

Math 307 E - Summer 2011  
Practice Midterm 2  
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- Complete all questions.
- You may use a scientific calculator during this examination. Other electronic devices (e.g. cell phones) are not allowed, and should be turned off for the duration of the exam.
- You may use one hand-written 8.5 by 11 inch page of notes.
- Show all work for full credit.
- You have 60+ minutes to complete the exam.

1. Find the general solution to the differential equations:

(a) (5 points)

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = te^t.$$

(b) (5 points)

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = g(t)$$

Hint: Express your answer using integrals.

2. (10 points) Suppose that the motion of a spring-mass system satisfies

$$u'' + u' + 1.5u = \sin(2t)$$

and that the mass starts ( $t = 0$ ) at the equilibrium position from rest. Find the the position  $u(t)$  at any time  $t$ .

3. Compute the following Laplace transforms using the definition, or using only the numbers 1,13,14,18, and 19 on the table.

(a) (5 points)

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^2 e^{\pi t}\}$$

(b) (5 points)

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_3(t)(t^2 - 2t - 1)\}$$

4. (10 points) Use the Laplace transform to solve the following IVP using the table:

$$y'' - y = \begin{cases} 1 & t < 2 \\ t/3 & 2 \leq t \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y(0) = 0 \\ y'(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

5. (10 points) A spring-mass system has a spring constant of  $2\text{N/m}$ . A mass of  $8\text{kg}$  is attached to the spring. Let  $\gamma$  be the damping constant of the system.
- (a) (2 points) What is the *natural frequency* of the system?
- (b) (2 points) Suppose  $\gamma = 9$ . Is the (free) system under-damped, over-damped or critically damped?
- (c) (2 points) From now on, suppose  $\gamma = 2$ . Find the quasi-frequency of the (free) system.
- (d) (2 points) Suppose we apply an external force  $F(t) = 5 \cos(\omega t)$  N. What is the resonant frequency of this forced system?
- (e) (2 points) Write down the initial value problem corresponding to this forced system where  $\omega$  is the resonant frequency, and the mass starts at rest from the equilibrium position.

6. (3 bonus points) Compute the laplace transform of  $\ln(t)$  by following these steps.

(a) (1 point) Differentiate the formula

$$\mathcal{L}(t^p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} t^p dt = \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{s^{p+1}}$$

with respect to  $p$ . For the the middle term, move the differential operator  $\frac{d}{dp}$  inside the integral and apply it to the integrand.

(b) (1 point) Simplify as much as possible, and then evaluate the resulting expression at  $p = 0$ .

(c) (1 point) What is  $\mathcal{L}(\ln(t))$ ?

Table of Laplace transforms:

$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$
1. 1	$\frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0$
2. $e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}, \quad s > a$
3. $t^n, \quad n = \text{positive integer}$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad s > 0$
4. $t^p, \quad p > -1$	$\frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{s^{p+1}}, \quad s > 0$
5. $\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2+a^2}, \quad s > 0$
6. $\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}, \quad s > 0$
7. $\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2-a^2}, \quad s >  a $
8. $\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2-a^2}, \quad s >  a $
9. $e^{at} \sin bt$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2+b^2}, \quad s > a$
10. $e^{at} \cos bt$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2+b^2}, \quad s > a$
11. $t^n e^{at}, \quad n = \text{positive integer}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
12. $u_c(t)$	$\frac{e^{-cs}}{s}, \quad s > 0$
13. $u_c(t)f(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}F(s)$
14. $e^{ct}f(t)$	$F(s-c)$
15. $f(ct)$	$\frac{1}{c}F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right), c > 0$
16. $\int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau)d\tau$	$F(s)G(s)$
17. $\delta(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}$
18. $f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
19. $(-t)^n f(t)$	$F^{(n)}(s)$