

1. (5 points) Solve the initial value problem

$$y' + 2y = te^{-2t}, \quad y(1) = 0.$$

**Solution:** The integrating factor is  $\mu(t) = e^{2t}$ . So we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{2t}y) = te^{-2t}e^{2t}$$

$$e^{-2t}y = \int t \, dt$$

$$e^{-2t}y = \frac{1}{2}t^2 + c$$

$$y = \left( \frac{1}{2}t^2 + c \right) e^{-2t}$$

Using the initial conditions, we find  $c = -\frac{1}{2}$ , and this gives the final answer.

2. (5 points) Let  $y(t)$  be a solution to the differential equation

$$y' = (y - 1)(y - 2)^2, \quad y(1) = y_0.$$

Determine all possible values of  $y_0$  so that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 2$ .

**Solution:** The differential equation has constant solutions at  $y = 1$  and  $y = 2$ . If  $y < 1$ , then  $y' < 0$  so  $y$  is decreasing. If  $y > 1$ , then  $y' > 0$  so  $y$  is increasing. The limit will be 2 if  $1 < y_0 \leq 2$ .

3. (5 points) A tank contains 2 kg of salt dissolved in 500 L of water. Fresh water flows in at a rate of  $r$  L/s, and mixed solution flows out at the same rate.

Determine the value of  $r$  so that the amount of salt in the tank is reduced by half in exactly 1 hour.

**Solution:** The differential equation is  $Q' = -\frac{Qr}{500}$ , with  $Q(0) = 2$ . This is both separable and linear. Either way you solve it, you get  $Q = 2e^{-rt/500}$ . Using  $Q(3600) = 1$ , you find  $\frac{1}{2} = e^{-3600r/500}$ , which means  $r = \frac{5}{36} \ln 2$ .

4. (5 points) Suppose you have an object of mass 1 kg hanging from a spring with spring coefficient 8 N/m and damping coefficient 2 N/(m/s). An external force (measured in Newtons) of  $F_0 \cos 2t$  is applied to the system.

Determine the amplitude of the steady state response.

**Solution:** Using the method of undetermined coefficients, use  $Y = A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t$ . This gives equations  $4A + 4B = F_0$  and  $4A - 4B = 0$ , which means  $A = B = F_0/8$ . So the amplitude is  $\sqrt{A^2 + B^2} = F_0\sqrt{2}/8$ .

5. (5 points) Solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 7y' + 6y = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 2 \\ e^{-2t}, & 2 \leq t \end{cases}, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = 7.$$

**Solution:** The right hand side can be written  $e^{-2t}u_2(t)$ , and the Laplace transform is  $e^{-4}\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1}{s+2}\right\}$ .

After taking Laplace transforms and solving for  $Y$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \frac{1}{(s+2)(s+1)(s+6)}e^{-2s}e^{-4} + \frac{3s+28}{(s+1)(s+6)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1/5}{s+2} - \frac{1/4}{s+6} + \frac{1/20}{s+1}\right)e^{-2s}e^{-4} + \frac{5}{s+1} - \frac{2}{s+6} \end{aligned}$$

The inverse Laplace transform is

$$y(t) = u_2(t)e^{-4} \left( \frac{1}{5}e^{-2(t-2)} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-6(t-2)} + \frac{1}{20}e^{-(t-2)} \right) + 5e^{-t} - 2e^{-6t}.$$

6. (5 points) Consider the initial value problem

$$y'' + 9y = A\delta_c(t), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 2,$$

where  $\delta_c(t)$  is an impulse function (also written  $\delta(t - c)$ ), and  $A$  and  $c$  are POSITIVE constants.

Find values of  $A$  and  $c$  so that  $y(t) = 0$  for all  $t > c$ .

**Solution:** Taking the Laplace transform of both sides and solving for  $Y$ , we get

$$Y = Ae^{-cs} \left( \frac{1}{s^2 + 9} \right) + \frac{2}{s^2 + 9}$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform, we get

$$y(t) = \frac{2}{3} \sin 3t + \frac{A}{3} \sin(3t - 3c)u_c(t)$$

The only way to get zero is if  $A = 2$  and  $3c = n\pi$  for  $n$  odd. For example,  $c$  could be  $\pi/3$  or  $\pi$ .

**Answer:**  $A =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $c =$  \_\_\_\_\_