

Math 344 Midterm 1 Solutions

1. Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{2s}{s^2 + 2s + 4} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{(s+1)} + \frac{1}{s^{3/2}} + \frac{\mathcal{L}[f(t)]}{s^2} \right]$. (Write the last term as a convolution.)

Solution. $2e^{-t} \cos \sqrt{3}t - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}e^{-t} \sin \sqrt{3}t + u_2(t)e^{-(t-2)} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\sqrt{t} + f(t) * t.$

2. Solve $y'' + y = f(t)$ where $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } 1 \leq t \end{cases}$ with $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$.

Solution. $y(t) = 1 - \cos t + \sin t - u_1(t) (1 - \cos(t-1)).$

3. Solve the system $\begin{cases} x' = y, \\ y' = -x + \delta(t-1), \end{cases}$ where $x(0) = 0$ and $y(0) = 0$.

Solution. $x(t) = u_1(t) \sin(t-1), y(t) = u_1(t) \cos(t-1).$

4. Solve $x^2 y'' - xy' + 4y = 0$.

Solution. $y(x) = C_1 x \cos(\sqrt{3} \ln x) + C_2 x \sin(\sqrt{3} \ln x).$

5. Find the two series solutions to $(1-x^2)y'' - xy' = 0$ up to the x^5 term.

Solution. $y(x) = a_0 \left(1 + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2}x^3 + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 4}x^5 + \cdots \right) + a_1 \left(x + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3}x^4 + \cdots \right).$