

Midterm 3, Math 2552

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INSTRUCTIONS (PLEASE READ)

Formatting and Timing

- You should only need 75 min to take the exam, but students will have 3 hours to submit the exam, from the time that it is released.
- **Show your work** and justify your answers for all questions unless stated otherwise.
- Please write neatly, and use dark and clear writing so that the scan is easy to read.
- Please write your name or initials at the top of every page.
- Please solve the questions in the exam in the order they are given.
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Submission

- Students should scan their work and submit it through Gradescope. There should be an **assignment** in Gradescope for this exam. The process for submitting your work will be similar to what you have used for homework.
- Work must be submitted today by 12:30 PM ET.
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Questions

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Integrity

- Students can use any resources while taking these tests including online calculators and Mathematica.
- Students cannot communicate with anyone during these tests including using Reddit or online message boards
- Students cannot use solutions provided from another student or third party.
- In other words: do your own work but you can use technology to solve problems.

1. (8 points) Compute the Laplace Transform of the following functions:

(a) (4 points)

$$f(t) = e^{2t}t \sin(3t).$$

We have a multiplication by an exponential (a shift in the s -domain) and a multiplication by t (-1 times a derivative in the s -domain). We can deal with the order we want between these two operations. Here is an example:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[\sin(3t)](s) &= \frac{3}{t^2 + 9}, \\ \mathcal{L}[t \sin(3t)](s) &= -\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{3}{t^2 + 9} \right) = \frac{6t}{(t^2 + 9)^2}, \\ F(s) = \mathcal{L}[e^{2t}t \sin(3t)](s) &= \frac{6(t-2)}{((t-2)^2 + 9)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

(b) (4 points)

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 2, \\ t & \text{if } 2 \leq t < 3, \\ t^2 - 5t + 9 & \text{if } t \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

Let us first express g in terms of unit step functions:

$$g = 2u_{02} + tu_{23} + (t^2 - 5t + 9)u_3 = 2 + (t-2)u_2 + (t^2 - 6t + 9)u_3 = 2 + (t-2)u_2 + (t-3)^2u_3.$$

Using the formula $\mathcal{L}[f(t-c)u_c(t)](s) = e^{-cs}F(s)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}G(s) &= \frac{2}{s} + e^{-2s}\mathcal{L}[t](s) + e^{-3s}\mathcal{L}[t^2](s) \\ &= \frac{2}{s} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2} + \frac{2e^{-3s}}{s^3}.\end{aligned}$$

2. (8 points) Compute the Inverse Laplace Transform of the following functions:

(a) (4 points)

$$F(s) = \frac{e^{-2\pi s}}{s^2 + 2s + 10}.$$

First, let us complete the square in the fraction:

$$F(s) = \frac{e^{-2\pi s}}{s^2 + 2s + 10} = \frac{e^{-2\pi s}}{(s + 1)^2 + 9}.$$

Now, we want to use the formula $\mathcal{L}[g(t - c)u_c(t)](s) = e^{-cs}G(s)$, with

$$G(s) = \frac{e^{-2\pi s}}{(s + 1)^2 + 9}.$$

We recognize the formula of the Laplace transform of $\frac{1}{3} \sin(3t)$ with a shift, thus

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} \sin(3t).$$

Finally, we have

$$f(t) = g(t - 2\pi)u_{2\pi} = \frac{1}{3} e^{-(t-2\pi)} \sin(3(t - 2\pi)) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-t+2\pi} \sin(3t).$$

(b) (4 points)

$$G(s) = \frac{9s - 16}{(s^2 + 4)(s - 5)}.$$

Using partial fractions, we have

$$G(s) = \frac{9s - 16}{(s^2 + 4)(s - 5)} = \frac{As + B}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{C}{s - 5}.$$

To determine the constants A , B and C , we have then the equation:

$$9s - 16 = (As + B)(s - 5) + C(s^2 + 4).$$

Taking $s = 5$, we have $29 = 29C$, thus $C = 1$.

Taking $s = 0$, we have $-16 = -5B + 4C$, thus $B = \frac{4C+16}{5} = \frac{20}{5} = 4$.

Looking at the terms in s^2 , we have $0 = A + C$, thus $A = -C = -1$.

Finally we have

$$G(s) = \frac{4 - s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{s - 5} = 2 \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{s - 5}.$$

Taking the inverse Laplace Transform, we obtain

$$g(t) = 2 \sin(2t) - \cos(2t) + e^{5t}.$$

3. (6 points) Using the Laplace Transform, solve the following IVP:

$$\begin{cases} y''(t) - y'(t) - 6y(t) = -36t, \\ y(0) = -1, \quad y'(0) = 16. \end{cases}$$

Using the Laplace Transform on the equation, we have

$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) - (sY(s) - y(0)) - 6Y(s) = -\frac{36}{s^2}.$$

Using the initial data, we have then:

$$(s^2 - s - 6)Y(s) = 17 - s - \frac{36}{s^2} = \frac{-s^3 + 17s^2 - 36}{s^2}.$$

Thus, we have

$$Y(s) = \frac{-s^3 + 17s^2 - 36}{s^2(s^2 - s - 6)} = \frac{-s^3 + 17s^2 - 36}{s^2(s - 3)(s + 2)} = \frac{As + B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s - 3} + \frac{D}{s + 2}.$$

The constants A , B , C and D satisfy the equation

$$-s^3 + 17s^2 - 36 = (As + B)(s - 3)(s + 2) + Cs^2(s + 2) +Ds^2(s - 3).$$

Taking $s = 0$, we have $-36 = -6B$, thus $B = 6$.

Taking $s = -2$, we have $8 + 68 - 36 = 40 = -20D$, thus $D = -2$.

Taking $s = 3$, we have $-27 + 153 - 36 = 90 = 45C$, thus $C = 2$.

Looking at the terms in s^3 , we have $-1 = A + C + D$, thus $A = -1 - C - D = -1$.

Finally, we have

$$Y(s) = \frac{-s + 6}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s - 3} - \frac{2}{s + 2},$$

which gives us

$$y(t) = 6t - 1 + 2e^{3t} - 2e^{-2t}.$$

Remark: you can check that:

- $y_h(t) = C_1e^{3t} + C_2e^{-2t}$ is the general form for the solution of the associated homogeneous equation.
- $y_p(t) = 6t - 1$ is a particular solution.
- The choices $C_1 = 2$ and $C_2 = -2$ allow us to solve the IVP.

4. (9 points) The goal of this exercise is to compute the Laplace Transforms of the function:

$$y(t) = \cos(\alpha t)^2,$$

where α is a real number. We want to use three different methods.

(a) (4 points) Compute the first and second derivatives y' and y'' . Using them, prove that y is a solution of the IVP:

$$\begin{cases} y'' + 4\alpha^2 y = 2\alpha^2, \\ y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Use this IVP to compute $Y(s)$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \cos(\alpha t)^2, \\ y'(t) &= -2\alpha \sin(\alpha t) \cos(\alpha t), \\ y''(t) &= -2\alpha^2(\cos(\alpha t)^2 - \sin(\alpha t)^2) = -2\alpha^2(2\cos(\alpha t)^2 - 1) = 2\alpha^2 - 4\alpha^2 \cos(\alpha t)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we used in the last line that $\cos(\alpha t)^2 + \sin(\alpha t)^2 = 1$. Therefore, we have

$$y'' + 4\alpha^2 y = 2\alpha^2 - 4\alpha^2 \cos(\alpha t)^2 + 4\alpha^2 \cos(\alpha t)^2 = 2\alpha^2.$$

For the initial data, using the formulas above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) &= \cos(0)^2 = 1, \\ y'(0) &= -2\alpha \sin(0) \cos(0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $y(t) = \cos(\alpha t)^2$ is the solution of the IVP.

Taking the Laplace Transform of the IVP, we have

$$s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4\alpha^2 Y(s) = \frac{2\alpha^2}{s}.$$

Using the initial values, we have

$$(s^2 + 4\alpha^2)Y(s) = s + \frac{2\alpha^2}{s} = \frac{s^2 + 2\alpha^2}{s}.$$

Thus, we have

$$Y(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2\alpha^2}{s(s^2 + 4\alpha^2)}.$$

- (b) (2 points) Using the trigonometry formula $\cos(\alpha t)^2 = \frac{1 + \cos(2\alpha t)}{2}$ and the Laplace Transform of the cosine, compute $Y(s)$.

Using the formula above, we have $y(t) = \cos(\alpha t)^2 = \frac{1 + \cos(2\alpha t)}{2}$. Thus, taking the Laplace Transform, we obtain:

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{2s} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{s}{s^2 + 4\alpha^2} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{s^2 + 4\alpha^2 + s^2}{s(s^2 + 4\alpha^2)} = \frac{s^2 + 2\alpha^2}{s(s^2 + 4\alpha^2)}.$$

We recover the result of part (a).

- (c) (2 points) Using Euler's Formula $\cos(\alpha t) = \frac{e^{i\alpha t} + e^{-i\alpha t}}{2}$, express $y(t)$ in functions of exponential and constant terms. Use this expression to compute $Y(s)$.

We have $\cos(\alpha t) = \frac{e^{i\alpha t} + e^{-i\alpha t}}{2}$, thus

$$y(t) = \cos(\alpha t)^2 = \frac{(e^{i\alpha t} + e^{-i\alpha t})^2}{4} = \frac{e^{2i\alpha t} + e^{-2i\alpha t} + 2}{4}.$$

Taking the Laplace Transform, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{s - 2i\alpha} + \frac{1}{s + 2i\alpha} + \frac{2}{s} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(s + 2i\alpha) + (s - 2i\alpha)}{(s - 2i\alpha)(s + 2i\alpha)} + \frac{2}{s} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{2s}{s^2 + 4\alpha^2} + \frac{2}{s} \right) = \frac{s^2 + 2\alpha^2}{s(s^2 + 4\alpha^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

We recover again results from part (a) and (b).

Remark:

A fourth option to compute this Laplace Transform could be to use just Euler's formula for one of the cosines. Indeed, if you write

$$y(t) = \cos(\alpha t)^2 = \left(\frac{e^{i\alpha t} + e^{-i\alpha t}}{2} \right) \cos(\alpha t) = \frac{e^{i\alpha t}}{2} \cos(\alpha t) + \frac{e^{-i\alpha t}}{2} \cos(\alpha t).$$

Then, we can use the fact that a multiplication by an exponential in the t -Domain is a shift in the s -Domain to compute $Y(s)$.

- (d) (1 point) Compare your results with the s -Domain function

$$\frac{s^2}{(s^2 + \alpha^2)^2} = (\mathcal{L}[\cos(\alpha t)](s))^2.$$

Is it an expected comparison?

$$Y(s) = \frac{s^2 + 2\alpha^2}{s(s^2 + 4\alpha^2)} \neq \frac{s^2}{(s^2 + \alpha^2)^2}.$$

In other words, we have

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos(\alpha t)^2](s) \neq (\mathcal{L}[\cos(\alpha t)](s))^2$$

This is not a surprise, because in general, we have

$$\mathcal{L}[fg] \neq \mathcal{L}[f] \times \mathcal{L}[g].$$

5. (9 points) For the four followings systems, compute the critical points.

(a) (2 points)

$$\begin{cases} x' = (x - y + 2)(y - x + 3), \\ y' = (x - y)(y - x + 1). \end{cases}$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} x' = 0 &\Rightarrow x - y = -2 \quad \text{or} \quad x - y = 3, \\ y' = 0 &\Rightarrow x - y = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - y = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have to study the four systems:

$$\begin{cases} x - y = -2, \\ x - y = 0, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x - y = -2, \\ x - y = 1, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x - y = 3, \\ x - y = 0, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x - y = 3, \\ x - y = 1. \end{cases}$$

None of these systems has a solution, there is no critical point

The nullclines are four parallel lines.

(b) (2 points)

$$\begin{cases} x' = x^2 - 2x + y^2 - 4, \\ y' = x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 4. \end{cases}$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} x' = 0 &\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + y^2 = 4, \\ y' = 0 &\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + y^2 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the second row minus the first one, you obtain $4x = 0$ which leads to $x = 0$. Then, the equation for y becomes $y^2 = 4$ which gives $y = \pm 2$.

Therefore, we have two critical points: $(0, -2)$ and $(0, 2)$.

The nullclines are two circles, we do have two intersections points between these two circles.

(c) (2 points)

$$\begin{cases} x' = xy, \\ y' = y - x^2 + 1. \end{cases}$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} x' = 0 &\Rightarrow x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 0, \\ y' = 0 &\Rightarrow x^2 - y = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have to study the two systems:

$$\begin{cases} x = 0, \\ x^2 - y = 1, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} y = 0, \\ x^2 - y = 1. \end{cases}$$

The first one give the critical points (0,1). The second one gives us $x^2 = 1$ which gives $x = \pm 1$.

Therefore, we have three critical points: (0,1), (-1,0) and (1,0).

The x -nullclines are the x and y axes, while the y -nullcline is a parabola.

(d) (3 points)

$$\begin{cases} x' = xy - 1, \\ y' = (x - y)(x + y). \end{cases}$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} x' = 0 &\Rightarrow xy = 1, \\ y' = 0 &\Rightarrow x = y \quad \text{or} \quad x = -y. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have to study the two systems:

$$\begin{cases} xy = 1, \\ x = y, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} xy = 1, \\ x = -y. \end{cases}$$

The first one give the equations $x^2 = 1$ and $x = y$, which lead to the critical points (1,1) and (-1,-1). The second one the equations $x^2 = -1$ and $x = -y$, which have no solution.

Therefore, we have two critical points: (-1,-1) and (1,1).

The x -nullcline is a hyperbola, while the y -nullclines are two lines, one that intersects the hyperbola in two points, and one that never crosses the hyperbola.

6. (8 points) Consider the following system representing two species x and y competing for the same food supply:

$$\begin{cases} x' = x(4 - 2x - y), \\ y' = y(3 - x - y). \end{cases}$$

- (a) (2 points) Compute the critical points.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} x' = 0 &\Rightarrow x = 0 & \text{or} & & 2x + y = 4, \\ y' = 0 &\Rightarrow y = 0 & \text{or} & & x + y = 3. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have to study the four systems:

$$\begin{cases} x = 0, \\ y = 0, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x = 0, \\ x + y = 3, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} 2x + y = 4, \\ y = 0, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} 2x + y = 4, \\ x + y = 3. \end{cases}$$

The three first system lead immediately to the three critical points $(0,0)$, $(0,3)$ and $(2,0)$. For the last system, taking the first row minus the second one, we obtain $x = 1$ which leads (using the first or the second row) to $y = 2$.

We have thus four critical points: $(0,0)$, $(0,3)$, $(2,0)$ and $(1,2)$.

- (b) (4 points) For each critical point, construct the linear system near the critical point and classify the stability of the critical point for the linear system.

The system of equations is

$$\begin{cases} x' = x(4 - 2x - y) = -2x^2 - xy + 4x, \\ y' = y(3 - x - y) = -y^2 - xy + 3y. \end{cases}$$

Thus the Jacobian is

$$J(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} -4x - y + 4 & -x \\ -y & -2y - x + 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Near each critical point, we study the linear system $\vec{x}' = J\vec{x}$.

At $(0,0)$ we have $J = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues are 4 and 3, this is an unstable node.

At $(0,3)$ we have $J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues are 1 and -3, this is an unstable saddle.

At $(2,0)$ we have $J = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues are -4 and 1, this is an unstable saddle.

At $(1,2)$ we have $J = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues satisfy the characteristic equation $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2 = 0$, thus we have $\lambda = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = -2 \pm \sqrt{2}$. Both eigenvalues are negative, we have a stable node.

- (c) (2 points) If you start with a positive population of both species x and y , what could you expect for the ratio of both species to be as t goes to infinity.

If we start at $t = 0$ with both x and y positive, the solution will tend to the stable equilibrium point (1,2). In means that for long times, the population of the species y will be around twice the population of the species x .

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