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1. (a) The differential equation represented by the given system is presented below. In the second step, we further simplify the expression for the sake of presentation.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) - 4y(\tau) d\tau &= y(t) \\ \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 4y(t) &= x(t)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- (b) For the input  $x(t) = (e^{-t} + e^{-2t})u(t)$  we have the following differential equation

$$y'(t) + 4y(t) = e^{-t} + e^{-2t} \quad \text{for } t > 0\tag{2}$$

Since it is not a homogeneous differential equation the solution should be in the form of  $y(t) = y_H(t) + y_P(t)$ . To obtain  $y_H(t)$  part of the solution we need to solve the following equation

$$y'(t) + 4y(t) = 0\tag{3}$$

We hypothesize the solution as  $y_H(t) = Ae^{st}$  and plug this into the differential equation.

$$\begin{aligned}Ase^{st} + 4Ae^{st} &= 0 \\ Ae^{st}(s + 4) &= 0 \\ s &= -4 \\ y_H(t) &= Ae^{-4t} \quad \text{for } t > 0\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

To obtain  $y_P(t)$  we first should divide it into two for simplicity as  $y_P(t) = y_{P_1}(t) + y_{P_2}(t)$ .

$y_{P_1}(t)$  is a particular solution for

$$y'(t) + 4y(t) = e^{-t} \quad \text{for } t > 0\tag{5}$$

$y_{P_2}(t)$  is a particular solution for

$$y'(t) + 4y(t) = e^{-2t} \quad \text{for } t > 0\tag{6}$$

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$$y'(t) + 4y(t) = e^{-t} + e^{-2t} \quad \text{for } t > 0\tag{7}$$

We hypothesize  $y_{P_1}(t) = Be^{-t}$  and plug it into

$$\begin{aligned}y'(t) + 4y(t) &= e^{-t} \quad \text{for } t > 0 \\ -Be^{-t} + 4Be^{-t} &= e^{-t} \\ B &= \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

We hypothesize  $y_{P_2}(t) = Ce^{-2t}$  and plug it into

$$\begin{aligned}y'(t) + 4y(t) &= e^{-2t} \quad \text{for } t > 0 \\ -2Ce^{-2t} + 4Ce^{-2t} &= e^{-2t} \\ C &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

We found  $y_P(t) = y_{P_1}(t) + y_{P_2}(t) = \frac{e^{-t}}{3} + \frac{e^{-2t}}{2}$  for  $t > 0$  therefore,

$$y(t) = Ae^{-4t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{3} + \frac{e^{-2t}}{2} \quad (10)$$

We assume that the system is initially at rest therefore we say that  $y(0) = 0$  which yields to

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) &= A + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} = 0 \\ A &= -\frac{5}{6} \\ y(t) &= -\frac{5e^{-4t}}{6} + \frac{e^{-t}}{3} + \frac{e^{-2t}}{2} \quad \text{for } t > 0 \\ y(t) &= \left( -\frac{5e^{-4t}}{6} + \frac{e^{-t}}{3} + \frac{e^{-2t}}{2} \right) u(t) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

2. (a) Below, we give the solution and the graph for  $y[n]$ .

$$x[n] = \delta[n-1] - 3\delta[n-2] + \delta[n-3]$$

$$h[n] = \delta[n+1] + 2\delta[n] - 3\delta[n-1]$$

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$$

$$y[0] = \dots + x[1]h[0-1] + x[2]h[0-2] + x[3]h[0-3] + \dots = \dots + (1)(1) + (-3)(0) + (1)(0) = 1 \quad (12)$$

$$y[1] = \dots + x[1]h[1-1] + x[2]h[1-2] + x[3]h[1-3] + \dots = \dots + (1)(2) + (-3)(1) + (1)(0) = -1$$

$$y[2] = \dots + x[1]h[2-1] + x[2]h[2-2] + x[3]h[2-3] + \dots = \dots + (1)(-3) + (-3)(2) + (1)(1) = -8$$

$$y[3] = \dots + x[1]h[3-1] + x[2]h[3-2] + x[3]h[3-3] + \dots = \dots + (1)(0) + (-3)(-3) + (1)(2) = 11$$

$$y[4] = \dots + x[1]h[4-1] + x[2]h[4-2] + x[3]h[4-3] + \dots = \dots + (1)(0) + (-3)(0) + (1)(-3) = -3$$

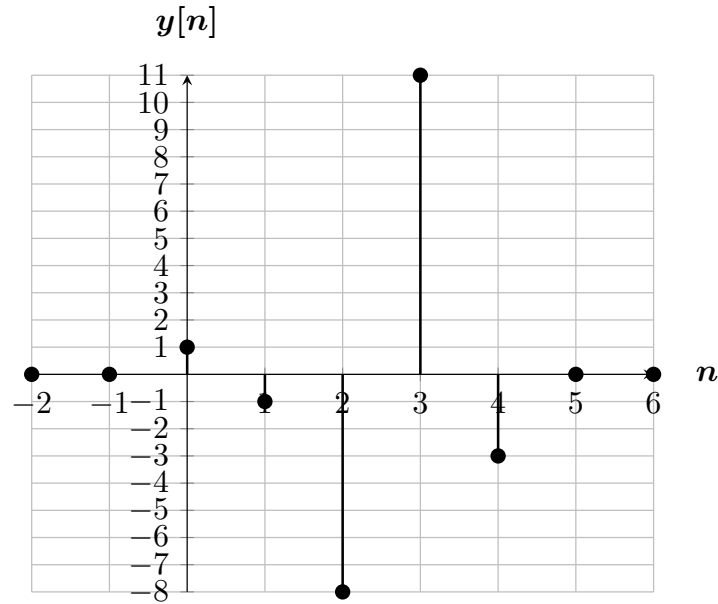


Figure 1:  $n$  vs  $y[n]$ .

(b) Below, we give the solution for  $y(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) &= u(t) + u(t-1) \\
h(t) &= e^{-2t} \cos(t) u(t) \\
y(t) &= \frac{dx(t)}{dt} * h(t) \\
&= \frac{d(u(t) + u(t-1))}{dt} * h(t) \\
&= \left( \frac{du(t)}{dt} + \frac{du(t-1)}{dt} \right) * h(t) \\
&= (\delta(t) + \delta(t-1)) * h(t) \\
&= (\delta(t) * h(t)) + (\delta(t-1) * h(t)) \\
&= h(t) + h(t-1) \\
&= e^{-2t} \cos(t) u(t) + e^{-2(t-1)} \cos(t-1) u(t-1)
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

3. (a) Below, we give the solution for  $y(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) &= e^{-t} u(t) \\
h(t) &= e^{-3t} u(t) \\
y(t) &= x(t) * h(t) \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\tau} u(\tau) e^{-3(t-\tau)} u(t-\tau) d\tau \\
&= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\tau} e^{-3(t-\tau)} u(t-\tau) d\tau \\
&= \int_0^t e^{-\tau} e^{-3(t-\tau)} d\tau \\
&= \int_0^t e^{-\tau} e^{-3t+3\tau} d\tau \\
&= \int_0^t e^{-3t} e^{2\tau} d\tau \\
&= e^{-3t} \int_0^t e^{2\tau} d\tau \\
&= e^{-3t} \left( \frac{e^{2t}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{e^{-t}}{2} - \frac{e^{-3t}}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

(b) In this question, we need to consider three cases for the values of  $t$  while computing the convolution, i.e.,  $t < 1$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ , and  $2 < t$ .

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \int_1^t e^{t-\tau} d\tau & \text{if } 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\ \int_1^2 e^{t-\tau} d\tau & \text{if } 2 < t \end{cases} \tag{15}$$

When we evaluate the integrals, we get the following result.

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ e^{t-1} - 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq t \leq 2 \\ e^{t-1} - e^{t-2} & \text{if } 2 < t \end{cases} \tag{16}$$

4. (a) The characteristic equation of this equation is the following

$$\begin{aligned}
r^2 - 15r + 26 &= 0 \\
(r-2)(r-13) &= 0 \\
r_1 &= 2, \quad r_2 = 13
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
y[n] &= A(2^n) + B(13^n) \\
y[0] &= A + B = 10 \\
y[1] &= 2A + 13B = 42 \\
A &= 8 \\
B &= 2
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

So the solution is

$$y[n] = 2^{n+3} + 2(13^n) \tag{19}$$

(b) The characteristic equation of this equation is the following

$$\begin{aligned}
r^2 - 3r + 1 &= 0 \\
b^2 - 4ac &= 9 - 4 = 5 > 0 \\
r_1 &= \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \\
r_2 &= \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
y[n] &= A \left( \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + B \left( \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \\
y[0] &= A + B = 1 \\
y[1] &= A \left( \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) + B \left( \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) = 2
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

When we solve these equations,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{3}{2}(A + B) + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}(A - B) &= 2 \\
\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}(A - B) &= \frac{1}{2} \\
A - B &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \\
A &= \frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10} \\
B &= \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{10}
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

So the solution is

$$y[n] = \left( \frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{10} \right) \left( \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + \left( \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{10} \right) \left( \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \tag{23}$$

5. (a) Below, we find the impulse response  $h(t)$ . First, we find the unit step response  $s(t)$ , then differentiate it to find  $h(t)$  since  $\frac{ds(t)}{dt} = h(t)$ .

$$\frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 8y(t) = 2x(t) \tag{24}$$

Assume the homogenous solution is of the form  $y_h(t) = Ke^{\alpha t}$ . From this, we find the homogenous solution  $y_h(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 8y(t) &= 0 \\
\alpha^2 Ke^{\alpha t} + 6\alpha Ke^{\alpha t} + 8Ke^{\alpha t} &= 0 \\
e^{\alpha t}(\alpha^2 + 6\alpha + 8) &= 0 \\
e^{\alpha t}(\alpha + 4)(\alpha + 2) &= 0 \\
\alpha_1 = -4, \alpha_2 = -2 \\
y_h(t) &= c_1 e^{-4t} + c_2 e^{-2t}
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Assume the particular solution is of the form  $y_p(t) = H(\lambda)e^{\lambda t}$  and we know that  $H(\lambda) = \frac{\sum_0^M b_k \lambda^k}{\sum_0^N a_k \lambda^k}$ ; hence,  $H(\lambda) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8}$ . From this, we find the particular solution  $y_p(t)$ . Notice that, since we are trying to find unit step response  $s(t)$ , we given the unit step function as the input, i.e.,  $x(t) = u(t)$ , equivalently  $x(t) = 1$  for  $t > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 6 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 8y(t) &= 2u(t) \\
\frac{2\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}}{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8} + \frac{12\lambda e^{\lambda t}}{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8} + \frac{16e^{\lambda t}}{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8} &= 2 \text{ for } t > 0 \\
\frac{\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}}{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8} + \frac{6\lambda e^{\lambda t}}{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8} + \frac{8e^{\lambda t}}{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8} &= 1 \text{ for } t > 0 \\
\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 6\lambda e^{\lambda t} + 8e^{\lambda t} &= \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8 \text{ for } t > 0 \\
e^{\lambda t}(\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8) &= \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8 \text{ for } t > 0 \\
e^{\lambda t} &= 1 \text{ for } t > 0 \\
\lambda &= 0 \\
y_p(t) &= \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

Hence, the general solution is given below.

$$\begin{aligned}
y(t) &= y_h(t) + y_p(t) \\
y(t) &= c_1 e^{-4t} + c_2 e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Since the system is initially at rest, we have  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ . We use them to find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
y(0) &= c_1 + c_2 + \frac{1}{4} = 0 \\
c_1 + c_2 &= -\frac{1}{4} \\
y'(0) &= -4c_1 - 2c_2 = 0 \\
4c_1 + 2c_2 &= 0 \\
c_1 &= \frac{1}{4}, \quad c_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \\
y(t) = s(t) &= \frac{1}{4}e^{-4t} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Since  $\frac{ds(t)}{dt} = h(t)$ , we find  $h(t)$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
h(t) &= \frac{ds(t)}{dt} \\
h(t) &= (-e^{-4t} + e^{-2t})u(t)
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

**An alternative way to solve this problem is as follows.**

This differential equation can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(D)y(t) &= P(D)x(t) \\
\text{where } Q(D) &= (D^2 + 6D + 8) \\
P(D) &= 2
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Then the impulse response is,

$$h(t) = b_n \delta(t) + (P(D)y_h(t))u(t) \tag{31}$$

Since the order of  $P(D)$  is less than of  $Q(D)$ ,  $b_n = 0$ . Therefore the impulse response can be written as,

$$h(t) = (2y_h(t))u(t) \tag{32}$$

The corresponding homogeneous differential equation is,

$$y''(t) + 6y'(t) + 8y(t) = 0 \quad \text{subject to } y'_h(0) = 1, y_h(0) = 0 \tag{33}$$

The characteristic equation of the differential equation above is,

$$s^2 + 6s + 8 = 0 \tag{34}$$

Which yields to two different roots  $s_1 = -2$  and  $s_2 = -4$ . Therefore the homogeneous solution is,

$$\begin{aligned}
y_h(t) &= Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-4t} \\
y_h(0) &= A + B = 0 \\
y'_h(0) &= -2A - 4B = 1 \\
A &= \frac{1}{2} \\
B &= -\frac{1}{2} \\
y_h(t) &= \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-4t}
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Therefore the impulse response is,

$$h(t) = (e^{-2t} - e^{-4t})u(t) \tag{36}$$

- (b)
- **Causality:** The system is causal because  $h(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ .  $u(t)$  makes it causal.
  - **Memory:** The system is not memoryless since  $h(t)$  cannot be written in the form of  $K\delta(t)$  where  $K$  is a constant. In other words, the system has memory.
  - **Stability:** If the system is stable then,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)| d\tau < \infty \\
-\infty &< \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) d\tau < \infty
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

We plug in the impulse response,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) d\tau &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{-2\tau} - e^{-4\tau})u(\tau) d\tau \\
&= \int_0^{\infty} (e^{-2\tau} - e^{-4\tau}) d\tau \\
&= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^R (e^{-2\tau} - e^{-4\tau}) d\tau \\
&= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{e^{-4R}}{4} - \frac{e^{-2R}}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{4}$  is finite, the system is stable.

- **Invertibility:** The system is not invertible since there no system  $h_1(t)$  that makes  $h(t) * h_1(t) = \delta(t)$ .