

NAME: _____ SOLUTIONS _____

- Closed book. One sheet (both sides) of handwritten notes allowed.
- Present your reasoning and calculations clearly. Random or inconsistent etchings will not be graded.
- Write only on the paper provided. If you run out of space for a given problem, continue on the pages at the end of the set and indicate “Continued on page X.”
- The problems are *not* ordered by difficulty.
- Total points: 45.
- Time: 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Problem 1. (6 points)

Compute the *impulse* response of the following systems:

(a) (3 points) $H(s) = e^{-5s} \frac{1}{(s+4)^2 + 2}$

(b) (3 points) $H(s) = \frac{1}{(2s+3)^5}$

Solution:

(a) Impulse response is given by $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{H(s)\}$. Since

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-5s} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(s+4)^2 + \sqrt{2}^2}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(s+4)^2 + \sqrt{2}^2} \right\} = e^{-4t} \sin(\sqrt{2}t),$$

we get

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{H(s)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-4(t-5)} \sin(\sqrt{2}(t-5)) 1(t-5).$$

(b)

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(2s+3)^5} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{32(s+3/2)^5} \right\} = \frac{1}{32} \cdot \frac{t^4}{4!} e^{-\frac{3}{2}t}$$

Problem 2. (8 points)

Compute the *step* response of the system

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{(s+3)(s+2)^2}$$

Solution:

Step response is given by $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{H(s)}{s} \right\}$.

$$\frac{1}{s(s+3)(s+2)^2} = \frac{C_1}{s} + \frac{C_2}{s+3} + \frac{C_3}{s+2} + \frac{C_4}{(s+2)^2}$$

$$C_1 = \left. \frac{1}{(s+3)(s+2)^2} \right|_{s=0} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$C_2 = \left. \frac{1}{s(s+2)^2} \right|_{s=-3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$C_3 = \left. \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s(s+3)} \right) \right|_{s=-2} = \left. \frac{-2s-3}{s^2(s+3)^2} \right|_{s=-2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$C_4 = \left. \frac{1}{s(s+3)} \right|_{s=-2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{H(s)}{s} \right\} = \left[\frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2}te^{-2t} \right] 1(t)$$

Problem 3. (7 points)

For the system with a transfer function

$$H(s) = \frac{s+1}{3s^2+7} - \frac{1}{3s+2}$$

find the differential equation governing the relationship between the input $u(t)$ and the output $y(t)$, assuming zero initial conditions.

Solution:

$$Y(s) = H(s)U(s)$$

$$(3s^2 + 7)(3s + 2)Y(s) = [(s + 1)(3s + 2) - (3s^2 + 7)]U(s)$$

$$(9s^3 + 6s^2 + 21s + 14)Y(s) = (5s - 5)U(s)$$

$$9\ddot{y} + 6\dot{y} + 21y + 14y = 5\dot{u} - 5u$$

Problem 4. (10 points)

Solve the differential equation

$$\ddot{y} + 2\dot{y} + 4y = (1-t)e^{-2t}, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \dot{y}(0) = 1$$

Solution:

$$\mathcal{L}\{(1-t)e^{-2t}\} = \frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{(s+2)^2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+2)^2}$$

Applying the Laplace transform to the ODE we get

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - \dot{y}(0) + 2(sY(s) - y(0)) + 4Y(s) = \frac{s+1}{(s+2)^2}$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 4)Y(s) = \frac{s+1}{(s+2)^2} + s + 3$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{s+1}{(s^2 + 2s + 4)(s+2)^2} + \frac{s+3}{s^2 + 2s + 4}$$

$$\frac{s+1}{(s^2 + 2s + 4)(s+2)^2} = \frac{C_1}{s+2} + \frac{C_2}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{C_3s + C_4}{s^2 + 2s + 4}$$

$$C_1 = \left. \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{s+1}{s^2 + 2s + 4} \right) \right|_{s=-2} = \left. \frac{s^2 + 2s + 4 - (s+1)(2s+2)}{(s^2 + 2s + 4)^2} \right|_{s=-2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$C_2 = \left. \frac{s+1}{s^2 + 2s + 4} \right|_{s=-2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Matching coefficients gives

$$\frac{1}{8}(s+2)(s^2 + 2s + 4) - \frac{1}{4}(s^2 + 2s + 4) + (C_3s + C_4)(s+2)^2 = s + 1$$

$$\frac{1}{8} + C_3 = 0, \quad 4C_4 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_3 = -\frac{1}{8}, \quad C_4 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Going back to $Y(s)$,

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{\frac{1}{8}}{s+2} + \frac{-\frac{1}{4}}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{-\frac{1}{8}s + \frac{1}{4}}{s^2 + 2s + 4} + \frac{s+3}{s^2 + 2s + 4} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{8}}{s+2} + \frac{-\frac{1}{4}}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{\frac{7}{8}s + \frac{13}{4}}{(s+1)^2 + 3} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{8}}{s+2} + \frac{-\frac{1}{4}}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{\frac{7}{8}(s+1) + \frac{19}{8}}{(s+1)^2 + 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{8}e^{-t} \left[7 \cos(\sqrt{3}t) + \frac{19}{\sqrt{3}} \sin(\sqrt{3}t) \right] + \frac{1}{8}(1-2t)e^{-2t}$$

Problem 5. (6 points)

Find the \mathcal{Z} transform of the functions

(a) (2 points) $y_k = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{k-2} 1_k$

(b) (2 points) $y_k = \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{k+2} 1_{k-1}$

(c) (2 points) $y_k = k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2k} 1_{k-1}$

Solution:

(a)

$$y_k = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{k-2} 1_k = \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k 1_k$$

hence

$$Y(z) = \frac{9}{4} \frac{z}{z - 2/3} = \frac{27z}{12z - 8}$$

(b)

$$y_k = \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{k+2} 1_{k-1} = -\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{k-1} 1_{k-1}$$

hence

$$Y(z) = -\frac{1}{8} z^{-1} \frac{z}{z + 1/2} = -\frac{1}{8z + 4}$$

(c)

$$y_k = k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2k} 1_{k-1} = k \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^k 1_{k-1} = k \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^k 1_k$$

hence

$$Y(z) = \frac{z/4}{(z - 1/4)^2} = \frac{4z}{(4z - 1)^2}$$

Problem 6. (8 points)

Solve the difference equation

$$8y_{k+2} + 2y_{k+1} - y_k = 0, \quad y_0 = 3, \quad y_1 = 2.$$

Solution:

$$8(z^2Y(z) - zy_1 - z^2y_0) + 2(zY(z) - zy_0) - Y(z) = 0$$

$$(8z^2 + 2z - 1)Y(z) = 24z^2 + 22z$$

$$Y(z) = \frac{24z^2 + 22z}{8z^2 + 2z - 1} = \frac{24z^2 + 22z}{8(z + \frac{1}{2})(z - \frac{1}{4})} = \frac{3z^2 + \frac{11}{4}z}{(z + \frac{1}{2})(z - \frac{1}{4})} = z \left(\frac{C_1}{z + \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{C_2}{z - \frac{1}{4}} \right)$$

$$C_1 = \left(z + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{1}{z} Y(z) \Big|_{z=-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-\frac{3}{2} + \frac{11}{4}}{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$C_2 = \left(z - \frac{1}{4} \right) \frac{1}{z} Y(z) \Big|_{z=\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{11}{4}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$Y(z) = \frac{-\frac{5}{3}z}{z + \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\frac{14}{3}z}{z - \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$y_k = -\frac{5}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)^k 1_k + \frac{14}{3} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^k 1_k$$