

## Module 4:

4.1:

(1) Solve  $x''(t) + 3x'(t) + 2x(t) = H(t-2)$   
with  $x(0) = 0$  and  $x'(0) = 0$  using  
Laplace transform.

Sol: Given differential equation is

$$x''(t) + 3x'(t) + 2x(t) = H(t-2)$$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides,  
we get

$$L\{x''(t)\} + 3L\{x'(t)\} + 2L\{x(t)\} = L\{H(t-2)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 L\{x(t)\} - s x(0) - x'(0)) + 3(s L\{x(t)\} - x(0)) + 2L\{x(t)\} = \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} \left( L\{H(t-a)\} = \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 + 3s + 2) L\{x(t)\} = \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{x(t)\} = e^{-2s} \cdot \frac{1}{s(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = L^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \frac{1}{s(s+1)(s+2)} \right\}$$

Now

$$\frac{1}{s(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{s+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(s+1)(s+2) + B s(s+2) + C s(s+1)$$

which gives  $A = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $B = -1$ ,  $C = \frac{1}{2}$

→ (\*)



Therefore, from (\*), we have

$$x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \left( \frac{1}{2s} - \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{2(s+2)} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \frac{1}{s} \right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \frac{1}{s+1} \right\} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \frac{1}{s+2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}\{1\} \right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}\} \right\} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-2s} \mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}\} \right\}$$

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

(by second shifting theorem)

2. solve  $x''(t) - x'(t) - 2x(t) = \delta(t-1)$

with  $x(0)=0$ ,  $x'(0)=0$  using

Laplace transform.



Sol: Given differential equation is

$$x''(t) - x'(t) - 2x(t) = \delta(t-1)$$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides,  
we get

$$L\{x''(t)\} - L\{x'(t)\} - 2L\{x(t)\} = L\{\delta(t-1)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 L\{x(t)\} - s x(0) - x'(0)) - (s L\{x(t)\} - x(0)) - 2L\{x(t)\} = L\{\delta(t-1)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 - s - 2) L\{x(t)\} = e^{-s} \left( L\{\delta(t-a)\} = e^{-as} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{x(t)\} = e^{-s} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = L^{-1} \left\{ e^{-s} \frac{1}{(s-2)(s+1)} \right\} \longrightarrow (*)$$

Now,  $\frac{1}{(s-2)(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s+1}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(s+1) + B(s-2)$$

which gives  $A = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $B = -\frac{1}{3}$ .



Therefore, from (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-s} \left( \frac{1}{3(s-2)} - \frac{1}{3(s+1)} \right) \right\} \\&= \frac{1}{3} \left( \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-s} \frac{1}{s-2} \right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-s} \frac{1}{s+1} \right\} \right) \\&= \frac{1}{3} \left( \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ e^{-s} \cdot \mathcal{L}\{e^{2t}\} \} - \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ e^{-s} \cdot \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}\} \} \right) \\&= \frac{1}{3} \left( e^{2(t-1)} u(t-1) - e^{-(t-1)} u(t-1) \right)\end{aligned}$$

Solve the following using Laplace Transform.

①  $x''(t) + 5x'(t) + 6x(t) = H(t-1)$

with  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = 1$

②  $x''(t) + 2x'(t) + x(t) = \delta(t)$

with  $x(0) = 1$  and  $x'(0) = 0$

③  $x''(t) + 6x'(t) + 8x(t) = \delta(t-1)$

with  $x(0) = 0$  and  $x'(0) = 0$