

problem 3

[a]

if all $u_j = u$

$j = 1 \dots k$

$$\frac{dx_j}{dt} = u_{j-1} x_{j-1}(t) - u_j x_j(t) \Rightarrow \frac{dF(n,t)}{dt} = uF(n-1,t) - uF(n,t) \quad (1)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dF(0,t)}{dt} = -uF(0,t) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{F(0,t)} \frac{dF(0,t)}{dt} = -u \Rightarrow$$

$$\int \frac{dF(0,t)}{F(0,t)} = -\int u dt \Rightarrow \ln F(0,t) = -ut + C_0 \Rightarrow \boxed{F(0,t) = e^{-ut}}$$

due to non-simultaneity

$$\rightarrow \frac{dF(1,t)}{dt} = uF(0,t) - uF(1,t) \Rightarrow \frac{dF(1,t)}{dt} + uF(1,t) = uF(0,t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dF(1,t)}{dt} + uF(1,t) = u e^{-ut} \xrightarrow{\times e^{ut}} \frac{dF(1,t)}{dt} e^{ut} + u e^{ut} F(1,t) = u$$

$$\int \left[e^{ut} \frac{dF(1,t)}{dt} + u e^{ut} F(1,t) \right] dt = \int u dt$$

$$F(1,t) e^{ut} = ut + C_1 \xrightarrow{x_1(0)=F(1,0)=0=C_1} \boxed{F(1,t) = ut e^{-ut}}$$

$$\rightarrow \int \left[\frac{dF(2,t)}{dt} e^{ut} + u e^{ut} F(2,t) \right] dt = \int u^2 t dt \Rightarrow F(2,t) e^{ut} = \frac{u^2 t^2}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{F(2,t) = e^{-ut} \frac{u^2 t^2}{2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \int \left[\frac{dF(3,t)}{dt} e^{ut} + u e^{ut} F(3,t) \right] dt = \int \frac{u^3 t^2}{2} dt \Rightarrow F(3,t) e^{ut} = \frac{u^3 t^3}{6}$$

$$\boxed{F(3,t) = e^{-ut} \frac{u^3 t^3}{6}}$$

$$\rightarrow \int \left[\frac{d f(4,t)}{dt} e^{ut} + u e^{ut} f(4,t) \right] = \int \frac{u^4 t^3}{6} \Rightarrow f(4,t) e^{ut} = \frac{u^4 t^4}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f(4,t) = \frac{e^{-ut} u^4 t^4}{24}}$$

We can show that $f(n,t) = \frac{e^{-ut} u^n t^n}{n!}$ for all n without plugging in each number, by showing the equation (1) is also satisfied for $n+1$.

For $n+1$ \rightarrow

$$\frac{d f(n+1,t)}{dt} + u f(n+1,t) = u f(n,t) = \frac{e^{-ut} u^{n+1} t^n}{n!} \xrightarrow{\times e^{ut}}$$

$$\int \left[\frac{d f(n+1,t)}{dt} e^{ut} + u e^{ut} f(n+1,t) \right] = \int \frac{u^{n+1} t^n}{n!} \Rightarrow f(n+1,t) e^{ut} = \frac{u^{n+1} t^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} + C_{n+1}$$

$$\underline{\underline{f(n+1,0) = C_{n+1} = 0}} \Rightarrow f(n+1,t) = e^{-ut} \frac{(ut)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq 0 \quad f(n,t) = e^{-ut} \frac{(ut)^n}{n!}$$

and since here we limit equation (1) to be correct for $0 < n < k$

$$\Rightarrow \forall 0 < j < k \quad f(j,ut) = e^{-ut} \frac{(ut)^j}{j!}$$

b if $ut \ll 1 \Rightarrow e^{-ut}$ very small $\Rightarrow x_j = f(j,ut) \propto (ut)^j$
or $x_j = f(j,ut) \propto t^j$