

**Readings for the Week of April 11, 2022**

Martin Guterman and Zbigniew Nitecki, *Differential Equations: A First Course*, 3rd edition. ISBN: 81-89617-20-6.

§5.2 The Laplace Transform: Definitions and Basic Calculations

§5.3 The Laplace Transform and Initial-Value Problems

**Problem Set 12**

(Due **Monday, April 25**, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.)

For a 10% penalty on your grade, you may hand in the problem set late, until Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 11:59 p.m.

**1. (Laplace transform from the definition)**

Let  $f(t) = te^{2t}$ . Calculate the Laplace transform  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$  directly from the definition and indicate the values of  $s$  for which the integral defining  $F(s)$  converges.

**2. (Laplace transform)**

For each of the following functions, calculate its Laplace transform  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$  using the linearity of  $\mathcal{L}$  together with the basic formulas summarized at the end of §5.2.

(a)  $f(t) = 2t + e^{-4t} - 3 \cos 5t$ .

(b)  $f(t) = e^{3t+2}$ .

(c)  $f(t) = (t+2)(t+3)$ .

**3. (Inverse transform)**

For each of the following functions, calculate its inverse transform  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$  using the linearity of  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  together with the basic formulas summarized at the end of §5.2.

(a)  $F(s) = \frac{1}{3s+1}$ .

(b)  $F(s) = \frac{2}{s^2+4} - \frac{10}{s^4} + \frac{1}{s}$ .

**4. (First differentiation formula)**

Use the first differentiation formula to find an expression for the Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}[x]$ , where  $x$  is the solution of the given initial-value problem.

(a)  $(D - 1)x = e^{2t}, \quad x(0) = 2.$

(b)  $(D^2 - 1)x = e^{2t}, \quad x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 1.$

(c)  $(D^2 + 1)x = \cos 3t, \quad x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 3.$

**5. (Partial fraction decomposition)**

Find the inverse transform of  $F(s) = \frac{s + 4}{s^2 + 4s + 3}.$

**6. (Initial-value problem)**

Use the Laplace transform to solve the initial-value problem:

$$(D^2 + 4)x = t, \quad x(0) = -1, \quad x'(0) = 0.$$

(End of Homework 11)