 at  $s=b$  and  $s=c$ .

*Solution*  $\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{(a-b)(a-c)}$  equals 0 for  $s=b$  and  $s=c$ . It equals 1 for  $s=a$ .

- 16** What is the number  $C$  so that  $C(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)$  equals 1 at  $s=a$ ?

*Note* A complete theory of partial fractions must allow double roots (when  $b=a$ ). The formula can be discovered from l'Hôpital's Rule (in PF3 for example) when  $b$  approaches  $a$ . Multiple roots lose the beauty of PF3 and PF3'—we are happy to stay with simple roots  $a, b, c$ .

*Solution* Choose  $C = \frac{1}{(a-b)(a-c)(a-d)}$ .

**Questions 17-21** involve the transform  $F(s) = 1$  of the delta function  $f(t) = \delta(t)$ .

- 17 Find  $F(s)$  from its definition  $\int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$  when  $f(t) = \delta(t - T)$ ,  $T \geq 0$ .

*Solution* The transform of  $\delta(t - T)$  is  $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t - T) e^{-st} dt = e^{-sT}$ .

- 18 Transform  $y'' - 2y' + y = \delta(t)$ . The **impulse response**  $y(t)$  transforms into  $Y(s) =$  **transfer function**. The double root  $s_1 = s_2 = 1$  gives a double pole and a new  $y(t)$ .

*Solution* With  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ , the transform is  $(s^2 - 2s + 1)Y(s) = 1$ . Then  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}$  and the inverse transform is the impulse response  $y(t) = g(t) = te^t$ .

- 19 Find the inverse transforms  $y(t)$  of these transfer functions  $Y(s)$ :

(a)  $\frac{s}{s-a}$                       (b)  $\frac{s}{s^2-a^2}$                       (c)  $\frac{s^2}{s^2-a^2}$

*Solution* (a)  $Y(s) = \frac{s}{s-a} = \frac{s-a+a}{s-a} = 1 + \frac{a}{s-a}$   
 $y(t) = \delta(t) + ae^{at}$

(b) Using **PF2** we have  $Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2-a^2} = \frac{s}{(s-a)(s+a)} = \frac{1}{2(s-a)} + \frac{1}{2(s+a)}$

The inverse transform is  $y(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{at} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-at} = \cosh at$

(c)  $Y(s) = \frac{s^2}{s^2-a^2} = \frac{s^2-a^2+a^2}{s^2-a^2} = 1 + \frac{a^2}{s^2-a^2} = 1 + \frac{a}{2(s-a)} - \frac{a}{2(s+a)}$

$y(t) = \delta(t) + \frac{a}{2}e^{at} - \frac{a}{2}e^{-at} = \delta(t) + a \sinh(at)$

- 20 Solve  $y'' + y = \delta(t)$  by Laplace transform, with  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ . If you found  $y(t) = \sin t$  as I did, this involves a serious mystery: *That sine solves  $y'' + y = 0$ , and it doesn't have  $y'(0) = 0$ . Where does  $\delta(t)$  come from?* In other words, what is the derivative of  $y' = \cos t$  if all functions are zero for  $t < 0$ ?

**If  $y = \sin t$ , explain why  $y'' = -\sin t + \delta(t)$ . Remember that  $y = 0$  for  $t < 0$ .**

Problem (20) connects to a remarkable fact. The same impulse response  $y = g(t)$  solves both of these equations: **An impulse at  $t = 0$  makes the velocity  $y'(0)$  jump by 1.** Both equations start from  $y(0) = 0$ .

$y'' + By' + Cy = \delta(t)$  with  $y'(0) = 0$      $y'' + By' + Cy = 0$  with  $y'(0) = 1$ .

*Solution*  $y'' + y = \delta(t)$  transforms into  $s^2Y(s) + Y(s) = 1$ .

Then  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+1}$  has the inverse transform  $y(t) = \sin t$ .

At time  $t = 0$  the derivative of  $y' = \cos(t)$  is not  $y'' = \sin(0) = 0$ , but rather  $y'' = \sin(0) + \delta(t)$ , since the function  $y' = \cos(t)$  jumps from 0 to 1 at  $t = 0$ .

**21** (Similar mystery) These two problems give the same  $Y(s) = s/(s^2 + 1)$  and the same impulse response  $y(t) = g(t) = \cos t$ . How can this be?

(a)  $y' = -\sin t$  with  $y(0) = 1$       (b)  $y' = -\sin t + \delta(t)$  with “ $y(0) = 0$ ”

*Solution* (a) The Laplace transform of  $y'(t) = -\sin(t)$  with  $y(0) = 1$  is

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

(b) The Laplace transform of  $y'(t) = -\sin(t) + \delta(t)$  with  $y(0) = 0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} sY(s) - y(0) &= -\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + 1 \\ sY(s) - 0 &= \frac{s^2 + 1 - 1}{s^2 + 1} = \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 1} \\ Y(s) &= \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \end{aligned}$$

These two problems (a) and (b) give the same  $Y(s)$  and therefore the same  $y(t)$ . The reason is that  $\delta(t)$  in the derivative  $y'$  gives the same result as an initial condition  $y(0) = 1$ . Both cause a jump from  $y = 0$  before  $t = 0$  to  $y = 1$  right after  $t = 0$ . And both transform to 1.

**Problems 22-24 involve the Laplace transform of the integral of  $y(t)$ .**

**22** If  $f(t)$  transforms to  $F(s)$ , what is the transform of the integral  $h(t) = \int_0^t f(T)dT$ ?

Answer by transforming the equation  $dh/dt = f(t)$  with  $h(0) = 0$ .

*Solution* If  $h(t) = \int_0^t f(T) dT$  then  $dh/dt = f(t)$  with  $h(0) = 0$ . Taking the Laplace Transform gives:

$$sH(s) = F(s) \quad \text{and} \quad H(s) = \frac{F(s)}{s}.$$

**23** Transform and solve the integro-differential equation  $y' + \int_0^t y dt = 1$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ .

A mystery like Problem 20:  $y = \cos t$  seems to solve  $y' + \int_0^t y dt = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ .

*Solution* The Laplace transform of  $y' + \int_0^t y dt = 1$  with  $y(0) = 0$  is

$$sY(s) - y(0) + \frac{Y(s)}{s} = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{\left(s + \frac{1}{s}\right)s} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

The inverse transform of  $Y(s)$  is  $\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{\sin}(t)$

About the mystery: The derivative of  $\cos t$  is  $-\sin t + \delta(t)$  because  $\cos t$  jumps at  $t = 0$  from zero for  $t < 0$  (by convention) to 1. But I am not seeing a new mystery.

- 24** Transform and solve the amazing equation  $dy/dt + \int_0^t y dt = \delta(t)$ .

*Solution* The transform of  $\frac{dy}{dt} + \int_0^t y dt = \delta(t)$  is  $sY(s) + \frac{Y(s)}{s} = 1$ .

Then  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{\left(s + \frac{1}{s}\right)s} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$  and  $\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{\cos} t$ .

Note that this follows from Problem 20, where we found that  $\cos(t)$  has integral  $\sin(t)$  and derivative  $-\sin(t) + \delta(t)$ .

- 25** The derivative of the delta function is not easy to imagine—it is called a “doublet” because it jumps up to  $+\infty$  and back down to  $-\infty$ . Find the Laplace transform of the doublet  $d\delta/dt$  from the rule for the transform of a derivative.

A doublet  $\delta'(t)$  is known by its integral:  $\int \delta'(t)F(t)dt = -\int \delta(t)F'(t)dt = -F'(0)$ .

*Solution* The Laplace transform of  $\delta(t)$  is 1. The Laplace transform of the derivative is  $sY(s) - y(0)$ . The Laplace transform of the doublet  $\delta'(t) = d\delta/dt$  is therefore  $s$ .

- 26** (Challenge) What function  $y(t)$  has the transform  $Y(s) = 1/(s^2 + \omega^2)(s^2 + a^2)$ ? First use partial fractions to find  $H$  and  $K$ :

$$Y(s) = \frac{H}{s^2 + \omega^2} + \frac{K}{s^2 + a^2}$$

*Solution*  $Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + \omega^2)(s^2 + a^2)} = \frac{1}{(s^2 + \omega^2)(a^2 - \omega^2)} - \frac{1}{(s^2 + a^2)(a^2 - \omega^2)}$ .

Then  $y(t) = \frac{\sin \omega t}{\omega(a^2 - \omega^2)} - \frac{\sin at}{a(a^2 - \omega^2)}$ .

- 27** Why is the Laplace transform of a unit step function  $H(t)$  the same as the Laplace transform of a constant function  $f(t) = 1$ ?

*Solution* The step function and the constant function are the same for  $t \geq 0$ .