

## 6.2.3 continued

Example 6.2.E continued

①  $x'' + 4x = \underline{t - (t-\pi)u(t-\pi)}$ ,  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = 0$

② Next, take Laplace transforms, and algebraically solve for the transform of the solution.

Let  $\mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = X(s)$

$$\mathcal{L}\{x''(t)\} + 4\mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{t\} - \mathcal{L}\{(t-\pi)u(t-\pi)\}$$

see Ex. 6.2.D

$$s^2 X(s) - \underbrace{s x(0)}_{=0} - \underbrace{x'(0)}_{=0} + 4X(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - e^{-\pi s} \frac{1}{s^2}$$

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

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

③ Find the inverse transform  $x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{X(s)\}$

- partial fractions:  $\frac{1}{s^2(s^2+4)}$

- second shifting property:  $e^{-\pi s} F(s)$

Partial fractions

$$\frac{1}{s^2(s^2+4)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+4}$$

from  
general linear factor

from  
simple (irreducible) quadratic factor

$$1 = A s (s^2 + 4) + B (s^2 + 4) + (Cs + D) s^2$$

$$1 = \underbrace{(A+C)}_{=0} s^3 + \underbrace{(B+D)}_{=0} s^2 + \underbrace{4A}_{=0} s + \underbrace{4B}_{=1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow B = \frac{1}{4}, A = 0, D = -\frac{1}{4}, C = 0$$

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

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2(s^2+4)}\right\} = \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+4}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2}{s^2+2^2}\right\}$$

Table 6.1  
 $\omega = 2$

$$= \frac{1}{4} t - \frac{1}{8} \sin(2t)$$

Using this, and the second shifting property:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-\pi s} \frac{1}{s^2(s^2+4)}\right\} = \left[\frac{1}{4}(t-\pi) - \frac{1}{8} \sin(2(t-\pi))\right] u(t-\pi)$$

Solution of IVP (written in terms of Heaviside function):

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

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{4} t - \frac{1}{8} \sin(2t)$$

$$- \left[\frac{1}{4}(t-\pi) - \frac{1}{8} \sin(2(t-\pi))\right] u(t-\pi)$$

= 0 or 1

(written as a piecewise defined function)

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}t - \frac{1}{8}\sin(2t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t < \pi \\ \frac{1}{4}t - \frac{1}{8}\sin(2t) - \frac{1}{4}(t-\pi) + \frac{1}{8}\sin(2(t-\pi)) & \text{if } t \geq \pi \end{cases}$$

(and simplified)

$$\sin(2(t-\pi)) = \sin(2t-2\pi) = \sin(2t)$$

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}t - \frac{1}{8}\sin(2t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t < \pi \\ \frac{\pi}{4} & \text{if } t \geq \pi \end{cases}$$

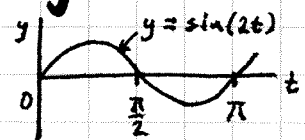
Exercise Show that  $x''(t)$  is continuous,  $x'''(t)$  is not  
(Compare:  $f(t)$  is continuous,  $f'(t)$  is not)

Exercise In Ex. 6.2.C, show that  $x'(t)$  is continuous,  
 $x''(t)$  is not (Compare:  $f(t)$  is not continuous)

These two Exercises may give you some intuition into what properties to expect for a solution  $x(t)$ , of  $Lx = f(t)$ , when  $f(t)$  is piecewise defined.

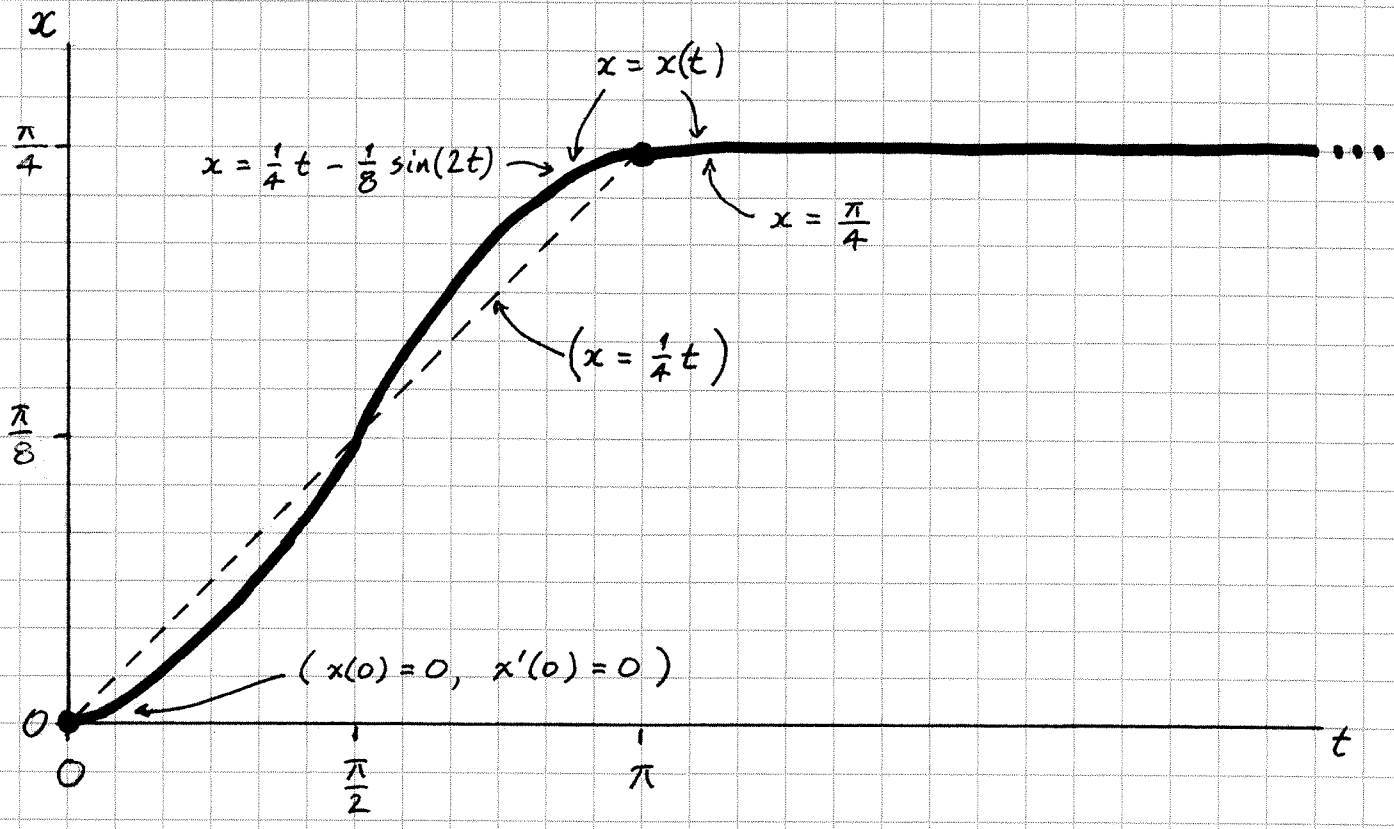
Graph of solution for  $t \geq 0$ : next page

Note that  $\sin(2t)$  has a period of  $\pi$ ;



and recall  $x(0) = 0, x'(0) = 0$

This will help to draw the graph, without a calculator or time-consuming Calc I methods



Graph of solution  $x(t) = \frac{1}{4}t - \frac{1}{8}\sin(2t) - \left[ \frac{1}{4}(t-\pi) - \frac{1}{8}\sin(2(t-\pi)) \right] u(t-\pi)$

Note Scales on horizontal and vertical axes are different.