

7.5: The Dirac Delta Function

1, 3, 9, 11: Solve the IVP.

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

$$sY(s) - y(0) - 3Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-2)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s)[s-3] = e^{-2s} \Rightarrow Y(s) = e^{-2s} \frac{1}{s-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-2s} \frac{1}{s-3}\right\} = u(t-2) e^{3(t-2)}$$

3. $y'' + y = \delta(t-2\pi), y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1.$

$$s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + Y(s) = e^{-2\pi s}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{e^{-2\pi s}}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{s^2+1} \Rightarrow y(t) = u(t-2\pi) \frac{\sin(t-2\pi)}{\sin t} + \sin t.$$

9. $y'' + 4y' + 5y = \delta(t-2\pi), y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0.$

$$s^2 Y(s) + 4sY(s) + 5Y(s) = e^{-2\pi s}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-2\pi s} \frac{1}{s^2+4s+5}\right\} = u(t-2\pi) \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+2)^2+1}\right\} \\ = u(t-2\pi) e^{-2(t-2\pi)} \frac{\sin(t-2\pi)}{\sin t}.$$

$$11. y'' + 4y' + 13y = \delta(t - \pi) + \delta(t - 3\pi), y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0.$$

$$s^2 Y(s) - s + 4sY(s) - 4 + 13Y(s) = e^{-\pi s} + e^{-3\pi s}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) [s^2 + 4s + 13] = e^{-\pi s} + e^{-3\pi s} + s + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\pi s} + e^{-3\pi s} + s + 4}{(s+2)^2 + 9} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-\pi s} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2 + 9} \right\}$$

$$+ \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-3\pi s} \frac{1}{(s+2)^2 + 9} \right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + 9} \right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{(s+2)^2 + 9} \right\}$$

$$= \mathcal{U}(t - \pi) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 9} \right\} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s+2} + \mathcal{U}(t - 3\pi) \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 9} \right\} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s+2}$$

$$+ \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 + 9} \right\} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s+2} + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2 + 9} \right\} \Big|_{s \rightarrow s+2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{U}(t - \pi) e^{-2(t-\pi)} \sin(3(t-\pi)) + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{U}(t - 3\pi) e^{-2(t-3\pi)} \sin(3(t-3\pi))$$

$$+ e^{-2t} \cos(3t) + \frac{2}{3} e^{-2t} \sin(3t).$$