



MATH 308: WEEK-IN-REVIEW 10  
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Review for Exam 2

1. (3.5, 3.6) Find the general solution of the second order differential equation

(a)  $y'' + 4y' + 5y = e^{-2t} \sin t$

\* find homogeneous solution \*

$$r^2 + 4r + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4 \cdot 5}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm 2i}{2} = -2 \pm i$$

\* Second order linear, nonhomogeneous  
constant coefficients

$$y(t) = y_c(t) + y_p(t)$$

↙ homogeneous      ↳ particular

$$y_c(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \cos(t) + c_2 e^{-2t} \sin(t)$$

$$y_1(t) = e^{-2t} \cos(t), y_2(t) = e^{-2t} \sin(t)$$

\* Method of variation of parameters \*

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 \text{ where } u_1(t) = \int -\frac{y_2(t) r(t)}{W[y_1, y_2](t)} dt \quad \& \quad u_2(t) = \int \frac{y_1(t) r(t)}{W[y_1, y_2](t)} dt$$

$$W[y_1, y_2](t) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-2t} \cos t & e^{-2t} \sin t \\ -2e^{-2t} \cos t - e^{-2t} \sin t & -2e^{-2t} \sin t + e^{-2t} \cos t \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-4t}{e^{-4t}} = \frac{4t}{e^{4t}}$$

$$r(t) = e^{-2t} \sin t \text{ (right hand side)} \quad \leftarrow \text{standard form!}$$

$$\cos 2t = \cos^2 t - \sin^2 t \\ = 1 - 2 \sin^2 t = 2 \cos^2 t - 1$$

$$u_1 = \int -\frac{e^{-2t} \sin t \cdot e^{-2t} \sin t}{e^{-4t}} dt = \int -\sin^2 t dt = \frac{1}{2} \int (\cos 2t - 1) dt \quad \sin^2 t = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2t)$$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{4} \sin 2t - \frac{t}{2}$$

$$u_2 = \int \frac{e^{-2t} \cos t \cdot e^{-2t} \sin t}{e^{-4t}} dt = \int \cos t \cdot \sin t dt = \frac{1}{2} \int \sin(2t) dt = -\frac{1}{4} \cos(2t)$$

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 = \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} \cos t \sin(2t) - \frac{t}{2} e^{-2t} \cos t - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} \sin t \cos(2t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} \cos^2 t \sin t - \frac{t}{2} e^{-2t} \cos t - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} \sin^2 t - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} \sin t$$

$$y_p = -\frac{t}{2} e^{-2t} \cos t$$

general solution of  
the non-homogeneous eqn.

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \cos t + c_2 e^{-2t} \sin t - \frac{t}{2} e^{-2t} \cos t$$



- (b) (3.6) The general solution of the homogeneous equation  $x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = 0$ ,  $x > 0$ , is given by  $y_c(x) = c_1x^2 + c_2x^2 \ln x$ . Find the general solution of the nonhomogeneous equation  $x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = x^2 \ln x$ ,  $x > 0$ .

\* method of variation of parameters \*

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x) = c_1x^2 + c_2x^2 \ln x + y_p(x), \text{ where } y_p(x) = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

$$y_1(x) = x^2, \quad y_2(x) = x^2 \ln x, \quad u_1 = \int \frac{-y_2(x)r(x)}{W[y_1, y_2]} dx, \quad u_2 = \int \frac{y_1(x)r(x)}{W[y_1, y_2]} dx$$

$$r(x) = \frac{x^2 \ln x}{x^2} = \ln x \text{ (right hand side)}$$

in standard form!  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x)$

$$W[y_1, y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^2 \ln x \\ 2x & 2x \ln x + x \end{vmatrix} = 2x^3 \cancel{\ln x + x} - 2x^3 \cancel{\ln x} = x^3$$

$$u_1 = \int \frac{-x^2 \ln x \cdot \ln x}{x^3} dx = \int -\frac{(\ln x)^2}{x} dx = \int -u^2 du = -\frac{u^3}{3} = -\frac{(\ln x)^3}{3}$$

$$u_2 = \int x^2 \ln x dx = \int \frac{\ln x}{x} dx = \int u du = \frac{u^2}{2} = \frac{(\ln x)^2}{2}$$

$$y_p(x) = -\frac{x^2 (\ln x)^3}{3} + \frac{x^2 (\ln x)^2}{2} = \frac{x^2 (\ln x)^3}{6}$$

$$y(x) = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^2 \ln x + \frac{x^2 (\ln x)^3}{6}$$

homogeneous      particular



2. (3.7, 3.8) A string is stretched 10 cm by a force of 0.3 N. A mass of 0.25 kg is hung from the spring, and also attached to a viscous damper that exerts a force of 3 N when the velocity of the mass is 6 m/s. The mass is pulled down 5 cm below its equilibrium position and given an initial velocity of 10 cm/s downward.

- Determine the position  $u$  as a function of time  $t$
- Find the quasifrequency of the motion.
- If this system is also subjected to an external force  $F(t) = 2 \cos(4t)$ , find  $u(t)$ , and the amplitude, period, and phase of the steady state motion.

$$\begin{aligned} mu'' + cu' + ku &= F_{\text{ext}} \\ * m = \text{mass} &= 0.25 \text{ kg} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ kg} \\ F_{\text{ext}} = \text{external force} &= 0 \\ * C = \text{damping coeff} &= \frac{F}{v} = \frac{3 \text{ N}}{6 \text{ m/s}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Ns/m} \\ * k = \text{spring const} &= \frac{F}{D u} = \frac{0.3 \text{ N}}{0.1 \text{ m}} = 3 \text{ N/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{4}u'' + \frac{1}{2}u' + 3u = 0 \\ u(0) = 0.05 \text{ m}, u'(0) = 0.1 \text{ m/s} \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow u'' + 2u' + 12u = 0$$

$$(a) \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{2^2 - 4 \cdot 12}}{2} = -2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-44}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{11}$$

$$u(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \cos(\sqrt{11}t) + c_2 e^{-t} \sin(\sqrt{11}t), \quad u(0) = c_1 = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$u'(t) = -c_1 e^{-t} \cos(\sqrt{11}t) - \sqrt{11} c_1 e^{-t} \sin(\sqrt{11}t) - c_2 e^{-t} \sin(\sqrt{11}t) + \sqrt{11} c_2 e^{-t} \cos(\sqrt{11}t)$$

$$u'(0) = -c_1 + \sqrt{11} c_2 = -0.05 + \sqrt{11} c_2 = 0.1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{11} c_2 = 0.15$$

$$c_2 = \frac{0.15}{\sqrt{11}}$$

$$u(t) = 0.05 e^{-t} \cos(\sqrt{11}t) + \frac{0.15}{\sqrt{11}} e^{-t} \sin(\sqrt{11}t)$$

(b) Quasifrequency

$\sqrt{11}$  radians/second

$$(c) \frac{1}{4}u'' + \frac{1}{2}u' + 3u = 2 \cos(4t) \Rightarrow u'' + 2u' + 12u = 8 \cos(4t)$$

$$u = u_c + u_p \rightarrow \text{steady state}$$

tends to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
(transient)

$$u_p(t) = A \cos(4t) + B \sin(4t)$$

$$u'_p(t) = -4A \sin(4t) + 4B \cos(4t)$$

$$u''_p(t) = -16A \cos(4t) - 16B \sin(4t)$$

$$R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \rightarrow \text{amplitude}$$

$$\tan \delta = \frac{B}{A} \rightarrow \text{phase}$$

$$u_p'' + 2u_p' + 12u_p = 8 \cos(2t)$$

$$\cos(2t) : -16A + 8B + 12A = 8 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \quad 8B - 4A = 8$$

$$\sin(2t) : -16B - 8A + 12B = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \quad -4B - 8A = 0$$

$$B = -2A \quad A = -\frac{2}{5}, \quad B = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$u_p(t) = -\frac{2}{5} \cos(4t) + \frac{4}{5} \sin(4t)$$

$$\text{Amplitude} : R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{20}{25}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\text{Phase} : \tan \varphi = B/A = \frac{4/5}{-2/5} = -2$$

$$\varphi = \arctan(-2) + \pi = \pi - \arctan(2) \quad (\text{rad})$$

$$\omega = 4 \text{ rad/sec}, \quad T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ sec}$$

$$u(t) = u_c(t) + u_p(t) = e^{-t} \left( c_1 \cos(\sqrt{11}t) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{11}t) \right)$$

↑  
transient solution

$$+ \quad -\frac{2}{5} \cos(4t) + \frac{4}{5} \sin(4t)$$

↑  
steady-state

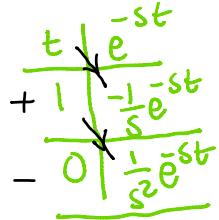


3. (6.1) Find the Laplace transform of the following function using the definition of Laplace transform

$$(a) f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ 2-t, & 1 \leq t < 2, \\ 0, & t \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} &= \int_0^1 e^{-st} t dt + \int_1^2 e^{-st} (2-t) dt - \int_2^\infty t e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{t}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{2}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_1^2 + \frac{t}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_1^2 + \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} \Big|_1^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{s} e^{-s} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-s} + \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{2}{s} e^{-2s} + \frac{2}{s} e^{-s} + \frac{2}{s^2} e^{-s} - \frac{1}{s} e^{-s} + \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-2s} - \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-s} \\ &= -\frac{2}{s^2} e^{-s} + \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-2s} \end{aligned}$$



(b) Find the Laplace transform of the above function using Heaviside unit step functions.

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= t(u_0 - u_1) + (2-t)(u_1 - u_2) = tu_0 - tu_1 + 2u_1 - tu_1 + u_2(t-2) \\ &= tu_0 - 2u_1(t-1) + u_2(t-2) \end{aligned}$$

$$* \mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)\} = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s} *$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

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



\* partial fractions decomposition \*

$$s^2 + s + 1 = A(s-3)(s^2+4)$$

$$+ B(s+3)(s^2+4)$$

$$+ (Cs+D)(s+3)(s-3)$$

$$s=3: 13 = B(6)(13) \Rightarrow B = 1/6$$

$$s=-3: 7 = A(-6)(13) \Rightarrow A = -\frac{7}{78}$$

$$s=2i: -4+2i+1 = -3+2i = (2i(C+D))(-4-9) \Rightarrow -3+2i = -26iC - 13D$$

$$* \text{real component: } -3 = -13D \Rightarrow D = 3/13$$

$$* \text{imaginary component: } 2i = -26iC \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{13}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{-7}{78(s+3)} + \frac{1}{6(s-3)} - \frac{s-3}{13(s^2+4)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{-7}{78(s+3)}\right\} = -\frac{7}{78}e^{-3t}, \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{6(s-3)}\right\} = \frac{1}{6}e^{3t}$$

$$\frac{s-3}{13(s^2+4)} = \frac{s}{13(s^2+4)} - \frac{3}{13} \cdot \frac{2}{(s^2+4)} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{s}{13(s^2+4)} - \frac{3}{26} \frac{2}{s^2+4}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{13(s^2+4)}\right\} = \frac{1}{13}\cos(2t), \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{26} \frac{2}{s^2+4}\right\} = \frac{3}{26}\sin(2t)$$

$$f(t) = -\frac{7}{78}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{6}e^{3t} - \frac{1}{13}\cos(2t) + \frac{3}{26}\sin(2t)$$



5. (6.2, 6.3) Find the inverse Laplace transform of the function

$$F(s) = \frac{e^{-2s}(s^2 + s + 1)}{s(s+2)^2}$$

$$\frac{s^2 + s + 1}{s(s+2)^2} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+2} + \frac{C}{(s+2)^2}$$

$$s^2 + s + 1 = A(s+2)^2 + Bs(s+2) + Cs$$

$$s=0: 1 = 4A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$s=-2: 3 = -2C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$s=1: 3 = \frac{9}{4} + 3B - \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow 3B = \frac{12}{4} - \frac{9}{4} + \frac{6}{4}$$

$$B = \frac{3}{4}$$

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

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

$$* L\{u_c(t)f(t-c)\} = e^{cs} L\{f(t)\} *$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{4} u_2(t) + \frac{3}{4} u_2(t) e^{-2(t-2)} - \frac{3}{2} u_2(t) e^{-(t-2)} [t-2]$$



6. (6.3, 6.4) Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$(a) y'' + 2y' + y = \begin{cases} \sin 2(t - \pi/2), & 0 \leq t < \pi/2, \\ 0, & \pi/2 \leq t < \infty, \end{cases} \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \sin[2(t - \frac{\pi}{2})] [u_0 - u_{\frac{\pi}{2}}] = \sin(2(t - \frac{\pi}{2})) - u_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{(t)} \sin[2(t - \frac{\pi}{2})] \\ &= \sin[2t - \pi] - u_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{(t)} \sin[2(t - \frac{\pi}{2})] \end{aligned}$$

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - s y(0) - y'(0) + 2s \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 2y(0) + \mathcal{L}\{y\} = -\frac{2}{s^2+4} - 2 \frac{e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s}}{s^2+4}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\}(s^2 + 2s + 1) = s + 2 - \frac{2}{s^2+4} - \frac{2e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s}}{s^2+4}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{s+2}{(s+1)^2} - \frac{2}{(s+1)^2(s^2+4)} - \frac{2e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s}}{(s+1)^2(s^2+4)}$$

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

$$\frac{-2}{(s+1)^2(s^2+4)} = -\frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{s^2+4} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} - (t e^{-t}) * \sin(2t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-2e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s}}{(s+1)^2(s^2+4)} &= -\frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \cdot \frac{2e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s}}{s^2+4} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} - (t e^{-t}) * u_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{(t)} \sin[2(t - \frac{\pi}{2})] \\ &= (t e^{-t}) * u_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{(t)} \sin(2t) \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = e^{-t} + t e^{-t} - \int_0^t x e^{-x} \sin(2(t-x)) dx + \int_0^t x e^{-x} \cdot u_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{(t-x)} \sin(2(t-x)) dx$$

(b) (6.5)  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-t} + \delta(t - 3)$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 3$ .

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - sy(0) - y'(0) + 2s \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 2y(0) + y(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} + e^{-3s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\}(s^2 + 2s + 1) = 3 + \frac{1}{s+1} + e^{-3s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{3}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{e^{-3s}}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$y(t) = 3t e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t} + u_3(t) e^{-(t-3)} [t-3]$$

where we used  $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} f(t)\} = F(s-a)$ and  $\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$



7. (6.6)

- (a) Use the definition of convolution to compute  $(t * \sin t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (t * \sin t) &= \int_0^t (t-x) \sin(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^t t \sin(x) dx - \int_0^t x \sin(x) dx \\ &= -t \cos(x) \Big|_0^t + x \cos x \Big|_0^t - \sin x \Big|_0^t \\ &= -t \cancel{\cos t} + t + t \cancel{\cos t} - \sin t \\ &= t - \sin t \end{aligned}$$

$\begin{array}{r} x \mid \sin x \\ 1 \mid -\cos x \\ 0 \mid -\sin x \end{array}$

- (b) Use the Convolution Theorem to find the inverse Laplace transform of

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

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{1}{s+1} \cdot \frac{s}{s^2+4} \\ &= \mathcal{L}\{\bar{e}^t\} \mathcal{L}\{\cos(2t)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} &= \bar{e}^t * \cos(2t) = \int_0^t \bar{e}^{(t-x)} \cos(2x) dx \\ &= \bar{e}^t \int_0^t e^x \cos(2x) dx \\ &= \bar{e}^t \left[ \frac{2}{5} x \sin(2x) + \frac{x}{5} \cos(2x) \right]_0^t \\ &= \bar{e}^t \left[ \frac{2}{5} t \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{5} e^t \cos(2t) - \frac{1}{5} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{5} \sin(2t) + \frac{1}{5} \cos(2t) - \frac{1}{5} \bar{e}^t \end{aligned}$$



8. Find the radius and interval of convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2^n n!}{3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n+1)} x^{2n+1}$$

\* by the ratio test \*

$$\left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 2^{n+1} (n+1)! x^{2n+3}}{3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n+3)} \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n+1)}{(-1)^n 2^n n! x^{2n+1}} \right|$$

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

$$= |x^2| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 1$$

\* radius of convergence \* R = 1

\* interval of convergence \* -1 < x < 1



9. (5.2) Consider the initial value value problem

$$y'' + x^2 y' + 2xy = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

- (a) Solve the initial value problem using a series of the form  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . Find the recurrence relation.
- (b) Find the first 6 terms of the series solution.
- (c) Write down the solution using summation notation.

(a)

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

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

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

$$2a_2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + (n-1) a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-1}] x^n = 0$$

$$a_2 = 0, \quad a_0 = 1, \quad a_4 = 0$$

$$a_{n+2} = -\frac{2 + (n-1)}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_{n-1} = -\frac{1}{n+2} a_{n-1}, \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{1}{3} a_0 = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad a_4 = 0, \quad a_5 = 0, \quad a_6 = -\frac{1}{6} a_3 \\ = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 6}$$

$$a_7 = 0, \quad a_8 = 0, \quad a_9 = -\frac{1}{9} a_6 = -\frac{1}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9} \dots \quad a_{3n} = (-1)^n \frac{1}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9 \dots (3n)}$$

(b)  $y(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 6}x^6 - \frac{1}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9}x^9 + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9 \cdot 12}x^{12} - \dots$

(c)  $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{3n}}{3 \cdot 6 \dots (3n)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{3n}}{3^n n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^n \frac{1}{n!} = e^{-\frac{x^3}{3}}$