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MAT 225 (Ordinary Differential Equations)

Examination 2

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Answer all questions in the space provided. The points awarded for each problem are indicated. No notes or books are permitted. Tables of Laplace transforms are provided.

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1. [5 points] Find the general solution to

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Y}}{dy} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y}.$$

2. [6 points] Use Laplace transforms to solve the initial-value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - 3y = h(t) , \quad y(0) = 0 \quad , \quad \text{where} \quad h(t) = \begin{cases} 6 & \text{if } t < 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } t \geq 3 \end{cases} .$$

- 3.** [5 points] Find the solution to the initial value problem

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = e^{-2t} \quad ; \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

4. [6 points] Use the idea of complexification to find a particular solution to the equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dt} = e^{-t} \cos t .$$

5. Short answer questions which are unrelated to each other. [3 points each]

(a) Sketch the phase plane of

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Y}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y}.$$

(b) Find $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 + 2s + 5} \right\}$.

(c) If $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$, find a formula for $\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^3 y}{dt^3}\right\}$ in terms of $Y(s)$ and values of $y(t)$ and its derivatives at $t = 0$.

(d) Convert the third-order differential equation

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dt^3} + 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} = 7y$$

into a first-order system, and write it in matrix notation.

(e) If the solution $v(t)$ to

$$\frac{d^2 v}{dt^2} + 9v = 2 \sin(\omega t) \quad ; \quad v(0) = 1, \quad v'(0) = -1$$

satisfies $|v(t)| < 7$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, what can you say about the value of the parameter ω ?

(f) Find $\mathcal{L}\{\delta_1(t)u_2(t)\}$ (with explanations).

Table 6.1
Frequently Encountered Laplace Transforms.

$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y]$	$Y(s) = \mathcal{L}[y]$	$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y]$	$Y(s) = \mathcal{L}[y]$
$y(t) = e^{at}$	$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s-a} \quad (s > a)$	$y(t) = t^n$	$Y(s) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}} \quad (s > 0)$
$y(t) = \sin \omega t$	$Y(s) = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$y(t) = \cos \omega t$	$Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
$y(t) = e^{at} \sin \omega t$	$Y(s) = \frac{\omega}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2}$	$y(t) = e^{at} \cos \omega t$	$Y(s) = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2}$
$y(t) = t \sin \omega t$	$Y(s) = \frac{2\omega s}{(s^2 + \omega^2)^2}$	$y(t) = t \cos \omega t$	$Y(s) = \frac{s^2 - \omega^2}{(s^2 + \omega^2)^2}$
$y(t) = u_a(t)$	$Y(s) = \frac{e^{-as}}{s} \quad (s > 0)$	$y(t) = \delta_a(t)$	$Y(s) = e^{-as}$

Table 6.2
Rules for Laplace Transforms:
Given functions $y(t)$ and $w(t)$ with $\mathcal{L}[y] = Y(s)$ and $\mathcal{L}[w] = W(s)$ and constants α and a .

Rule for Laplace Transform	Rule for Inverse Laplace Transform
$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{dy}{dt}\right] = s\mathcal{L}[y] - y(0) = sY(s) - y(0)$	
$\mathcal{L}[y + w] = \mathcal{L}[y] + \mathcal{L}[w] = Y(s) + W(s)$	$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y + W] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y] + \mathcal{L}^{-1}[W] = y(t) + w(t)$
$\mathcal{L}[\alpha y] = \alpha \mathcal{L}[y] = \alpha Y(s)$	$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\alpha Y] = \alpha \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y] = \alpha y(t)$
$\mathcal{L}[u_a(t)y(t-a)] = e^{-as} \mathcal{L}[y] = e^{-as} Y(s)$	$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[e^{-as} Y] = u_a(t)y(t-a)$
$\mathcal{L}[e^{at}y(t)] = Y(s-a)$	$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s-a)] = e^{at} \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y] = e^{at}y(t)$