



MATH 308: WEEK-IN-REVIEW 9  
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1. Find the following convolutions using the definition only

\* definition \*

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(t-x)g(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } e^t * e^{3t} &= \int_0^t e^{t-x} \cdot e^{3x} dx \\ &= e^t \int_0^t e^{-x} \cdot e^{3x} dx \\ &= e^t \int_0^t e^{2x} dx \\ &= e^t \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{2x} \Big|_0^t \\ &= e^t \cdot \frac{1}{2} (e^{2t} - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^t (e^{2t} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $t * t^n$ , where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} t * t^n &= \int_0^t (t-x) x^n dx = \int_0^t (t x^n - x^{n+1}) dx \\ &= \left[ t \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_0^t - \frac{x^{n+2}}{n+2} \Big|_0^t \right] \\ &= \frac{t^{n+2}}{n+1} - \frac{t^{n+2}}{n+2} \\ &= t^{n+2} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) = \frac{t^{n+2}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$t * t^n = \frac{t^{n+2}}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$



2. Using the Laplace transform (instead of the definition) compute the following convolutions

(a)  $u_a(t) * u_b(t)$

$$u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \geq c \\ 0, & 0 \leq t < c \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{u_a(t) * u_b(t)\} &= \mathcal{L}\{u_a(t)\} \mathcal{L}\{u_b(t)\} \\ &= \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \cdot \frac{e^{-bs}}{s} \\ &= \frac{e^{-(a+b)s}}{s^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-(a+b)s}}{s^2}\right\} = u_{a+b}(t) (t - a - b)$$

(b)  $t^n * t^m$ , where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{t^n * t^m\} &= \mathcal{L}\{t^n\} \mathcal{L}\{t^m\} \\ &= \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{m!}{s^{m+1}} \\ &= \frac{n! m!}{s^{(m+n+2)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{n! m!}{s^{(m+n+2)}}\right\} = \frac{n! m! t^{n+m+1}}{(n+m+1)!}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n * t^m\} = \frac{n! m!}{(n+m+1)!} t^{n+m+1}$$



3. In each of the following cases find a function (or generalized function)  $g(t)$  that satisfies the equality for  $t \geq 0$

$$\text{Let } G(s) = \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

(a)  $t * g(t) = t^4$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t * g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{t^4\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{t\} \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = \frac{4!}{s^5} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s^2} \cdot G(s) = \frac{24}{s^5} \Rightarrow G(s) = 24 \frac{s^2}{s^5} = \frac{24}{s^3}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{24}{s^3} \Rightarrow g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = 12t^2$$

$$= 12 \cdot \frac{2}{s^3}$$

(b)  $1 * 1 * g(t) = t^2$

$$\mathcal{L}\{1 * 1 * g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{1\} \mathcal{L}\{1\} \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{t^2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{s} \cdot G(s) = \frac{2}{s^3}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{2s^2}{s^3} = \frac{2}{s}$$

$$g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{2/s\}$$

$$g(t) = 2$$

(c)  $1 * g(t) = 1$

$$\mathcal{L}\{1 * g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{1\}$$

~~$$\mathcal{L}\{1\} \cdot \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{1\}$$~~

$$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = 1$$

$$g(t) = \delta(t)$$



4. Write the inverse Laplace transform in terms of a convolution integral

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

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

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

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{(s+4)^3}$$

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

$$* \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}\} = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

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

$$* \mathcal{L}\{t^2e^{-4t}\} = \frac{2}{(s+4)^3}$$

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = (e^{-t} - te^{-t}) * \frac{1}{2}t^2e^{-4t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}(1-t) * t^2e^{-4t}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t e^{-(t-x)} (1-(t-x)) \cdot x^2 e^{-4x} dx$$

or

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t e^{-t} (1-t) \cdot (t-x)^2 e^{-4(t-x)} dx$$



5. Solve the initial value problem

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = g(t), \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -3.$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = G(s)$$

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - sy(0) - y'(0) - 2s \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 2y(0) - 3 \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} (s^2 - 2s - 3) = G(s) + s - 5$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{G(s)}{s^2 - 2s - 3} + \frac{s - 5}{s^2 - 2s - 3}$$

$$= \frac{G(s)}{(s-3)(s+1)} + \frac{s-5}{(s-3)(s+1)}$$

$$= \frac{G(s)}{(s-3)(s+1)} + \frac{s-3-2}{(s-3)(s+1)}$$

$$= G(s) \left[ \frac{1}{4(s-3)} - \frac{1}{4(s+1)} \right] + \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{2(s-3)} + \frac{1}{2(s+1)}$$

$$= G(s) \left[ \frac{1}{4(s-3)} - \frac{1}{4(s+1)} \right] + \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{2(s-3)}$$

$$y(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} g(t) * \left( e^{3t} - e^{-t} \right)}_{\text{particular solution}} + \underbrace{\frac{3}{2} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{3t}}_{\text{homogeneous solution}}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{3}{2} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{3t} + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t g(t-x) \left[ e^{3x} - e^{-x} \right] dx$$



6. Determine the radius of convergence for the power series

$$(a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{n!} \quad \left| \frac{x^{2n+2}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^{2n}} \right| = \frac{x^2}{(n+1)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \text{ for all } x$$

Hence radius of convergence is  $\infty$

Interval of convergence:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2 (x+2)^n}{3^n}$$

$$\left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (n+1)^2 (x+2)^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{(-1)^n \cdot n^2 \cdot (x+2)^n} \right|$$

$$= \frac{|x+2|}{3} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} |x+2| < 1$$

$|x+2| < 3$  radius of convergence is 3

$$-3 < x+2 < 3 \Rightarrow -5 < x < 1$$

Check endpoints:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2 (-3)^n}{3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n} n^2 3^n}{3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 = \infty$  (diverges)

$x = -5$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2 3^n}{3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n^2 \rightarrow$  diverges

interval of convergence  
 $-5 < x < 1$



7. For the equation  $(x^2 + 1)y'' + xy' - y = 0$

- Determine a lower bound for the radius of convergence for the series solutions for the differential equation about  $x_0 = 0$ .
- Seek its power series solution about  $x_0 = 0$ . Find the recurrence relation.
- Find the general term of each solution  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$
- Find the first four terms in each of the solutions. Show that  $W[y_1, y_2](0) \neq 0$ .

(a) singular points when  $x = \pm i$ . The distance from  $x_0 = 0$  to  $x = \pm i$  is 1. So a lower bound on the radius of convergence is  $|x| < 1$ .

$$(b) \quad y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, \quad y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$(x^2 + 1)y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$x y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^n$$

$$(x^2 + 1)y'' + x y' - y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ n(n-1) a_n + (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + n a_n - a_n \right] x^n$$

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

recurrence  
relation

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

$$a_{n+2} = - \frac{n-1}{n+2} a_n \quad n \geq 0$$

$$a_{n+2} = -\frac{n-1}{n+2} a_n, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$(I) \quad a_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = 0$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{-1}{2} a_0 = \frac{1}{2} a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (n=0)$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{0}{3} a_1 = 0, \quad a_5 = 0, \quad \dots \quad a_{2n+1} = 0 \quad \text{for all } n=0,1,2,3,\dots$$

$$a_4 = -\frac{1}{4} a_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \quad (n=2)$$

$$a_6 = -\frac{3}{6} a_4 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{6} \quad (n=4)$$

$$a_8 = -\frac{5}{8} a_6 = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{6} \cdot \frac{5}{8} \quad (n=6)$$

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$$a_{2n} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n-3))}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdots 2n} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (2n-3)!!}{(2n)!!}, \quad n \geq 2$$

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n} (2n-3)!!}{(2n)!!} \quad \text{where } (2n-3)!! = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-3)$$

$$(2n)!! = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n)$$

$$(II) \quad a_0 = 0, \quad a_1 = 1$$

$$a_0, a_2, a_4, \dots = 0 \quad \text{for all even indices}$$

$$a_3 = 0, \quad a_5 = -\frac{2}{5} a_3 = 0, \quad a_7 = -\frac{4}{7} a_5 = 0, \dots$$

$$y_2(x) = x$$

$$(c) \quad y_1(x) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{8} + \frac{x^6}{48} - \dots, \quad y_2(x) = x$$

$$(d) \quad W[y_1, y_2] = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{8} + \dots\right)(1) - \left(\frac{2x}{2} - \frac{4x^3}{8} + \dots\right)(x)$$

$$W[y_1, y_2](0) = 1 \neq 0$$