

**Spring 2021 Math 20D Lecture B Homework #7**  
Due Sunday, 11:59pm, May 23th

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**Topics covered: section 7.9, 8.2**

1. Find the solution of the given initial value problem:

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = \delta(t - \pi), \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

**Answer.** Taking Laplace transform, we get

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 2[sY(s) - y(0)] + 2Y(s) &= e^{-\pi s}, \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{s + 2 + e^{-\pi s}}{s^2 + 2s + 2} &= \frac{s + 1}{(s + 1)^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{(s + 1)^2 + 1} + \frac{e^{-\pi s}}{(s + 1)^2 + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $F(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1}$ , then  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = e^{-t} \sin(t)$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= e^{-t} \cos(t) + e^{-t} \sin(t) + f(t - \pi)u(t - \pi) \\ &= e^{-t} \cos(t) + e^{-t} \sin(t) + e^{-(t-\pi)} \sin(t - \pi)u(t - \pi). \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the solution of the given initial value problem:

$$y'' + 4y = \delta(t - \pi) - \delta(t - 2\pi), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

**Answer.** Taking Laplace transform, we get

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4Y(s) &= e^{-\pi s} - e^{-2\pi s}, \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{e^{-\pi s} - e^{-2\pi s}}{s^2 + 4} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+4}$ , then  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t)$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= f(t - \pi)u(t - \pi) - f(t - 2\pi)u(t - 2\pi) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin 2(t - \pi)u(t - \pi) - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2(t - 2\pi)u(t - 2\pi) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t)u(t - \pi) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t)u(t - 2\pi). \end{aligned}$$

*The last equality is using the fact that  $\sin(x)$  is  $2\pi$  periodic.*

3. Determine the radius of convergence of the given power series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x+1)^n}{n^2}.$$

**Answer.** Write the power series in the form  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-x_0)^n$  we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n^2} \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^n.$$

Thus  $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n^2}$ . Using the ratio test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n(n+1)^2}{n^2 2^{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{2n^2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

So the radius of convergence is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .