

Ordinary Differential Equations  
Solutions Set assignment 7

*MATH – 261B*

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## 1 Problem 1

Show that  $J_{1/2}(x)$  is a constant multiple of  $x^{-1/2} \sin(x)$ .

To do this, you have to use the 2 following recurrence relations for Bessel functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^\nu J_\nu(x)] = x^\nu J_{\nu-1}(x) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-\nu} J_\nu(x)] = -x^{-\nu} J_{\nu+1}(x) \quad (2)$$

Let's take the derivative of (1) with  $\nu = 1/2$  and plug (2) with  $\nu = -1/2$  to get:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} [x^{1/2} J_{1/2}(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [x^{1/2} J_{-1/2}(x)]$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} [x^{1/2} J_{1/2}(x)] = -x^{1/2} J_{1/2}(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} [x^{1/2} J_{1/2}(x)] + x^{1/2} J_{1/2}(x) = 0$$

Let  $z(x) = x^{1/2} J_{1/2}(x)$  and solve the ODE

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} [z(x)] + z(x) = 0$$

$$z(x) = A \sin(x) + B \cos(x)$$

Since  $z(0) = 0$ , we get,

$$z(x) = A \sin(x)$$

$$x^{1/2} J_{1/2}(x) = A \sin(x)$$

$$J_{1/2}(x) \propto x^{-1/2} \sin(x)$$

## 2 Problem 2

Determine the Laplace transforms of the following functions:

a)

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{2t} & 0 < t < 3 \\ t^2 - 4 & t > 3 \end{cases}$$

By the definition of a Laplace transform,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \int_0^3 e^{-st} e^{2t} dt + \int_3^\infty e^{-st} (t^2 - 4) dt \\ &= \int_0^3 e^{(2-s)t} dt + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_3^N t^2 e^{-st} dt - 4 \int_3^N e^{-st} dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

To evaluate the second integral, use integration by parts twice. We then obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{e^{(2-s)3} - 1}{2-s} + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{-N^2 e^{-sN}}{s} + \frac{9e^{-3s}}{s} + \frac{2}{s} \left( \frac{-N e^{-sN}}{s} + \frac{3e^{-3s}}{s} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{1}{s^2} (e^{-sN} - e^{-3s}) \right) + \frac{4}{s} (e^{-sN} - e^{-3s}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

The limits go to zero since  $e^t$  grows faster than any power of  $t$  as it goes to infinity.

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{e^{3(2-s)} - 1}{2-s} + \frac{9e^{-3s}}{s} + \frac{6e^{-3s}}{s^2} + \frac{2e^{-3s}}{s^3} - \frac{4e^{-3s}}{s} \\ &= \frac{e^{3(2-s)} - 1}{2-s} + \frac{(5s^2 + 6s + 2)e^{-3s}}{s^3} \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

By linearity of the Laplace transform,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{t^5 + e^{-2t} \cos(\sqrt{3}t) - t^2 e^{-2t}\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{t^5\} + \mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t} \cos(\sqrt{3}t)\} - \mathcal{L}\{t^2 e^{-2t}\} \end{aligned}$$

Looking at a table of Laplace transforms, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{5!}{s^6} + \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + 3} - \frac{2!}{(s+2)^3} \\ &= \frac{120}{s^6} + \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + 3} - \frac{2}{(s+2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

By linearity of the Laplace transform,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{(t-2)^4 + t \sin^2(t) + t^2 e^{3t}\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{(t-2)^4\} + \mathcal{L}\{t \sin^2(t)\} + \mathcal{L}\{t^2 e^{3t}\} \end{aligned}$$

Using trigonometric identities, we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{t^4 - 8t^3 + 24t^2 - 32t + 16\} + \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{t - t \cos(2t)}{2}\right\} + \mathcal{L}\{t^2 e^{3t}\} \\ &= \frac{4!}{s^5} - 8\frac{3!}{s^4} + 24\frac{2!}{s^3} - 32\frac{1!}{s^2} + \frac{16}{s} + \frac{1!}{2s^2} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{s^2 - 4}{(s^2 + 4)^2} + \frac{2!}{(s - 3)^3} \\ &= \frac{24}{s^5} - \frac{48}{s^4} + \frac{48}{s^3} - \frac{63}{2s^2} + \frac{16}{s} + \frac{2}{(s - 3)^3} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{s^2 - 4}{(s^2 + 4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

d)

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

By linearity of the Laplace transform,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{\sin(3t) \cos(3t) + t^3 \cos(bt)\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{\sin(3t) \cos(3t)\} + \mathcal{L}\{t^3 \cos(bt)\} \end{aligned}$$

Using trigonometric identities, we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\sin(6t)}{2}\right\} + (-1)^3 \frac{d^3}{ds^3} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{6}{s^2 + 36} - \frac{d^3}{ds^3} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Computing the derivatives, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}\right) &= \frac{b^2 - s^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^2} \\ \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left(\frac{b^2 - s^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}\right) &= \frac{2s(s^2 - 3b^2)}{(s^2 + b^2)^3} \\ \frac{d^3}{ds^3} \left(\frac{2s(s^2 - 3b^2)}{(s^2 + b^2)^3}\right) &= \frac{-6(s^4 - 6s^2b^2 + b^4)}{(s^2 + b^2)^4} \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$F(s) = \frac{3}{s^2 + 36} + \left(\frac{6(s^4 - 6s^2b^2 + b^4)}{(s^2 + b^2)^4}\right)$$

### 3 Problem 3

Determine the Inverse Laplace transforms of the following functions:

a)

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{1}{s^3(s - 1)^2(s + 2)} \\ &= \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s - 1} + \frac{D}{(s - 1)^2} + \frac{E}{s + 2} + \frac{F}{s^3} \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything on the same denominator, we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &As^2(s-1)^2(s+2) + Bs(s-1)^2(s+2) + Cs^3(s-1)(s+2) \\
 &\quad +Ds^3(s+2) + Es^3(s-1)^2 + F(s-1)^2(s+2) = 1 \\
 &(A+C+D)s^5 + (B+C+D-2E)s^4 + (-3A-2C+2D+E+F)s^3 \\
 &\quad + (2A-3B)s^2 + (2B-3F)s + 2F = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

We then obtain the following system of equations,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A + C + D &= 0 \\
 B + C + D - 2E &= 0 \\
 -3A - 2C + 2D + E + F &= 0 \\
 2A - 3B &= 0 \\
 2B - 3F &= 0 \\
 2F &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this by matrix method to get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \frac{9}{8} \\
 B &= \frac{3}{4} \\
 C &= \frac{-10}{9} \\
 D &= \frac{1}{3} \\
 E &= \frac{-1}{72} \\
 F &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{9}{8s} + \frac{3}{4s^2} + \frac{1}{2s^3} - \frac{10}{9(s-1)} + \frac{1}{3(s-1)^2} - \frac{1}{72(s+2)} \right\} \\
 f(t) &= \frac{9}{8} + \frac{3t}{4} + \frac{t^2}{4} - \frac{10e^t}{9} + \frac{te^t}{3} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{72}
 \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$F(s) = \frac{7s^2 - 41s + 84}{(s^2 - 4s + 13)(s - 1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{7s^2 - 41s + 84}{((s-2)^2 + 3^2)(s-1)} \\
&= \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B(s-2) + 3C}{(s-2)^2 + 3^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Putting everything on the same denominator, we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}
A((s-2)^2 + 3^2) + (B(s-2) + 3C)(s-1) &= 7s^2 - 41s + 84 \\
A(s^2 - 4s + 13) + B(s^2 - 3s + 2) + 3C(s-1) &= 7s^2 - 41s + 84
\end{aligned}$$

We then obtain the following system of equations,

$$\begin{aligned}
A + B &= 7 \\
-4A - 3B + 3C &= -41 \\
13A + 2B - 3C &= 84
\end{aligned}$$

Solving this by matrix method to get:

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= 5 \\
B &= 2 \\
C &= -5
\end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
f(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{5}{s-1} + \frac{2(s-2) + 3(-5)}{(s-2)^2 + 3^2} \right\} \\
f(t) &= 5e^t + 2e^{2t} \cos(3t) - 5e^{2t} \sin(3t) \\
f(t) &= 5e^t + e^{2t}(2 \cos(3t) - 5 \sin(3t))
\end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned}
sF(s) - F(s) &= \frac{2s+5}{(s+1)^2} \\
F(s) &= \frac{2s+5}{(s-1)(s+1)^2} \\
&= \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{C}{s-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Putting everything on the same denominator, we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}
A(s-1)(s+1) + B(s-1) + C(s+1)^2 &= 2s+5 \\
A(s^2-1) + B(s-1) + C(s^2+2s+1) &= 2s+5
\end{aligned}$$

We then obtain the following system of equations,

$$\begin{aligned} A + C &= 0 \\ B + 2C &= 2 \\ -A - B + C &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this by matrix method to get:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{-7}{4} \\ B &= \frac{-3}{2} \\ C &= \frac{7}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{-7}{4(s+1)} + \frac{-3}{2(s+1)^2} + \frac{7}{4(s-1)}\right\} \\ f(t) &= \frac{-7}{4}e^{-t} - \frac{3}{2}te^{-t} + \frac{7}{4}e^t \end{aligned}$$

d)

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{7s^3 - 2s^2 - 3s + 6}{s^3(s-2)} \\ &= \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s^3} + \frac{D}{s-2} \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything on the same denominator, we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} As^2(s-2) + Bs(s-2) + C(s-2) + Ds^3 &= 7s^3 - 2s^2 - 3s + 6 \\ A(s^3 - 2s^2) + B(s^2 - 2s) + C(s-2) + Ds^3 &= 7s^3 - 2s^2 - 3s + 6 \end{aligned}$$

We then obtain the following system of equations,

$$\begin{aligned} A + D &= 7 \\ -2A + B &= -2 \\ -2B + C &= -3 \\ -2C &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this by matrix method to get:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 1 \\ B &= 0 \\ C &= -3 \\ D &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s} + \frac{-3}{s^3} + \frac{6}{s-2}\right\} \\ f(t) &= 1 - \frac{3t^2}{2} + 6e^{2t} \end{aligned}$$

e) First, obtain an important property of Inverse Laplace transforms using the following property of Laplace transforms,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\}(s) &= (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} \{\mathcal{L}\{f\}s\} \\ \mathcal{L}\{(-t)^n f(t)\}(s) &= \{F^{(n)}\}(s) \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F^{(n)}(s)\}(t) &= (-t)^n f(t) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

we can use

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \ln\left(\frac{s-4}{s-3}\right) \\ &= \ln(s-4) - \ln(s-3) \end{aligned}$$

and plug its first derivative ( $n = 1$ ) in (3):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-4} - \frac{1}{s-3}\right\}(t) &= (-t)^1 f(t) \\ e^{4t} - e^{3t} &= -t f(t) \\ f(t) &= \frac{e^{3t} - e^{4t}}{t} \end{aligned}$$

## 4 Problem 4 (Optional)

Use the method of Frobenius to find the first four nonzero terms in the series expansion about  $x=0$  for a general solution of the equation  $6x^3y''' + 11x^2y'' - 2xy' - (x-2)y = 0$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} \\ y'(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r) x^{n+r-1} \\ y''(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r-2} \\ y'''(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r)(n+r-1)(n+r-2) x^{n+r-3} \end{aligned}$$

Plug this back into original ODE to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
6x^3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(n+r)(n+r-1)(n+r-2)x^{n+r-3} + 11x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(n+r)(n+r-1)x^{n+r-2} \\
- 2x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(n+r)x^{n+r-1} - (x-2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} = 0 \\
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (6(n+r)(n+r-1)(n+r-2) + 11(n+r)(n+r-1) - 2(n+r) + 2)a_n x^{n+r} \\
- \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+1} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Take out the  $n = 0$  term in the first series and express everything as a single series for powers of  $x^{n+r+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
(6(r-2)(r-1)r + 11r(r-1) - 2r + 2)a_0 x^r + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (6(n+r)(n+r-1)(n+r-2) \\
+ 11(n+r)(n+r-1) - 2(n+r) + 2)a_n x^{n+r} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+1} = 0 \\
(6(r-2)(r-1)r + 11r(r-1) - 2r + 2)a_0 x^r + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((6(n+r+1)(n+r)(n+r-1) \\
+ 11(n+r+1)(n+r) - 2(n+r+1) + 2)a_{n+1} - a_n)x^{n+r+1} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Set the first term to zero to get the indicial equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
6(r-2)(r-1)r + 11r(r-1) - 2r + 2 &= 0 \\
6r^3 - 7r^2 - r + 2 &= 0 \\
(2r+1)(3r^2 - 5r + 2) &= 0 \\
(2r+1)(r-1)(3r-2) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

The roots are then  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $r_2 = -1/2$  and  $r_3 = -2/3$ .

Taking  $r = r_1$ , the highest root, we get the following recurrence relation.

$$(6(n+r+1)(n+r)(n+r-1) + 11(n+r+1)(n+r) - 2(n+r+1) + 2)a_{n+1} - a_n = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= (6(n+2)(n+1)n + 11(n+2)(n+1) - 2(n+2) + 2)a_{n+1} \\ &= (n+1)(6(n^2 + 2n) + 11(n+2) - 2)a_{n+1} \\ &= (n+1)(6n^2 + 23n + 20)a_{n+1} \\ &= (n+1)(n + 4/3)(n + 5/2)a_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Plug values for  $n$  to get the first four nonzero terms to get

$$y(x) \simeq a_0 \left( x^2 + \frac{3}{10}x^3 + \frac{9}{490}x^4 + \frac{1}{2450}x^5 \right)$$