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### **Question 1**

- a. Graph of the function attached as a separate pdf.
- b. Since we have made the function f(x) even using an even extension, all the  $b_k$  coefficients in its Fourier series are zero. With a period L=4, we determine the remaining coefficients  $a_k$ :

$$a_k = \frac{2}{4} \int_{-2}^{2} x \cos{(\frac{2k\pi x}{4})} dx$$

And since f is even now

$$a_k = \frac{4}{4} \int_0^2 x \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi x}{4}\right) dx$$
$$= \int_0^2 x \cos\left(\frac{k\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

Using integration by parts, for k > 0:

$$a_k = \frac{2}{k\pi} \left[ x \sin(\frac{k\pi x}{2}) \right]_0^2 - \frac{2}{k\pi} \int_0^2 \sin(\frac{k\pi x}{2}) dx$$

$$= 0 - \frac{2}{k\pi} \left( -\frac{2}{k\pi} \right) \left[ \cos(\frac{k\pi x}{2}) \right]_0^2$$

$$= \frac{4}{(k\pi)^2} \left[ \cos(k\pi) - \cos(0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{4}{(k\pi)^2} \left[ (-1)^k - 1 \right]$$

Then

$$a_k = \begin{cases} -\frac{8}{(k\pi)^2} \text{ for odd } k\\ 0 \text{ for even } k \end{cases}$$

And  $a_0 = \frac{2}{4} \int_{-2}^2 x dx = \frac{4}{4} \int_0^2 x dx = \frac{1}{2} [x^2]_0^2 = 2$ . With the coefficients  $a_k$  determined, we obtain the Fourier series for f(x):

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{2} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{8}{(k\pi)^2} \cos(\frac{2k\pi x}{4}) k \text{ odd}$$
$$x = 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \cos(\frac{(2k+1)\pi x}{2})$$

c. Applying Parseval's identity for Fourier series and using the result of part b.:

$$\frac{1}{4} \int_{-2}^{2} x^{2} dx = \frac{2^{2}}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_{k}^{2} + 0) k \text{ odd}$$

$$\frac{2}{4} \int_{0}^{2} x^{2} dx = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\frac{8}{(2k+1)^{2} \pi^{2}})^{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^{3}}{3}\right]_{0}^{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{64}{\pi^{4}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^{4}}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} - 1 = \frac{32}{\pi^{4}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^{4}}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^{4}} = \frac{\pi^{4}}{32} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{96}$$

# **Question 2**

a. Graph of the function attached as a separate pdf.

b.

$$f(t) = A \bigg[ H(t) - H(t - \tau) \bigg]$$

c.

$$\tilde{f}(w) = F\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-iwt} dt$$

Since f(t) = 0 for  $t \ge 0$  or  $t \le \tau$ :

$$\begin{split} \tilde{f}(w) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\tau} A \cdot e^{-iwt} \, dt \\ &= \frac{A}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (\frac{1}{-iw}) [e^{-iwt}]_0^{\tau} \\ &= \frac{iA}{w\sqrt{2\pi}} (e^{-iw\tau} - 1) \\ &= \frac{iA}{w\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}} (e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}} - e^{iw\frac{\tau}{2}}) \end{split}$$

From Euler identity:

$$e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}} - e^{iw\frac{\tau}{2}} = -2i\sin w\frac{\tau}{2}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{split} \tilde{f}(w) &= \frac{2A}{w\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}} \sin w \frac{\tau}{2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{A}{w} e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}} \sin w \frac{\tau}{2} \\ &= A\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}} \frac{\tau}{2} \frac{\sin(w\frac{\tau}{2})}{w\frac{\tau}{2}} \\ &= \frac{A}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \tau e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}} \text{sinc}(w\frac{\tau}{2}) \end{split}$$

d. Let  $A = \frac{1}{\tau}$  then substituting in f(t) from part c., gives:

$$\begin{split} F\{\lim_{\tau\to 0}f(t)\} &= \lim_{\tau\to 0}F\{f(t)\} = \lim_{\tau\to 0}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}}\frac{\sin(w\frac{\tau}{2})}{w\frac{\tau}{2}}\\ &\lim_{\theta\to 0}\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} = 1 \ \ \text{by Hospitals rule}\\ &\lim_{\tau\to 0}e^{-iw\frac{\tau}{2}} = \lim_{\tau\to 0}e^0 = 1 \end{split}$$

Therefore

$$F\{\lim_{\tau \to 0} f(t)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

e. The Fourier transform of f(t) as  $\tau \to 0$  is the Fourier transform of a  $\delta$ -function as we can expect as we "transform" the rectangular function f(t) to a Dirac impulse.

# **Question 3**

a. By definition, the Laplace transform of  $g(t) = \sin(5t)$  is:

$$\bar{g}(s) = L\{g(t)\} = \int_0^\infty \sin(5t)e^{-st}dt = \lim_{L \to \infty} \int_0^L \sin(5t)e^{-st}dt$$

First compute  $\int e^{-st} \sin at \, dt$ , using integration by parts with  $u = \sin at$ ,  $u' = a \cos at$ ,  $v' = e^{-st}$ ,  $v = -\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}$ :

$$\int e^{-st} \sin(at) dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \sin(at) + \frac{a}{s} \int e^{-st} \cos(at) dt \tag{1}$$

Next compute  $\int e^{-st} \cos(at) \, dt$ , again, using integration by parts with  $u = \cos at$ ,  $u' = -a \sin at$ ,  $v' = e^{-st}$ ,  $v = -\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}$ :

$$\int e^{-st}\cos(at) dt = -\frac{1}{s}e^{-st}\cos(at) - \frac{a}{s}\int e^{-st}\sin(at) dt$$

Substituting into (1):

$$\int e^{-st} \sin(at) \, dt = -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \sin(at) + \frac{a}{s} \left( -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \cos(at) - \frac{a}{s} \int e^{-st} \sin(at) \, dt \right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \sin(at) - \frac{a}{s^2} e^{-st} \cos(at) + \frac{a}{s^2} \int e^{-st} \sin(at) \, dt$$

thus

$$(1 + \frac{a^2}{s^2}) \int e^{-st} \sin(at) dt = -e^{-st} (\frac{1}{s} \sin(at) + \frac{a}{s^2} \cos(at))$$

Evaluating at t = 0 and  $t \to \infty$ :

$$(1 + \frac{a^2}{s^2})L\{\sin(at)\} = \lim_{L \to \infty} \left[ -e^{-st} \left( \frac{1}{s} \sin(at) + \frac{a}{s^2} \cos(at) \right) \right]_0^L$$
$$= 0 - \left( -1 \left( \frac{1}{s} \cdot 0 + \frac{a}{s^2} \cdot 1 \right) \right)$$
$$= \frac{a}{s^2}$$

Therefore

$$L\{\sin(at)\} = \frac{a}{s^2} (1 + \frac{a^2}{s^2})^{-1}$$
$$= \frac{a}{a^2 + s^2}$$

Set a = 5 and

$$L\{g(t)\} = L\{\sin(5t)\} = \frac{5}{s^2 + 25}$$

b. From the book, one property of the Laplace transform is  $L[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n \bar{f}(s)}{ds^n}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , take  $n = 1, L[tf(t)] = -\frac{d\bar{f}(s)}{ds}$ . Set  $f(t) = t\sin(5t)$  and from part b,  $L\{\sin(5t)\} = \frac{5}{s^2+25}$ , therefore:

$$L\{t\sin(5t)\} = -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{5}{s^2 + 25}\right)$$
$$= -5\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 25}\right)$$
$$= -5\left(\frac{-2s}{(s^2 + 25)^2}\right)$$
$$= \frac{10s}{(s^2 + 25)^2}$$

c. By definition  $(f*g)(t)=\int_0^t \tau e^{-(t-\tau)}d\tau=e^{-t}\int_0^t \tau e^{\tau}d\tau$ . Using integration by parts:

$$\int_{0}^{t} \tau e^{\tau} d\tau = [\tau e^{\tau}]_{0}^{t} - \int_{0}^{t} e^{\tau} d\tau$$

$$= t e^{t} - [e^{\tau}]_{0}^{t}$$

$$= t e^{t} - (e^{t} - 1)$$

$$= e^{t} (t - 1) + 1$$

And

$$(f * g)(t) = e^{-t} \left[ e^{-t}(t-1) + 1 \right] = e^{-t} + t - 1$$

From  $L\{(f*g)(t)\} = \bar{f}(s) \cdot \bar{g}(s)$ , we have:

$$\bar{f}(s) \cdot \bar{g}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$= \frac{1-s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s+1}$$

Therefore

$$(f * g)(t) = L^{-1} \{ L\{(f * g)(t)\} \} = L^{-1} \{ \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s+1} \}$$

$$= L^{-1} \{ \frac{1}{s^2} \} - L^{-1} \{ \frac{1}{s} \} + L^{-1} \{ \frac{1}{s+1} \}$$

$$= t - 1 + e^{-t}$$

$$= e^{-t} + t - 1$$

#### **Question 4**

$$y'' + 4y' - 5y = \delta(t - 1) \ y(0) = 0 \ y'(0) = 3$$

a. Taking the Laplace transform on both sides of the equation gives:

$$s^{2}\tilde{y}(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4[s\tilde{y}(s) - y(0)] - 5\tilde{y}(s) = e^{-s}$$

$$s^{2}\tilde{y}(s) - s \cdot 0 - 3 + 4[s\tilde{y}(s) - 0] - 5\tilde{y}(s) = e^{-s}$$

$$s^{2}\tilde{y}(s) + 4s\tilde{y}(s) - 5\tilde{y}(s) = e^{-s} + 3$$

Combining the terms:  $(s^2 + 4s - 5)\tilde{y}(s) = 3 + e^{-s}$ . Therefore

$$\tilde{y}(s) = \frac{3 + e^{-s}}{s^2 + 4s - 5}$$

b. The roots of  $s^2+4s-5=0$  are -5 and 1, so we can rewrite  $\tilde{y}(s)$  as  $\tilde{y}(s)=\frac{3}{(s-1)(s+5)}+\frac{e^{-s}}{(s-1)(s+5)}$  Computing the fraction expansion:

$$\frac{1}{(s-1)(s+5)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s+5}$$
$$= \frac{(A+B)s + 5A - B}{(s-1)(s+5)}$$

Equating the powers of s on each side of the previous equation:

$$s^1: A + B = 0$$
$$s^0: 5A - B = 1$$

gives  $A = \frac{1}{6}$  and  $B = -\frac{1}{6}$ . Thus

$$\frac{1}{(s-1)(s+5)} = \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s+5} \right)$$

So

$$\tilde{y}(s) = 3\left[\frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s+5}\right)\right] + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{e^{-s}}{s-1} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s+5}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{s+5}\right) + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{e^{-s}}{s-1} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s+5}\right)$$

c.  $y(t) = L^{-1}\{\tilde{y}(s)\}$  and from part b:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s-1} \right\} - L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s+5} \right\} \right] + \frac{1}{6} \left[ L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-s}}{s-1} \right\} - L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-s}}{s+5} \right\} \right]$$

 $L^{-1}\{\frac{1}{s-1}\}=e^t, L^{-1}\{\frac{1}{s+5}\}=e^{-5t}$ , and using the shift theorem:

$$L\{f(t-t_0)H(t-t_0)\} = e^{-st_0}F(s) \ f(t-t_0)H(t-t_0) = L^{-1}\{e^{-st_0}F(s)\}$$

So for  $t_0 = 1$ 

$$L^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-s}}{s-1}\right\} = e^{(t-1)}H(t-1)$$
$$L^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-s}}{s+5}\right\} = e^{-5(t-1)}H(t-1)$$

Plugging back these into y(t) yields:

$$\begin{split} y(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \bigg[ e^t - e^{-5t} \bigg] + \frac{1}{6} \bigg[ e^{(t-1)} H(t-1) - e^{-5(t-1)} H(t-1) \bigg] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \bigg[ e^t - e^{-5t} \bigg] + \frac{1}{6} \bigg( e^{(t-1)} - e^{-5(t-1)} \bigg) H(t-1) \\ &= \frac{e^t}{2} \bigg( 1 + \frac{1}{3e} H(t-1) \bigg) - \frac{e^{-5t}}{2} (1 + \frac{1}{3} e^5 H(t-1) \bigg) \end{split}$$

## **Question 5**

a. Let rate  $r=10\,\mathrm{min}^{-1}$ , the rate of change of A is equal to how much of A goes to B at rate r, how much of A goes to C at rate r, and how much from B goes to A at rate r, and how much from C goes to A at rate r. The transport dynamics are the same for B and C, so the system looks like:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -rA - rA + rB + rC$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -2rA + rB + rC$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -20A + 10B + 10C \text{ with } A(0) = 20$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dB}{dt} &= rA - rB - rB + rC \\ \frac{dB}{dt} &= rA - 2rB + rC \\ \frac{dB}{dt} &= 10A - 20B + 10C \text{ with } B(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{split} \frac{dC}{dt} &= rA + rB - rC - rC \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= rA + rB - 2rC \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= 10A + 10B - 20C \text{ with } C(0) = 0 \end{split}$$

b. We take the Laplace transforms of the differential equations which gives:

$$s\tilde{A}(s) - A(0) = -20\tilde{A}(s) + 10\tilde{B}(s) + 10\tilde{C}(s)$$
 
$$(s+20)\tilde{A}(s) - 10\tilde{B}(s) - 10\tilde{C}(s) = 20$$
 
$$s\tilde{B}(s) - B(0) = 10\tilde{A}(s) - 20\tilde{B}(s) + 10\tilde{C}(s)$$
 
$$10\tilde{A}(s) - (s+20)\tilde{B} + 10\tilde{C}(s) = 0$$
 
$$s\tilde{C}(s) - C(0) = 10\tilde{A}(s) + 10\tilde{B}(s) - 20\tilde{C}(s)$$
 
$$10\tilde{A}(s) + 10\tilde{B}(s) - (s+20)\tilde{C} = 0$$

c. We write the equations in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} s+20 & -10 & -10 \\ 10 & -(s+20) & 10 \\ 10 & 10 & -(s+20) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}(s) \\ \tilde{B}(s) \\ \tilde{C}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant of the system is:

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} s+20 & -10 & -10 \\ 10 & -(s+20) & 10 \\ 10 & 10 & -(s+20) \end{vmatrix} = s^3 + 60s^2 + 900s$$
$$= s(s^2 + 60s + 900)$$
$$= s(s+30)^2$$

Solving using Cramer's rule gives:

$$\tilde{A}(s) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 20 & -10 & -10 \\ 0 & -(s+20) & 10 \\ 0 & 10 & -(s+20) \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$= 20 \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -(s+20) & 10 \\ 10 & -(s+20) \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$= \frac{20((s+20)^2 - 100)}{s(s+30)^2}$$

$$= \frac{20(s^2 + 40s + 300)}{s(s+30)^2}$$

$$= \frac{20(s+10)(s+30)}{s(s+30)^2}$$

$$= \frac{20(s+10)}{s(s+30)}$$

$$= \frac{20}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{s} + \frac{2}{s+30} \right]$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform using the table:

$$A(t) = \frac{20}{3}(1 + 2e^{-30t})$$

$$\tilde{B}(s) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} s+20 & 20 & -10 \\ 10 & 0 & 10 \\ 10 & 0 & -(s+20) \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$= \frac{200s + 6000}{s(s+30)^2}$$

$$= \frac{200(s+30)}{s(s+30)^2}$$

$$= \frac{200}{s(s+30)}$$

$$= \frac{200}{30} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+30}\right)$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform using the table:

$$B(t) = \frac{200}{30} (1 - e^{-30t})$$
$$= \frac{20}{3} (1 - e^{-30t})$$

$$\tilde{C}(s) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} s+20 & -10 & 20 \\ 10 & -(s+20) & 0 \\ 10 & 10 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$= \frac{200s + 6000}{s(s+30)^2}$$

$$= \frac{200(s+30)}{s(s+30)^2}$$

$$= \frac{200}{s(s+30)}$$

$$= \frac{200}{30} \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+30}\right)$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform using the table:

$$C(t) = \frac{20}{3}(1 - e^{-30t}) = B(t)$$

d. From part c:

$$A(t) = \frac{20}{3}(1 + 2e^{-30t})$$

$$B(t) = C(t) = \frac{20}{3}(1 - e^{-30t})$$

e.  $\lim_{t\to\infty} e^{-30t}=0$  therefore as  $t\to\infty$ ,  $\lim_{t\to\infty} A(t)=\lim_{t\to\infty} B(t)=\lim_{t\to\infty} C(t)=\frac{20}{3}$  which is the equilibrium state of this system when t goes to infinity.

# **Question 6**

$$L_0(x) = 1 \text{ and } L_n(x) = \frac{e^x}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^n e^{-x}) \ n = 1, 2, \cdots$$

a. Applying the recurrence relationship

$$n = 1$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{e^x}{1!} \frac{d}{dx} (xe^{-x})$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (xe^{-x}) = e^{-x} + x(-1)e^{-x} = e^{-x}(1-x)$$

$$L_1(x) = e^x e^{-x}(1-x)$$

$$L_1(x) = 1-x$$

$$n=2$$

$$L_{2}(x) = \frac{e^{x}}{2!} \frac{d^{2}}{dx^{2}} (x^{2}e^{-x})$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^{2}e^{-x}) = \frac{d}{dx}(x(xe^{-x}))$$

$$= 1(xe^{-x}) + xe^{-x}(1-x)$$

$$= xe^{-x}(2-x)$$

$$\frac{d^{2}}{dx^{2}}(x^{2}e^{-x}) = \frac{d}{dx}(xe^{-x})(2-x) + xe^{-x} \frac{d}{dx}(2-x)$$

$$= e^{-x}(1-x)(2-x) + xe^{-x}(-1)$$

$$= e^{-x}[(1-x)(2-x) - x]$$

$$= e^{-x}(x^{2} - 4x + 2)$$

$$L_{2}(x) = \frac{e^{x}}{2!}e^{-x}(x^{2} - 4x + 2)$$

$$= 1 - 2x + \frac{x^{2}}{2!}$$

#### **Question 7**

$$x^{2} \frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} + x \frac{dy}{d} - y = x, y(e) = 0, y'(e) = 2$$

a. This is Euler differential equation, and we make the change of variable  $x=e^t$  or  $t=\ln(x)$ . Then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt}\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt}\frac{d\ln x}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt}\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x}\frac{dy}{dt}$$
$$x\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

And since this is a Legendre ODE with  $\alpha=1$  and  $\beta=0$ , we can use the expression for the second derivative  $(\alpha x+\beta)^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}=\alpha^2\frac{d}{dt}[\frac{d}{dt}-1]y$ . With  $\alpha=1$  and  $\beta=0$ , we have:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}=\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}-\frac{dy}{dt}$ .

Substitute into the above equation yields:

$$\left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt}\right) + \frac{dy}{dt} - y = e^t$$
$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - y = e^t$$

b. The homogeneous equation is

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - y = 0$$

Assume a solution of the form  $y(t) = Ae^{\lambda t}$  gives the characteristic equation  $\lambda^2 - 1 = 0$  which has for roots  $\lambda = \pm 1$  and gives for solution  $y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$ .

#### c. The ODE to solve is:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - y = 0$$

It is in standard form and it is defined at any point t, it is analytic, thus we take as solution  $y(t) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n$ . So:

$$y'(t) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} n a_n t^{n-1}$$
$$y''(t) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n t^{n-2}$$

by reindexing

$$y''(t) = \sum_{t=-2}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}t^n$$
$$y''(t) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}t^n$$

Substitute into the ODE gives:

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2}t^n - \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} - a_n]t^n = 0$$

or

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n$$
$$a_n = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} a_{n-2}$$

Take  $a_0 = a_1 = 1$  and we generate the coefficients:

. 
$$n=2$$
 then  $a_2=\frac{1}{2\cdot 1}a_0=\frac{1}{2\cdot 1}=\frac{1}{2!}$ 

. 
$$n = 3$$
 then  $a_3 = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2} a_1 = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{3!}$ 

. 
$$n=4$$
 then  $a_4=\frac{1}{4\cdot 3}a_2=\frac{1}{4\cdot 3\cdot 2\cdot 1}=\frac{1}{4!}$ 

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. 
$$a_n = \frac{1}{n(n-1)}a_{n-2} = \dots = \frac{1}{n!}$$

The first solution we obtain is:  $y_1(t) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} = e^t$ . Secondly, if we set  $a_0 = 1$  and choose  $a_1 = -1$ , then we obtain a second independent solution:

. 
$$n=2$$
 then  $a_2=\frac{1}{2\cdot 1}a_0=\frac{1}{2\cdot 1}=\frac{1}{2!}$ 

. 
$$n = 3$$
 then  $a_3 = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2} a_1 = -\frac{1}{3 \cdot 2} = \frac{-1}{3!}$ 

. 
$$n=4$$
 then  $a_4=\frac{1}{4\cdot 3}a_2=\frac{1}{4\cdot 3\cdot 2\cdot 1}=\frac{1}{4!}$   
.  $n=5$  then  $a_5=\frac{1}{5\cdot 4}a_3=\frac{-1}{5\cdot 4\cdot 3\cdot 2\cdot 1}=\frac{-1}{5!}$   
: 
$$a_n=\frac{1}{n(n-1)}a_{n-2}=\cdots=\frac{(-1)^n}{n!}$$

We have the second solution:  $y_2(t) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-t)^n}{n!}$ , recognizing the last series as  $e^{-t}$ , we can write the general solution of the homogeneous equation as

$$y_H(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$$

which is the solution we found in question b.

d. The differential equation to solve is

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - y = e^t$$

Next we use the variation of parameters method, we are looking for a solution  $y_p(t) = k_1(t)e^t + k_2(t)e^{-t}$ . We solve for derivatives of k's a system of two equations:

$$\begin{cases} k_1'e^t + k_2'e^{-t} &= 0\\ k_1'e^t - k_2'e^{-t} &= e^t \end{cases}$$

Multiplying through by  $e^t$  gives:

$$\begin{cases} k_1'e^{2t} + k_2' &= 0\\ k_1'e^{2t} - k_2' &= e^{2t} \end{cases}$$

Adding first equation to second yields  $2k_1'e^{2t}=e^{2t}$  or  $k_1'=\frac{1}{2}$  and  $k_1=\frac{t}{2}$ . Substitute

$$k_2' = -k_1' e^{2t}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} e^{2t}$$

integrating

$$k_2 = -\frac{e^{2t}}{4}$$

Therefore:

$$y_p(t) = k_1(t)e^t + k_2(t)e^{-t}$$

$$= \frac{t}{2}e^t - \frac{e^{2t}}{4}e^{-t}$$

$$= \frac{t}{2}e^t - \frac{e^t}{4}$$

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

e. The general solution is:  $y(t) = y_H(t) + y_p(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{e^t}{2} (t - \frac{1}{2})$ , simplifying the constants, we can rewrite the general solution as  $y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{t}{2} e^t$ . Plugging back  $x = e^t$  or  $t = \ln(x)$  gives

$$y(x) = c_1 x + \frac{c_2}{x} + \frac{x \ln x}{2}$$

f. The total solution is

$$y(x) = c_1 x + \frac{c_2}{x} + \frac{x \ln x}{2}$$
$$y'(x) = c_1 x - \frac{c_2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{2} (1 + \ln x)$$

And the initial conditions are y(e)=0, y'(e)=2, plugging back these into the previous equations gives

$$\begin{cases} y(e) = c_1 e + \frac{c_2}{e} + \frac{e \ln e}{2} = 0 \\ y'(e) = c_1 - \frac{c_2}{e^2} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \ln e) = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 e + c_2 e^{-1} = -\frac{e}{2} \\ c_1 - c_2 e^{-2} = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 e^2 + c_2 = -\frac{e^2}{2} \\ c_1 - c_2 e^{-2} = 1 \end{cases}$$

Adding equation (1) to equation (2) leads to  $2c_1 = e^2 - \frac{e^2}{2} = \frac{e^2}{2}$ ,  $c_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $c_2 = e^2(c_1 - 1) = \frac{3}{4}e^2$ . Reporting these constants into the expression of the total solution gives:

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{3}{4}e^2\frac{1}{x} + \frac{x\ln x}{2}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x^2 \ln(x) - 3e^2}{4x}$$