

Revision Tutorial

I. Partial Differentiation

MCQ

1. Which of the following is **TRUE**?

- (a) The partial derivative $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ represents the rate of change of $z = f(x, y)$ with respect to z .
- (b) Suppose that $z = f(x, y, t)$ where $x = g(t)$ and $y = h(t)$, then $\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$.
- (c) The partial derivative of $f(x, y)$ with respect to y , written as $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$, is the derivative of $f(x, y)$, where y is treated as the constant and $f(x, y)$ is treated as a function of x alone.
- (d) If A is a function of b and c and $\frac{\partial A}{\partial b} > 0$ implies that a decrease in b will cause an increase in A , when c is kept constant.

2. Given that $z = f(x, y)$. Which one of the following statements is **FALSE**?

- (a) $\Delta z \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y$
- (b) $f_y(a, b) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \bigg|_{\substack{x=a \\ y=b}}$
- (c) $\frac{\Delta z}{z} \times 100\% \approx \frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \times 100\%$
- (d) $\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$, where $x = g(t)$ and $y = h(t)$.

Structured questions

Basic Questions

1. Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ for the functions below.

- (a) $f(x, y) = x^5 + x^3 y^2 + 3xy^4$
- (b) $f(x, y) = x^3 + 5x^2 y + 2y^3 + 6$
- (c) $f(x, y) = x^3 y^2 + \frac{y}{x}$

- 2. (a) If $f(x, y) = \ln(xy)$, evaluate $f_x(1, 2)$.
- (b) If $h(x, y) = (1 + x^2 y)e^{3y}$, evaluate $h_y(1, 0)$.

Intermediate and/or Challenging Questions

3. Find the first partial derivatives of the function.

(a) $f(r, s) = r \cdot \ln(r^2 + s^2)$ (b) $h(u, v) = \ln \sqrt{u^2 - v^2}$

(c) $z = x^2 \sin(xy) - 3y^3$

4. The diameter and height of a right circular cylinder are found by measurement to be 8 cm and 12.5 cm respectively, with possible error of +0.05 cm in each measurement. Use partial differentiation to find the possible approximate error in the computed volume.

5. The inductance L (microhenrys) of a certain wire in free space is

$$L = 0.00021 \left(\ln \frac{2h}{r} - 0.75 \right)$$

where h is the length (mm) of the wire and r (mm) is the radius of a circular cross section. Use partial differentiation to approximate L when $r = 2 \pm \frac{1}{16}$ mm and $h = 100 \pm \frac{1}{100}$ mm.

6. The radius r and height h of a right circular cylinder are measured with possible errors of 4% and 2% respectively. Use partial differentiation to approximate the possible percentage error in measuring the volume.

7. Electrical power P is given by $P = \frac{E^2}{R}$, where E is voltage and R is resistance. Approximate the percent error in calculating power if the percentage errors in measuring E and R are 2% and 3%, respectively.

II. Integration Techniques**MCQ**

1. To find the integral $\int \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x^2-4x+1}} dx$ by substitution method, we should let

- (a) $u = x - 2$ (b) $u = x^2 - 4x + 1$
(c) $u = 2x - 4$ (d) $u = x$

2. Which of the following integrals **cannot** be found using the substitution method?

- (a) $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$ (b) $\int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$
(c) $\int x^2 e^{x^3} dx$ (d) $\int 4\cos^2 x \sin x dx$

3. To find $\int x\sqrt{x^2+1} dx$,

- (a) let $u = x$ (b) let $u = \sqrt{x}$

(c) let $u = x + 1$

(d) let $u = x^2 + 1$

4. The maximum number of partial fractions that $\frac{x^4 - 16}{(2x + 1)^3(x^2 - 1)}$ can be expressed to is _____

(a) 2

(b) 3

(c) 4

(d) 5

5. The expression $\frac{x}{(x-2)(x+1)}$ (in partial fractions) is equivalent to _____

(a) $\frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{2}{x-2} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right]$

(b) $\frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{2}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x+1} \right]$

(c) $\frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x-2} \right]$

(d) $-\frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{2}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x+1} \right]$

6. $\frac{x+3}{(2x-1)(x^2+9)}$ can be expressed in the form _____

(a) $\frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{B}{x+3}$

(b) $\frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{B}{x+3} + \frac{C}{(x+3)^2}$

(c) $\frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{Bx}{x^2+9}$

(d) $\frac{A}{2x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+9}$

7. $\frac{x(3x-1)}{(x+1)(x^2+4)}$ can be expressed in the partial fractions as _____

(a) $\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x^2+4}$

(b) $\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx}{x^2+4}$

(c) $\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+4}$

(d) $\frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x+2} + \frac{C}{(x+2)^2}$

8. To find $\int x \sec^2(5x) dx$ using 'integration by parts', we choose

(a) $u = x$ and $dv = \sec^2(5x) dx$

(b) $u = \sec^2(5x)$ and $dv = x dx$

(c) $u = x dx$ and $dv = \sec^2(5x)$

(d) $u = \sec^2(5x) dx$ and $dv = x$

Structured questions

Basic Questions

1. Find the following using appropriate methods:

- (a) integrate functions of linear function:

(i) $\int \frac{1}{(2x-3)^5} dx$

(ii) $\int \sqrt{4-3x} dx$

(iii) $\int \frac{1}{8x+3} dx$

(b) integrate by using suitable substitutions:

(i) $\int x(x^2 + 1)^4 dx$, by letting $u = x^2 + 1$

(ii) $\int \sin^2 x \cos x dx$, by letting $u = \sin x$

(iii) $\int \frac{dx}{x \ln x}$, by letting $u = \ln x$

(iv) $\int \frac{5e^{2x}}{\sqrt{1-e^{2x}}} dx$, by letting $u = 1 - e^{2x}$

(c) integrate by using partial fractions:

(i) $\int \frac{-x+7}{(x+3)(3x-1)} dx$ (ii) $\int \frac{x^2-6x+2}{(x+1)(2x-1)^2} dx$ (iii) $\int \frac{3s^2-s+8}{s(s^2+4)} ds$

(d) integrate by completing squares:

(i) $\int \frac{2}{x^2-2x+2} dx$ (ii) $\int \frac{1}{x^2-10x+50} dx$

(e) integrate by using trigonometric identities:

(i) $\int \sin 3x \cos 5x dx$ (ii) $\int \sin^2 2x dx$ (iii) $\int \cos^2 3x dx$

(f) integrate by parts:

(i) $\int (x^2 + x)e^{2x} dx$ (ii) $\int x^2 \sin 3x dx$ (iii) $\int e^{5x} \cos 2x dx$

2. Evaluate the definite integrals with the appropriate integration techniques:

(a) functions of linear function:

(i) $\int_{4.5}^{10.5} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2x-5}} dx$ (ii) $\int_{-2/3}^0 \frac{1}{e^{3x+2}} dx$

(b) substitution method:

(i) $\int_0^{1/2} y \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - y^2} dy$, let $u = \frac{1}{4} - y^2$

(ii) $\int_1^2 \frac{e^{1/t}}{t^2} dt$, let $u = \frac{1}{t}$

(c) integration by parts:

(i) $\int_0^1 x e^{-5x} dx$ (ii) $\int_1^e x^2 \ln x dx$

3. Find the RMS (root-mean-square) value of the following functions:

(a) $y = 2x + 1$ over the interval $1 \leq x \leq 4$

(b) $f(t) = 1 + 3e^{-t}$ over the interval $0 \leq t \leq 2$

(c) $y = 2(\sin t + \cos t)$ over the interval $0 \leq t \leq \pi$

[hint: $(\sin t + \cos t)^2 = \sin^2 t + 2 \sin t \cos t + \cos^2 t = 1 + \sin 2t$]

Intermediate and/or Challenging Questions

4. Find the integrals

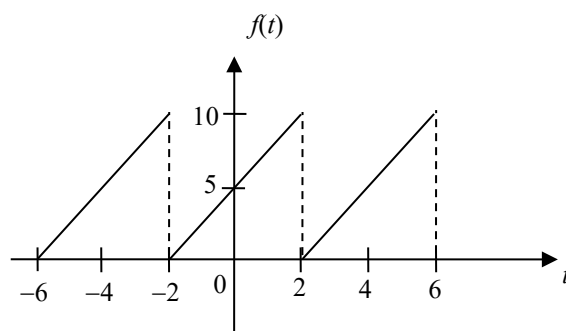
(a) $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+x}} dx$ (b) $\int \sin^2 \theta \cos 3\theta d\theta$

5. Evaluate the definite integrals

(a) $\int_0^4 \frac{4x}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx$ (b) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 x dx$

III. Simpson's Rule & Fourier Series**MCQ**

- The number of panels or strips to be considered in Simpson's rule must be _____.
(a) Odd (b) Even
- The exact solution of a definite integral can be obtained using the Simpson's rule.
(a) True (b) False
- A definite integral $\int_0^3 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$ is evaluated using the Simpson's rule with 8 strips. Which of the following could be used to increase the accuracy of the final answer?
(a) Evaluate the definite integral by integrating the function $\sqrt{1-x^2}$ and substituting the limits of integration.
(b) Use the trapezoid method instead of Simpson's rule using the same number of strips.
(c) Reduce the number of strips from 8 to 4.
(d) Increase the number of strips from 8 to 16.
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In the figure above, $f(t)$ is a periodic function. The period of $f(t)$ is

- (a) 2 (b) 4
(c) 6 (d) 10
5. The d.c. component a_0 of the trigonometric Fourier series of $f(t)$ (as shown in the figure in MCQ 4) is

- (a) 0 (b) 2
(c) 5 (d) 10

6. For the given periodic function $f(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 < t < 2 \\ 1 & 2 < t < 4 \end{cases}$, $f(t+4) = f(t)$, which has a period $T = 4$, the amplitude of the 2nd cosine component (a_2) of the Fourier series associated with $f(t)$ is
- (a) 0 (b) 1
(c) -1 (d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$
7. The trigonometric Fourier series representation of the periodic function $f(t)$ of period 2π is given by $f(t) = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \left(\cos t + \frac{1}{9} \cos 3t + \frac{1}{25} \cos 5t + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{\pi} (\sin t - 2 \sin 3t + 3 \sin 5t + \dots) + \dots$. Then $f(t)$ is
- (a) an even function (b) an odd function
(c) an odd function plus constant (d) a function with no symmetry

Structured Questions

Basic Questions

1. Estimate the following integrals by Simpson's rule, using the number of intervals indicated:

- (a) $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx$ (n = 8) (b) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\sin \theta} d\theta$ (n = 6)
(c) $\int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx$ (n = 6) (d) $\int_0^2 e^{x^2} dx$ (n=4)

2. The table below gives the values of a current i (mA) flowing through a $33 \mu\text{F}$ capacitor at different instants of time t (s).

t (s)	0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2
i (mA)	0	0.198	0.380	0.496	0.476	0.310	0.117

By using Simpson's Rule, calculate the amount of charge (mC) stored in the capacitor from $t = 0$ to $t = 1.2$. (Hint: $q = \int i dt$)

3. A periodic function $f(t)$ of period 4 is defined as

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t-1 & , -1 < t < 1 \\ 2 & , 1 < t < 3 \end{cases}$$

Find:

- (a) the d.c. component (i.e. a_0)
(b) the second sine harmonic (i.e. $b_2 \sin(2\omega t)$), and
(c) the third cosine harmonic (i.e. $a_3 \cos(3\omega t)$) of the Fourier series of $f(t)$.

4. A periodic function $f(t)$ of period 2π is defined as

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\pi \leq t < -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ 4, & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq t < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0, & \frac{\pi}{2} \leq t < \pi \end{cases}, \quad f(t+2\pi) = f(t).$$

- (a) Find the d.c. component (i.e. a_0).
- (b) If $a_n = \frac{8}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$, find a_1 , a_2 and a_3 .
- (c) Given that $f(t)$ is an even function, use the results from parts (a) and (b), write down the Fourier series of $f(t)$ as far as the 3rd harmonic.

Intermediate and/or Challenging Questions

5. Sketch one cycle of the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} -0.5 & , -2 < t < -1 \\ 0.5 & , -1 < t < 1 \\ -0.5 & , 1 < t < 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad f(t+4) = f(t)$$

Is $f(t)$ an even function?

6. A periodic function $f(t)$ of period 4 is defined over one period as

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t+2 & -2 < t < -1 \\ 0 & -1 < t < 1 \\ t-2 & 1 < t < 2 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the graph of $f(t)$ for the interval $-2 < t < 2$, hence determine whether it is even, odd or neither.
- (b) Find the Fourier series of $f(t)$ up to and including the third harmonic.

IV. 1st ODE & Applications

MCQ

1. Which of the following differential equations cannot be solved by separating the variables?

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$

(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$

(d) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x + y$

2. Which of the following differential equations can be solved by separating the variables?

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xe^x \sin y}{\cos y}$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + x - 1}{xe^y - \sin y}$

(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{x^2}}{\tan y}$

(d) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x + y}{x - y}$

3. Which of the following is not a solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = ky$, where k is a constant?

(a) $\ln y = kx + c$

(b) $y = ce^x + k$

(c) $\ln(cy) = kx$

(d) $y = ce^{kx}$

4. The expression $e^{\frac{1}{2}\ln|1+x|}$ can be simplified as

(a) $\frac{1}{2}(1+x)$

(b) $\sqrt{1+x}$

(c) $e^{\frac{1}{2}}(1+x)$

(d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}}$

5. Reduce $x\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x^2} = \ln x$ to linear form and identify $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$.

(a) $P(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ and $Q(x) = \ln x$

(b) $P(x) = -\frac{1}{x^3}$ and $Q(x) = \ln x$

(c) $P(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ and $Q(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$

(d) $P(x) = -\frac{1}{x^3}$ and $Q(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$

6. Given $f'(x) = x^3 f(x)$, $f(0) = 1$. Then $f(1) =$ _____.

(a) e

(b) $\sqrt[4]{e}$

(c) \sqrt{e}

(d) $\frac{e}{4}$

Structured Questions

Basic Questions

1. Solve the following differential equations by separating the variables:

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{4x^2 + 1}$

(b) $(y^2 + 3y)\frac{dy}{dx} = y \sin 3x \cos x$

(c) $(x^2 + 9)\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(2y)$

(d) $xy\frac{dy}{dx} + 1 - y^2 = 0$

(e) $(1 + x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$

(f) $\frac{dy}{dx} - x^2 + 1 = 0$

(g) $2x^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = -(y+1), y(1) = 0$

2. Solve the following differential equations by using the integrating factor

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^x$

(b) $x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2x, y(1) = 2$

(c) $(x+1) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \frac{x+1}{x+3}$

(d) $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^{4x-1}, y\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = 0$

(e) $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3y}{x} = 6x^2$

(f) $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 3x^2 e^{-3x}$

Intermediate and/or Challenging Questions

3. Solve the following differential equations

(a) $\cos y + (1 + e^{-x}) \sin y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0, y(0) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

(b) $y' + \frac{y}{x} - \sin^2 x = 0$

(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} + 5x = x - xy, y(0) = 1$

4. A cup of boiling coffee is allowed to cool in a room where the temperature is maintained constant at 25°C . The cooling process follows Newton's law of cooling. If after 2 minutes, the coffee temperature is dropped to 80°C .

- Set up the differential equation that depicts the cooling process of the coffee;
- Find the particular solution of the differential equation in part (a);
- Find the coffee temperature after 8 minutes.

5. If a body cools from 100°C to 80°C in 10 minutes in air, which is maintained at 20°C . The cooling process follows Newton's law of cooling.

- Set up the differential equation that depicts the cooling process of the body.
- Solve the equation in part (a) using given conditions.
- How long will it takes the body to cool down from 80°C to 60°C ?

6. A voltage source is connected in series with a resistor and a capacitor. The charge q on the capacitor satisfies the differential equation

$$R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = E$$

where $R = 1\text{K}\Omega$, $C = 1\mu\text{F}$ and $E = 10\text{V}$.

If the initial charge on the capacitor is zero, find

- the charge and current at any time t .
- the voltage across the resistor when $t = 5\text{ms}$.

V. Laplace Transform & Inverse Laplace Transform**MCQ**

- $\mathcal{L}\{e^{-3t-5}\}$ is equal to
 - $\frac{1}{e^3(s+5)}$
 - $\frac{e^3}{s+5}$
 - $\frac{1}{e^5(s+3)}$
 - $\frac{e^5}{s+3}$
- $\mathcal{L}\{(1-e^{-t})\cos 2t\}$ is equal to
 - $\left(\frac{1}{s}-\frac{1}{s+1}\right)\left(\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right)$
 - $\frac{s}{s^2+4}-\frac{s}{(s+1)(s^2+4)}$
 - $\frac{s}{s^2+4}-\frac{s}{(s+1)^2+4}$
 - $\frac{s}{s^2+4}-\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+4}$
- $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d}{dt}(e^t \cos 2t)\right\}$ is equal to
 - $\frac{s}{(s-1)^2+4}$
 - $\frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2+4}$
 - $\frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2+4}-1$
 - $\frac{s(s-1)}{(s-1)^2+4}-1$
- If $f(t) = te^{3t}$ and $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$, then $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s+5)\} =$ _____.
 - te^{-t}
 - te^t
 - te^{-2t}
 - te^{2t}
- The function $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 1 \leq t < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ has the following Laplace transform:
 - $\int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt$
 - $\int_0^\infty te^{-st} dt$
 - $\int_1^2 e^{-st} dt$
 - $\int_1^2 te^{-st} dt$
- If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \frac{s}{(s-1)^2+1} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2+1}$, then $f(t) =$ _____.
 - $e^t(\cos t + \sin t)$
 - $e^{-t}(\cos t + \sin t)$
 - $e^t(\cos t + 2\sin t)$
 - $e^{-t}(\cos t + 2\sin t)$

Structured QuestionsBasic Questions

1. Find the following Laplace transforms:

- (a) $\mathcal{L}\{4 - 9e^{-4t}\}$ (b) $\mathcal{L}\{5t^3 + 3\sin 2t\}$ (c) $\mathcal{L}\{te^{2t} \cos 5t\}$
 (d) Expand $(t+1)(t+2)$, hence find $\mathcal{L}\{(t+1)(t+2)\}$
 (e) Express e^{2t+3} as a product using laws of indices, hence find $\mathcal{L}\{e^{2t+3}\}$
 (f) Use compound angle formula to expand $\sin\left(t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$, hence find $\mathcal{L}\left\{\sin\left(t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right\}$.
 (g) Use reducing power formula to simplify $\cos^2 3t$, hence find $\mathcal{L}\{t \cos^2 3t\}$
 (h) Use product to sum formula to simplify $\sin 2t \sin 5t$, hence find $\mathcal{L}\{t \sin 2t \sin 5t\}$

2. Find the following inverse Laplace transforms:

- (a) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2}{s} - \frac{8}{s^3} + \frac{16}{s^5}\right\}$ (b) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+6} - \frac{3s}{s^2+25} + \frac{1}{s^2+49}\right\}$
 (c) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s^2-100}{(s^2+100)^2} - \frac{4s}{(s^2+81)^2}\right\}$ (d) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{2s-3}\right\}$
 (e) Rewrite $\frac{3(1+s)}{s^5}$ as sum of two fractions, hence find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3(1+s)}{s^5}\right\}$
 (f) Rewrite $\frac{3s+2}{s^2+36}$ as sum of two fractions, hence find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3s+2}{s^2+36}\right\}$
 (g) Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{6}{s^3}\right\}$, hence use first shift theorem to find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{6}{(s-1)^3}\right\}$
 (h) Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{s^2+9}\right\}$, hence use first shift theorem to find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{3}{(s-2)^2+9}\right\}$
 (i) Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+25}\right\}$, hence use first shift theorem to find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+25}\right\}$
 (j) By partial fraction, find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s^2-2s+3}{s(s-1)(s-2)}\right\}$
 (k) By partial fraction, find $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s^2+1}{(s-1)(s^2+2)}\right\}$

Intermediate Questions

3. Find the following:

- (a) $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dv}{dt} + 3v - 13\sin 2t\right\}, \quad v(0) = 6$
 (b) $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dt} + 5y - e^{-2t} \cos 3t\right\}, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -2$

(c) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s-1}{s^2-4s+20}\right\}$

(d) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+2}{s^2+6s+9}\right\}$

VI. 2nd ODE & Applications

MCQ

- If the differential equation $4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + ky = 0$ has a general solution of the form $y = e^{\alpha x} [A \cos(\beta x) + B \sin(\beta x)]$, where α , β , A and B are constants, then the value of the constant k is _____.
 (a) < 4 (b) ≤ 4
 (c) > 4 (d) ≥ 4
- $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^3y}{dt^3}\right\}$ is given by
 (a) $s^3\mathcal{L}\{y\} - s^2y''(0) - sy'(0) - y(0)$ (b) $s^3\mathcal{L}\{y\} - s^2y'(0) - sy''(0) - y'''(0)$
 (c) $s^3\mathcal{L}\{y\} - s^2y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0)$ (d) $s^3\mathcal{L}\{y\} - s^2y(0) - sy'''(0) - y''(0)$
- If the motion of an engineering system is described by $y = \frac{1}{2}[e^{-2t} \cos(t) + 3e^{-2t} \sin(t) - e^{-t}]$, the motion is considered _____.
 (a) un-damped (b) under-damped
 (c) critically-damped (d) over-damped

Structured Questions

Basic Questions

- Find the general solution to each differential equation, using auxiliary equation method:
 (a) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0$ (b) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$
 (c) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 13y = 0$
- By auxiliary equation method, find the particular solution for each differential equation below, using the given boundary conditions:
 (a) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$, $y(0) = 5$ and $y'(0) = -9$
 (b) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = -1$

- (c) $2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 1$
- (d) $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dt} = 4$, $y(0) = -1$, $y'(0) = 2$

Intermediate and/or Challenging Questions

3. Solve the following differential equation using Laplace transform method:
 $q'' + 9q = 0$, where $q(0) = 0$ and $q'(0) = 2$
4. (a) Resolve $\frac{8}{(s+2)^2(s^2+4)}$ into partial fractions of the form $\frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{B}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+4}$.
- (b) Hence, use the result from part (a) to solve the differential equation for $v(t)$:
 $v'' + 4v' + 4v = 4 \sin 2t$, where $v(0) = 1$ and $v'(0) = 0$
5. A mass of 0.6 kg is attached to the lower end of a vertical spring of stiffness 200 N/m. The mass is raised 3 cm above the equilibrium position, i.e. $x(0) = -3$ cm, and released from rest, i.e. $v(0) = x'(0) = 0$ cm/s. Assuming no air resistance,
- describe the motion of the mass;
 - set up the differential equation to model the displacement $x(t)$, and indicate clearly the initial conditions;
 - find the position of the mass 5 seconds after it is released; and
 - determine the frequency of the motion. ($g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)
6. A mass of 10 kg is suspended from a spring of spring constant 300 N/m. The mass is pushed up 15 cm above its equilibrium position and released from rest. Assuming there is no damping force,
- set up the differential equation to model the displacement $x(t)$, and indicate clearly the initial conditions ;
 - find the position of the mass after 1 second ;
 - the amplitude, period and frequency of the vibration.
7. A 1 kg mass is attached to the lower end of a vertical spring of stiffness 25 N/m. The mass is set into motion from rest at the equilibrium position by an external force $F(t) = \sin(5t)$ (N). If the resistance to the motion is numerically equal to $8v$ (N) where v (m/s) is the velocity of the mass at time t (s),
- set up the differential equation to model the displacement $x(t)$, and indicate clearly the initial conditions ;
 - find the displacement x (m) of the mass at any time t (s) ,
 - indicate the amplitude of the steady-state vibration of the mass ;
 - what is the ratio of the displacement in the steady-state motion to that in the transient-state motion when $t = 0.5\text{s}$?
8. A spring has a spring constant of 125 Nm^{-1} . A mass of 5 kg is suspended from the spring and, after it has come to equilibrium, is pulled down 20 cm and released from rest. Assuming that there is a damping force numerically equal to $30v$, where v (m/s) is the instantaneous velocity at time t (s),

- (a) set up the differential equation to model the displacement $x(t)$, and indicate clearly the initial conditions ;
 - (b) find the position and the velocity of the mass at any time.
9. Find the charge on the capacitor in the RLC -series circuit when $L = 0.25$ H, $R = 20 \Omega$, $C = \frac{1}{300}$ F, $E(t) = 0$ V, $q(0) = 4$ C and $q'(0) = 0$.
10. In a RLC circuit, it is known that $R = 10$ ohms, $L = 5/3$ henry, $C = 1/30$ farad, and the electromotive force $E(t) = 300$ volts. If initially, there is no current flowing thru the circuit, and the rate of change of the current is 180 amp/sec,
- (a) set up the differential equation to model the current in the circuit, and indicate clearly the initial conditions;
 - (b) hence, find the current $i(t)$.
11. In a RLC circuit, it is known that $R = 10$ ohms, $L = 0.5$ henry, $C = 0.01$ farad, and the electromotive force $E(t) = 150$ volts. If initially, the charge on the capacitor is 1 coulomb, and there is no current,
- (a) set up the differential equation to model the charge on the capacitor, and indicate clearly the initial conditions;
 - (b) hence, find the charge $q(t)$.