## FINAL EXAMINATION – Differential Equations – MATH 375

## ALL SECTIONS (L01 - L04) - FALL 2015 - Answers, Hint, Solutions

- 1. The solution of the initial value problem  $ty' + 4y = \frac{3}{4}$ , y(1) = 3 is
  - A)  $y = 2t^2 + t$  B)  $y = \frac{2}{t^4} + \frac{1}{t}$  C)  $y = \frac{1}{t^3} + \frac{2}{t}$  D)  $y = \frac{2}{t^3} + \frac{1}{t}$  E)  $y = \frac{1}{t^4} + \frac{2}{t}$

**Solution.** This is a linear equation  $y' + \frac{4}{t}y = \frac{3}{t^2}$ , after multiplication by the integrating factor  $\mu(t) = \frac{1}{t^2}$  $e^{\int \frac{4}{t}dt} = e^{4\ln(t)} = t^4$  we have  $(t^4y)' = 3t^2$ , or  $t^4y = C + t^3$ , or  $y = \frac{C}{t^4} + \frac{1}{t}$ . As y(1) = C + 1 = 2, we have C=2, the correct answer is B).

- 2. The solution of the initial value problem  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3x^2y^2 + 4x^3y^4}{2x^3y + 4x^4y^3}$ , y(1) = 1 is A)  $y = 3x^3 2x^2$  B)  $x^2y^2 + x^3y^4 + x^3y + x^4y^3 = 4$  C) x + y = 2

  - E)  $x^3y^2 + x^4y^4 = 2$ D)  $3x^2y^2 + 4x^3y^4 + 2x^3y + 4x^4y^3 = 13$

**Solution.** The equation is exact  $((3x^2y^2 + 4x^3y^4)dx + (2x^3y + 4x^4y^3)dy = 0)$  as  $\frac{\partial}{\partial u}(3x^2y^2 + 4x^3y^4) = 0$  $6x^2y + 16x^3y^3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x^3y + 4x^4y^3)$ , with the potential  $F(x,y) = x^3y^2 + x^4y^4 = C$ . Since y(1) = 1, F(1,1) = 1 + 1 = 2, C = 2, the correct answer is E).

- 3. The largest open interval on which the unique solution of the initial value problem  $(t^2-9)y''+(\ln|t-1|+4)y'+\frac{1}{t-7}y=0, \quad y(2)=5$  is guaranteed to exist (according to the existence and uniqueness theorem) is
  - B) (1,3)C) (-3,3) D) (1,7) E) (-3,5)A)  $(-3, \infty)$

**Solution.** The first coefficient vanishes at  $t=\pm 3$ , the second and the third are defined for  $t\neq 1,7$ . The largest interval including 2 and none of  $\pm 3, 1, 7$  is (1,3), the correct answer is B).

- 4. A tank initially contains a solution with 80 kg of salt dissolved in 1000 litres of water. Pure water enters the tank at the rate of 6 litres/min. The solution is mixed and drains from the tank at the rate of 3 litres/min. Then the initial value problem describing the amount Q(t) of salt in the tank at time t is
  - A)  $\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{3Q}{1000 + 3t}$ , Q(0) = 80 B)  $\frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{3Q}{1000}$ , Q(0) = 80
  - C)  $\frac{dQ}{dt} = 80 \frac{3Q}{1000 3t}$ , Q(0) = 60 D)  $\frac{dQ}{dt} = 6 \frac{3Q}{1000}$ , Q(0) = 80000
  - E)  $\frac{dQ}{dt} = 6000 3000Q$ , Q(0) = 80

**Answer.** The correct answer is A).

5. The first step of Euler's approximation for the solution of the initial value problem

 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sin(x(y+1)), y(0) = 1$  with the step size h = 0.1 is

- A)  $y(0.1) \approx 1 + 0.2 \sin(0.1)$  B)  $y(0.1) \approx 1.1$  C)  $y(0.1) \approx 1$
- D)  $y(0.1) \approx 1.2$  E)  $y(0.1) \approx 1 + 0.1 \sin(0.2)$

**Solution.**  $\frac{dy}{dx}(0,1) = 2\sin 0 = 0$ , so  $y(0.1) \approx y_1 = 1 + 0.1 \cdot 0 = 1$ , the correct answer is C).

- 6. A cake at 220° C is brought to a room at 20° C. If after 10 minutes the cake is 120° C, how long will it take to cool down from 120° C to 45° C?
  - B) 30 minutes C) 20 minutes D) 10 minutes E) 7.5 minutes A) 45 minutes

**Solution.** The solution of the Newton's equation of cooling is  $T(t) = 20 + 200e^{-kt}$ ,  $T(10) = 20 + 200e^{-10k}$ 

120, so  $e^{-10k} = \frac{1}{2}$ . We have  $T(t) = 20 + 200e^{-kt} = 45$ , or  $e^{-kt} = \frac{1}{8} = (e^{-10k})^3 = e^{-30k}$ , so t = 30 to cool down from 220 to 45° C, while only 20 minutes from 120° C to 45° C, the correct answer is C). The problem can also be solved using exponential decay: if the temperature drops twice after 10 minutes, it drops  $8 = 2^3$  times in  $3 \cdot 10 = 30$  minutes, or 20 minutes after it dropped to  $120^\circ$  C, the correct answer is C).

- 7. The general solution of the equation  $y^{(5)} + 2y^{(4)} + y^{(3)} = 0$  is
  - A)  $C_1e^t + C_2te^t + C_3e^{-2t} + C_4te^{-2t} + C_5e^{2t}$  B)  $C_1e^t + C_2te^t + C_3t^2e^t + C_4t^3e^t + C_5t^4e^t$  C)  $C_1e^t + C_2te^t + C_5t^3e^t + C_5t^3e$
  - D)  $C_1e^{-t} + C_2te^{-t} + C_3 + C_4t + C_5t^2$  E)  $C_1e^{-t} + C_2te^{-t} + C_3t^2e^{-t} + C_4t^3e^{-t} + C_5t^4e^{-t}$

**Solution.** The roots of the characteristic equation  $r^5 - 2r^4 + r^3 = r^3(r^2 - 2r + 1) = r^3(r - 1)^2 = 0$  are  $r_1 = r_2 = 1$ ,  $r_3 = r_4 = r_5 = 0$ , the correct answer is D).

- 8. If  $x(t) = 7\cos(3t) + \sin(t)$  is a solution of the fourth order differential equation  $x^{(4)} + ax^{(3)} + bx'' + cx' + dx = 0$  then
  - A) a = 1, b = 3, c = 2, d = 6 B) a = 0, b = 10, c = 0, d = 9 C) a = 3, b = 1, c = 4, d = 9
  - D) a = 0, b = -10, c = 0, d = -9 E) a, b, c, d cannot be found

**Solution.** The roots of the characteristic equation are  $r = \pm 3i$ ,  $r = \pm i$ , so the characteristic equation is  $(r^2 + 1)(r^2 + 9) = r^4 + 9r^2 + r^2 + 9 = r^4 + 0 \cdot r^3 + 10r^2 + 0 \cdot r + 9$ , the correct answer is B).

9. According to Undetermined Coefficients method, a particular solution to the equation

 $y'' - 4y' + 4y = xe^{2x} + 3xe^{-2x} - 7$  should be sought in the form of

- A)  $(Ax + B)e^{2x} + (Cx + D)e^{-2x} + E$  B)  $(Ax + B)e^{2x} + x^2(Cx + D)e^{-2x} + E$
- C)  $Axe^{2x} + Bxe^{-2x} + C$  D)  $(Ax + B)e^{2x} + (Cx + D)e^{-2x} + Ex^2$
- E)  $x^2(Ax + B)e^{2x} + (Cx + D)e^{-2x} + E$

**Solution.** The roots of the characteristic equation are  $r_{1,2} = 2$ , so both  $e^{2x}$  and  $xe^{2x}$  are solutions of the homogeneous equation (while a constant and  $e^{-2x}$  are not, the correct answer is E).

C)  $\{1, \cos(3t), \sin(3t)\}$ 

- 10. A fundamental set of solutions for the equation  $y^{(6)} + 9y^{(4)} = 0$  is
  - A)  $\{1, t, t^2, t^3, \cos(3t), \sin(3t)\}$  B)  $\{1, t, t^2, t^3, t^4, \cos(3t), \sin(3t)\}$ 
    - $\mathbf{D}$ )  $\{1, t, t | t | , t | , t | , \cos(3t), \sin(3t) \}$
  - D)  $\{1, e^t \cos(3t), e^t \sin(3t)\}$  E)  $\{1, t, t^2, t^3, e^{3t}, e^{-3t}\}$

**Solution.** The roots of the characteristic equation are  $r_1 = r_2 = r_3 = r_4 = 0$ ,  $r_{5,6} = \pm 3i$  (cos(3t), sin(3t) are solutions of the homogeneous equation). The correct answer is A).

11. The general solution of the equation  $x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = 0$ , x > 0 is

A)  $y = C_1 x^2 + C_2 x^2 \ln(x)$  B)  $y = e^{\frac{3}{2}x} \left[ C_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x\right) \right]$ 

C)  $y = C_1 + C_2 e^{2x}$  D)  $y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 x e^{2x}$  E)  $y = x^2 \left[ C_1 \cos \left( \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \ln(x) \right) + C_2 \sin \left( \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \ln(x) \right) \right]$ 

**Solution.** This is the Cauchy-Euler equation,  $r(r-1) - 3r + 4 = (r-2)^2 = 0$  has roots  $r_1 = r_2 = 2$ , the correct answer is A).

- 12. If  $y = C_1x + C_2x^2$  is the general solution of the homogeneous equation  $x^2y'' + bxy' + cy = 0$  then a particular solution of the non-homogeneous equation  $x^2y'' + bxy' + cy = x^3$  is
  - A)  $\frac{x^4}{4}$  B)  $x^3$  C)  $\frac{x^5}{4} + \frac{x^4}{3}$  D)  $\frac{x^3}{2}$  E) none of the above

**Solution.** Applying the variation of parameters method, we obtain  $C'_1x + C'_2x^2 = 0$ ,  $C'_1 + 2C'_2x = x^3/x^2 = x$ . Multiplying the second equation by x and subtracting from it the first equation, we obtain  $C'_2x^2 = x^2$ , or

 $C_2(x) = x$  (plus some constant). Thus  $C_1' = -C_2'x = -x$ , or  $C_1(x) = -\frac{x^2}{2}$  (plus some constant). Finally, a

particular solution is  $C_1x + C_2x^2 = -x\frac{x^2}{2} + xx^2 = \frac{x^3}{2}$ , the correct answer is D).

13. The matrix 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 5$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$  and  $\lambda_3 = 0$  and eigenvectors  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 associated with  $\lambda_1 = 5$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , respectively. Then the general solution of the system

$$X' = AX \text{ is}$$
A)  $C_1 e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  B)  $C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
C)  $C_1 e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  D)  $C_1 e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ 
E)  $C_1 e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Solution.** The eigenvector which is a solution of  $Av_3 = 0$  is  $(1, 1, -3)^T$ , the correct answer is D).

14. A real  $2 \times 2$  matrix A has an eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1 + i$  and an associated eigenvector  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the general solution of the system X' = AX is

general solution of the system 
$$X' = AX$$
 is
A)  $C_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ -\cos(t) \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$  B)  $C_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ -\cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$ 

C) 
$$C_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ -\cos(t) \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$
 D)  $C_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ -\cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$ 

E) unknown: insufficient data to find the general solution

**Solution.** The solution, by Euler's formula, is  $e^t(\cos(t) + i\sin(t))(1, -i)^T$ , its real and imaginary parts are  $e^t(\cos(t), \sin(t))^T$  and  $e^t(\sin(t), -\cos(t))$ , respectively, the correct answer is B).

- 15. The eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  and eigenfunctions  $X_n$  of the Sturm-Liouville problem  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$ ,  $X'(0) = X'(\pi) = 0$  are
  - A)  $\lambda_n = n$ ,  $X_n = \sin(nx)$ , n = 1, 2, ... only B)  $\lambda_n = n^2$ ,  $X_n = \sin(nx)$ , n = 1, 2, ... only
  - C)  $\lambda_0 = 0, X_0 = 1, \lambda_n = \pi^2 n^2, X_n = \cos(n\pi x), n = 1, 2, \dots$  only
  - D)  $\lambda_0 = 0, X_0 = 1, \lambda_n = n^2, X_n = \cos(nx), n = 1, 2, ...$  only E) none of the above

**Answer.** The solution is a constant, for  $\lambda = 0$ , and  $X_n = \cos(nx)$  for  $\lambda_n = n^2$ , the correct answer is D).

- 16. In the Fourier series  $a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \cos(n\pi x) + b_n \sin(n\pi x) \right]$  of  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 3, & -2 < t \le -1, \\ -3, & -1 < t \le 1, \\ 3, & 1 < t < 2 \end{cases}$ 
  - A) all  $a_n \neq 0$ ,  $b_n \neq 0$  B) all  $b_n = 0$  but all  $a_n \neq 0$ , n = 0, 1, 2, ...
  - C)  $a_0 = 0$ , all  $a_n \neq 0$ ,  $b_n \neq 0$  for n = 1, 2, ... D) all  $a_n = 0$ , n = 0, 1, 2, ...
  - E)  $a_0 = 0, b_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$

**Solution.** The function is even, so all  $b_n = 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$  Also,  $a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^{2} f(x) dx = 0$ , so  $a_0 = 0$  as well, the correct answer is E).

- 17. The Fourier series  $f(x) \sim a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \cos(n\pi x) + b_n \sin(n\pi x) \right]$  of period  $2\ell = 2$  for  $f(x) = x^2 x$ ,  $x \in (-1,1)$ 
  - A) at x = -1 converges to 2, at x = 1 converges to 0 B) at x = -1 converges to 0, at x = 1 converges to 2
  - C) at x = -1 converges to 1, at x = 1 converges to 1 D) at x = -1 converges to 0, at x = 1 converges to 0
  - E) at x = -1 converges to 2, at x = 1 converges to 2

**Solution.** The Fourier series at (discontinuity or end) point converges to  $(f(0^+) + f(2^-))/2 = (0+2)/2 = 1$  both at x = -1 and x = 1, the correct answer is C).

18. The sine series of period 
$$2\pi$$
 for  $f(x) = x + 3$ ,  $x \in [0, \pi]$  is

A) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi n} \sin(nx)$$
 B)  $3 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} \sin(nx)$  C)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} \sin(n\pi x)$ 

D) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{2}{n} - \frac{6}{\pi n} (-1)^n \right] \sin(nx)$$
 E)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} \left[ (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{3}{\pi} ((-1)^n - 1) \right] \sin(nx)$ 

Solution. Ax 
$$\int x \sin(nx) dx = -\frac{x \cos(nx)}{n} + \int \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} dx = -\frac{x \cos(nx)}{n} + \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} + C$$
, we have

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (x+3) \sin(nx) \ dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{x \cos(nx)}{n} + \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} - \frac{3 \cos(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi}{n} \cos(n\pi) - 0 + 0 - 0 - \frac{3}{n} \cos(n\pi) + \frac{3}{n} \right] = \frac{2}{n} \left[ (-1)^{n+1} - \frac{3}{\pi} \left( (-1)^n - 1 \right) \right],$$

the correct answer is E).

19. The solution 
$$u(x,t)$$
 to the heat transfer (conduction) problem  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ ,  $0 < x < \pi$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $u(0,t) = 0$ ,  $u(\pi,t) = 0$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sin(nx)$ ,  $0 < x < \pi$  is

A) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sin(nx) e^{-n^6 t}$$
 B)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sin(nx) e^{-n^2 t}$ 

C) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(nx)e^{-n^3t}$$
 D)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sin(n\pi x)e^{-n^2\pi^2t}$  E)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sin(nx) \sinh(nt)$ 

**Solution.** Following the separation of variables method, we obtain for  $u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$ :

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) e^{-n^2 t}$$
. Substituting the initial condition, we have

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n^3}$$
,  $u(t, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sin(nx) e^{-n^2 t}$ , the correct answer is B).

20. A string of length L is secured at both ends. The string has no initial displacement, but has initial velocity f(x) at any point x. This scenario is described by the partial differential equations and boundary and initial conditions

A) 
$$\alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$
,  $0 < x < L$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0$ ,  $u(x,0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\Big|_{t=0} = f(x)$ 

B) 
$$\alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$
,  $0 < x < L$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $u(x,0) = u(x,L) = 0$ ,  $u(x,0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\Big|_{t=0} = f(x)$ 

C) 
$$\alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$
,  $0 < x < L$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\Big|_{t=0} = f(x)$ 

D) 
$$\alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$
,  $0 < x < L$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $u(x,0) = u(x,L) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\Big|_{t=0} = f(x)$ 

E) 
$$\alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$
,  $0 < x < L$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $u(x, L) = f(x)$ ,  $u(L, t) = 0$ ,  $u(t, 0) = 0$ 

**Answer.** This is the wave equation, the correct answer is A).

21. The function  $u(x,y) = a\sin(2\pi x)\sinh(by)$  is a solution of the Laplace equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$  satisfying  $u(0,y) = 0, \ u(1,y) = 0, \ 0 \le y \le 2, \ u(x,0) = 0, \ u(x,2) = \sin(2\pi x), \ 0 \le x \le 1$  for A) a = 1 and any  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  B)  $a = \frac{1}{\sinh(2\pi)}, \ b = \pi$ 

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C) 
$$a = \frac{1}{\sinh(4\pi)}$$
,  $b = 2\pi$  D)  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$  E)  $a = \frac{1}{\sinh(\pi)}$ ,  $b = 2\pi$ 

**Solution.** We have by direct computation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial u^2} = -(2\pi)^2 u + b^2 u = 0$  for any (x, y) only if  $b = 2\pi$ . Then the first three boundary conditions are satisfied, the fourth condition gives  $u(x,2) = a\sin(2\pi x)\sinh(4\pi) =$  $\sin(2\pi x)$  only if  $a=1/\sinh(4\pi)$ , the correct answer is C).

22. Using the functions 
$$u_c(t)$$
, the function  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \le t < 1, \\ t^2 - 2, & 1 \le t < 3, \end{cases}$  can be written as  $t - 2, t \ge 3$ 

A) 
$$f(t) = t + (t^2 - 2)u_1(t) + (t - 2)u_3(t)$$
 B)  $f(t) = t + (t^2 - 2 - t)u_1(t) - 2u_3(t)$ 

C) 
$$f(t) = t + (t^2 - 2 - t)u_1(t) + (t - t^2)u_3(t)$$
 D)  $f(t) = t - t^2 + 2 + (t^2 - t)u_1(t) - 2u_3(t)$ 

E) 
$$f(t) = t + (t + 2 - t^2)u_1(t) - 2u_3(t)$$

**Answer.** The correct answer is C)

23. The Laplace Transform of the function 
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le t < 2, \\ 3t - 4, & t \ge 2 \end{cases}$$
 is

A) 
$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{3e^{-2s}}{s^2} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s}$$
 B)  $\frac{1}{s} + \frac{3e^{-2s}}{s^2} + \frac{2e^{-2s}}{s}$  C)  $-\frac{3}{s} + \frac{3}{s^2}$ 

D) 
$$\frac{3e^{-2s}}{s^2} - \frac{4e^{-2s}}{s}$$
 E)  $\frac{1}{s} + \frac{3e^{-2s}}{s^2} - \frac{4e^{-2s}}{s}$  Solution. We have  $f(t) = 1 + (3t - 5)u_2(t)$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}[f] = \frac{1}{s} + \mathcal{L}\left[3(t-2)u_2(t) + u_2(t)\right] = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3e^{-2s}}{s^2} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s},$$

the correct answer is A).

24. The inverse Laplace Transform of 
$$F(s) = \frac{5-s}{s^2+2s+5}$$
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$$A) - \cos(t) + 5\sin(t) \quad B) - e^{2t}\cos(t) + 5e^{2t}\sin(t) \quad C) - e^t\cos(2t) + 2e^t\sin(2t)$$

D) 
$$-2e^{-t}\cos(2t) + 5e^{-t}\sin(2t)$$
 E)  $-e^{-t}\cos(2t) + 3e^{-t}\sin(2t)$ 

**Solution.** By completing the square and using the table, we get

$$\frac{5-s}{s^2+2s+5} = \frac{-s+5}{(s+1)^2+2^2} = \frac{-(s+1)}{(s+1)^2+2^2} + 3\frac{2}{(s+1)^2+2^2},$$

the inverse Laplace Transform is

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{5-s}{s^2+2s+5}\right) = -e^{-t}\cos(2t) + 3e^{-t}\sin(2t),$$

the correct answer is E).

25. The inverse Laplace Transform of 
$$F(s) = \frac{2e^{-2s}}{(s+1)(s+3)}$$
 is

A) 
$$e^{-t} - e^{-3t}$$
 B)  $u_2(t) \left( e^{-t} - e^{-3t} \right)$ 

C) 
$$u_2(t) \left(\frac{1}{t^2} - \frac{1}{t^4}\right)$$
 D)  $u_2(t) \left(e^{2-t} - e^{6-3t}\right)$  E)  $u_2(t) \left(t - 2 + \frac{3}{t}\right)$ 

**Solution.** We have  $\frac{2}{(s+1)(s+3)} = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+3}$ , thus using the second shift formula we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{2e^{-2s}}{(s+1)(s+3)}\right] = u_2(t)\left(e^{-(t-2)} - e^{-3(t-2)}\right) = u_2(t)\left(e^{2-t} - e^{6-3t}\right),$$

the correct answer is D).