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Total Response of Linear Differential System

Given and Introduction

Given the linear differential equation:

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dt^2}y(t) + 2\frac{d}{dt}y(t) = \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + x(t) \right]$$

Initial conditions:

$$\left[y(0) = 2, \quad \dot{y}(0) = 1 \right]$$

Input:

$$\left[x(t) = u(t) \right]$$

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Homogeneous Solution

First, solve the homogeneous part of the differential equation:

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dt^2}y(t) + 2\frac{d}{dt}y(t) = 0 \right]$$

Characteristic equation:

$$\left[r^2 + 2r = 0 \right]$$

Explanation: The characteristic equation is formed by substituting $y(t) = e^{rt}$ into the homogeneous differential equation.

Solving the characteristic equation:

$$\left[r(r + 2) = 0 \right] \left[r_1 = 0, \quad r_2 = -2 \right]$$

Explanation: The roots of the characteristic equation indicate the form of the homogeneous solution.

Homogeneous solution:

$$\left[y_h(t) = C_1 e^{0t} + C_2 e^{-2t} \right] \left[y_h(t) = C_1 + C_2 e^{-2t} \right]$$

Explanation: The general solution of the homogeneous differential equation involves a linear combination of terms with the roots of the characteristic equation.

2. Particular Solution

Next, find a particular solution to the non-homogeneous equation $x(t) = u(t)$. Since $u(t)$ is the unit step function, assume:

$$\left[y_p(t) = A \right]$$

Explanation: Assume a simple form for $y_p(t)$ since $u(t)$ is a step function.

Substitute $y_p(t) = A$ into the differential equation:

$$\left[0 + 2 \cdot 0 = \frac{d}{dt}u(t) + u(t) \right] \left[0 = \delta(t) + u(t) \right]$$

Explanation: The differentiation of the step function $u(t)$ gives an impulse function $\delta(t)$.

To eliminate the impulse function's effect, assume $y_p(t) = B \cdot u(t)$:

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt}y_p(t) = B \cdot \delta(t) \Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dt^2}y_p(t) = B \cdot \delta'(t) \right] \left[B \cdot \delta'(t) + 2 \cdot B \cdot \delta(t) \right]$$

Therefore, the particular solution:

$$\left[y_p(t) = u(t) \right]$$

Explanation: By balancing the coefficient, the particular solution is identified as $u(t)$.

3. Total Solution

The total solution is:

$$\left[y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = C_1 + C_2 e^{-2t} + u(t) \right]$$

Explanation: The total solution is the sum of the homogeneous solution and the particular solution.

4. Applying Initial Conditions

Use the initial conditions $y(0) = 2$ and $\dot{y}(0) = 1$ to find C_1 and C_2 .

At $t = 0$:

$$y(0) = C_1 + C_2 + u(0) \qquad 2 = C_1 + C_2 \cdot 1 + 0 \qquad 2 = C_1 + C_2$$

Take the derivative of $y(t)$:

$$\dot{y}(t) = -2 C_2 e^{-2t} + u'(t) \qquad 1 = -2 C_2 + 0 \qquad C_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \qquad C_1 = 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Explanation: The initial conditions help determine the constants in the total solution.

Final Solution

Thus, the total response for the given linear differential system is:

$$y(t) = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} + u(t)$$

Explanation: This solution includes both the transient (homogeneous) and steady-state (particular) responses, satisfying the differential equation and initial conditions.

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