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## 1 Problem 3.8

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Find the impulse response of the following systems defined by the following differential equations. Verify your answer

### 1.1 Part a

$$(D^2 + 7D + 12) y(t) = u(t)$$

Answer

The impulse response  $h(t)$  satisfies the homogeneous part of the differential equation under the initial conditions  $h(0) = 0, h'(0) = 1$ .

Hence we solve the following

$$(D^2 + 7D + 12) h(t) = 0 \quad (1)$$

The characteristic equation is  $r^2 + 7r + 12 = 0$  or  $(r + 4)(r + 3) = 0$ , hence

$$h(t) = (c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-4t}) \xi(t) \quad (2)$$

Where  $\xi(t)$  is the unit step function. Now find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  from initial conditions

$$h(0) = 0 = c_1 + c_2 \quad (3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h'(t) &= (-3c_1 e^{-3t} - 4c_2 e^{-4t}) \xi(t) + (c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-4t}) \delta(t) \\ h'(0) &= 1 = (-3c_1 - 4c_2) + (c_1 + c_2) \\ 1 &= -2c_1 - 3c_2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

From (3) and (4), we solve for  $c_1, c_2$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 1 \\ c_2 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $h(t)$  from (2) becomes

$$h(t) = (e^{-3t} - e^{-4t}) \xi(t) \quad (5)$$

Now we verify this solution (note that  $\xi'(t) = \delta(t)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} h'(t) &= (-3e^{-3t} + 4e^{-4t}) \xi(t) + (e^{-3t} - e^{-4t}) \delta(t) \\ h'(t) &= (-3e^{-3t} + 4e^{-4t}) \xi(t) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
 h''(t) &= (9e^{-3t} - 16e^{-4t}) \xi(t) + (-3e^{-3t} + 4e^{-4t}) \delta(t) \\
 &= (9e^{-3t} - 16e^{-4t}) \xi(t) + (-3 + 4) \delta(t) \\
 &= (9e^{-3t} - 16e^{-4t}) \xi(t) + \delta(t)
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Substitute (5),(6) and (7) into LHS of (1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D^2 + 7D + 12) h(t) &= h''(t) + 7h'(t) + 12h(t) \\
 &= (9e^{-3t} - 16e^{-4t}) \xi(t) + \delta(t) + \\
 &7(-3e^{-3t} + 4e^{-4t}) \xi(t) + \\
 &12(e^{-3t} - e^{-4t}) \xi(t) \\
 &= (9e^{-3t} - 16e^{-4t} - 21e^{-3t} + 28e^{-4t} + 12e^{-3t} - 12e^{-4t}) \xi(t) + \delta(t) \\
 &= [(9 - 21 + 12)e^{-3t} + (-16 + 28 - 12)e^{-4t}] \xi(t) + \delta(t) \\
 &= \delta(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we see that when the input is  $\delta(t)$ , then the solution is  $h(t)$ , which is the definition of  $h(t)$ . Hence the solution is verified.

## 1.2 Part d

$$(D^3 + 6D^2 + 12D + 8) y(t) = u(t)$$

Answer

The impulse response  $h(t)$  satisfies the homogenous part of the differential equation under the initial conditions  $h(0) = 0, h'(0) = 0, h''(0) = 1$

Hence we solve the following

$$(D^3 + 6D^2 + 12D + 8) h(t) = 0 \tag{1}$$

The characteristic equation is  $r^3 + 6r^2 + 12r + 8 = 0$  or  $(r + 2)(r + 2)(r + 2) = 0$ , hence

$$h(t) = (c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 t e^{-2t} + c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \tag{2}$$

Now we find unknown  $c$ 's. We start from  $h(0) = 0$  and obtain

$$h(0) = 0 = c_1$$

Hence the solution becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(t) &= (c_2 t e^{-2t} + c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \\
 h'(t) &= (c_2 t (-2e^{-2t}) + c_2 e^{-2t} + c_3 t^2 (-2e^{-2t}) + 2c_3 t e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + (c_2 t e^{-2t} + c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \delta(t) \\
 &= (-2c_2 t e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-2t} - 2c_3 t^2 e^{-2t} + 2c_3 t e^{-2t}) \xi(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

And from  $h'(0) = 0$  we obtain

$$0 = c_2$$

Hence the solution becomes

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= (c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \\ h'(t) &= (2c_3 t e^{-2t} - 2c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + (c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \delta(t) \\ &= (2c_3 t e^{-2t} - 2c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \\ h''(t) &= (2c_3 e^{-2t} - 4c_3 t e^{-2t} - 4c_3 t e^{-2t} + 4c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + (2c_3 t e^{-2t} - 2c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \delta(t) \\ &= (2c_3 e^{-2t} - 4c_3 t e^{-2t} - 4c_3 t e^{-2t} + 4c_3 t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \end{aligned}$$

And from  $h''(0) = 1$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} h'' &= 1 = 2c_3 \\ c_3 &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the final solution is

$$h(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \xi(t)$$

To verify, we need to evaluate  $h'''(t) + 6h''(t) + 12h'(t) + 8h(t)$  and see if we obtain  $\delta(t)$  as the result.

$$\begin{aligned} h'(t) &= (t e^{-2t} - t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + \left( \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \delta(t) \\ &= (t e^{-2t} - t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} h''(t) &= (e^{-2t} - 2t e^{-2t} - 2t e^{-2t} + 2t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + (t e^{-2t} - t^2 e^{-2t}) \delta(t) \\ &= (e^{-2t} - 4t e^{-2t} + 2t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} h'''(t) &= (-2e^{-2t} - 4e^{-2t} + 8t e^{-2t} + 4t e^{-2t} - 4t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + (e^{-2t} - 4t e^{-2t} + 2t^2 e^{-2t}) \delta(t) \\ &= (-6e^{-2t} + 12t e^{-2t} - 4t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + \delta(t) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $LHS = h'''(t) + 6h''(t) + 12h'(t) + 8h(t)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= (-6e^{-2t} + 12t e^{-2t} - 4t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + \delta(t) \\ &\quad + 6((e^{-2t} - 4t e^{-2t} + 2t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t)) \\ &\quad + 12((t e^{-2t} - t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t)) \\ &\quad + 8\left(\left(\frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t}\right) \xi(t)\right) \\ &= e^{-2t}(-6 + 6) + t e^{-2t}(12 - 24 + 12) + t^2 e^{-2t}(-4 + 12 - 12 + 4) + \delta(t) \\ &= \delta(t) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we see that when the input is  $\delta(t)$ , then the solution is  $h(t)$ , which is the definition of  $h(t)$ . Hence the solution is verified

### 1.3 Part e

$$(D^3 + 6D^2 + 12D + 8) y(t) = (D - 1) u(t)$$

Note: There is a typo in the textbook. The problem as shown in the text had the number 4 in the above equation when it should be 6. I confirmed this with our course instructor. I am solving the correct version of the problem statement as shown above.

We start by finding the impulse response for the system  $(D^3 + 6D^2 + 12D + 8) y(t) = u(t)$ , which we call  $\hat{h}(t)$ , then find the required impulse response using

$$h(t) = (D - 1) \hat{h}(t)$$

However, the impulse response of the above was found in part (d), and it is

$$\hat{h}(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \xi(t)$$

Therefore the required response is

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= (D - 1) \left( \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \xi(t) \\ &= (te^{-2t} - t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + \left( \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \delta(t) - \left( \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \xi(t) \\ &= \left( te^{-2t} - \frac{3}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \xi(t) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$h(t) = \left( te^{-2t} - \frac{3}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \xi(t)$$

Now we need to verify this solution.

$$\begin{aligned} h'(t) &= (e^{-2t} - 2te^{-2t} - 3te^{-2t} + 3t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + \left( te^{-2t} - \frac{3}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \right) \delta(t) \\ &= (e^{-2t} - 5te^{-2t} + 3t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} h''(t) &= (-2e^{-2t} - 5e^{-2t} + 10te^{-2t} + 6te^{-2t} - 6t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + (e^{-2t} - 5te^{-2t} + 3t^2 e^{-2t}) \delta(t) \\ &= (-7e^{-2t} + 16te^{-2t} - 6t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + \delta(t) \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} h'''(t) &= (14e^{-2t} + 16e^{-2t} - 32te^{-2t} - 12te^{-2t} + 12t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + (-7e^{-2t} + 16te^{-2t} - 6t^2 e^{-2t}) \delta(t) + \delta'(t) \\ &= (30e^{-2t} - 44te^{-2t} + 12t^2 e^{-2t}) \xi(t) - 7\delta(t) + \delta'(t) \end{aligned}$$

Now using the above, we evaluate the LHS of the ODE, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
LHS &= (D^3 + 6D^2 + 12D + 8) h(t) \\
&= h'''(t) + 6h''(t) + 12h'(t) + 8h(t) \\
&= (30e^{-2t} - 44te^{-2t} + 12t^2e^{-2t}) \xi(t) - 7\delta(t) + \delta'(t) \\
&\quad + 6 \left[ (-7e^{-2t} + 16te^{-2t} - 6t^2e^{-2t}) \xi(t) + \delta(t) \right] \\
&\quad + 12 \left[ (e^{-2t} - 5te^{-2t} + 3t^2e^{-2t}) \xi(t) \right] \\
&\quad + 8 \left[ \left( te^{-2t} - \frac{3}{2}t^2e^{-2t} \right) \xi(t) \right] \\
&= e^{-2t} (30 - 42 + 12) \xi(t) \\
&\quad + te^{-2t} (-44 + 96 - 60 + 8) \xi(t) \\
&\quad + t^2e^{-2t} (12 - 36 + 36 - 12) \xi(t) \\
&\quad - \delta(t) + \delta'(t) \\
&= e^{-2t} (0) + te^{-2t} (0) + t^2e^{-2t} (0) - \delta(t) + \delta'(t) \\
&= \delta'(t) - \delta(t)
\end{aligned}$$

But the RHS is  $(D - 1) \delta(t)$  which is  $\delta'(t) - \delta(t)$ . Hence LHS=RHS, hence verified.