

# Math 216 — Second Midterm

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1. [15 points] Find explicit, real-valued solutions to each of the following, as indicated. For this problem, use Laplace transforms, **not** some other solution technique.

a. [8 points]  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-t}$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ .

b. [7 points]  $y'' + 6y' + 13y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ .

2. [14 points] Fill in the missing portions of each of the following transforms. Briefly explain how you obtain your work.

a. [7 points]  $\mathcal{L}\left\{\begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 1, & 1 \leq t < 5 \\ e^{-(t-5)}, & t \geq 5 \end{cases}\right\} = \frac{1}{s}(e^{-s} - e^{-5s}) + \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$

b. [7 points]  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s+1)(s^2+1)}\right\} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\cos(t) + \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$

3. [14 points] Find each of the following, as indicated.
- a. [7 points] If a function  $f(t)$  has the Laplace transform  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ , use the integral definition of the Laplace transform to find the transform  $\mathcal{L}\{\int_0^t f(x) dx\}$  in terms of  $F(s)$ .  
(You may assume that  $\int_0^\infty f(x) dx = L$ , a finite value.)
- b. [7 points] Find an explicit expression for  $Y = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$  if  $y''' + 3y = t^2e^{-4t} - e^{-2t} \cos(5t)$ .  
(Note that you are not asked to solve the differential equation.)

4. [15 points] Find explicit, real-valued solutions for each of the following, as indicated. Do **not** use Laplace transform techniques on this problem.

a. [8 points] Find the general solution to  $y'' + 2y' + 4y = e^{-t} + t^2$ .

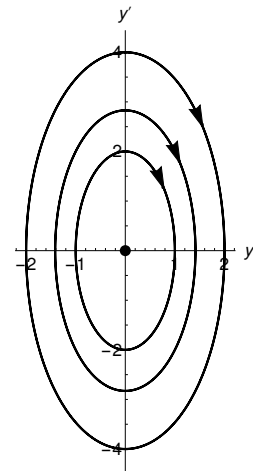
b. [7 points] Solve  $y'' + 5y' + 4y = 3 \cos(2t)$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$

5. [14 points] Consider the operators  $T[y] = yy'' + 2y^2y'$  and  $U[y] = t^2y'' - ty' - 3y$ .
- a. [9 points] Show that  $T$  is nonlinear while  $U$  is linear.

- b. [5 points] Show that  $y_1 = t^{-1}$  and  $y_2 = t^3$  constitute a fundamental set of solutions to the equation  $U[y] = 0$ . What is the general solution to  $U[y] = 0$ ?  
(You may assume that  $t > 0$ .)

6. [13 points] Consider the phase portrait shown to the right, which shows the phase portrait for a linear, second-order, constant coefficient, homogeneous differential equation  $L[y] = 0$ .

- a. [7 points] Write a differential equation that could give this phase portrait. Explain how you obtain your solution, and why is it correct.



- b. [6 points] Suppose that we add a forcing term  $f(t) = \cos(15t/8)$  to the equation, so that we are solving  $L[y] = f(t)$ . Sketch an approximate solution curve with  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ . Explain why your solution appears as it does.

7. [15 points] In our lab on lasers, we considered a linearization of the nonlinear model for the population inversion  $N$  and light intensity  $P$ . A critical point of the nonlinear system is  $(N, P) = (1, A - 1)$ , and linearizing the system near this gives the linear system

$$u' = -\gamma(Au + v), \quad v' = (A - 1)u,$$

where  $\gamma$  and  $A$  are constants.

- a. [5 points] Rewrite this as a single, second-order equation in  $v$ .

- b. [5 points] Suppose that for some  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  your equation from (a) is  $v'' + \alpha v' + \beta v = 0$ . Under what conditions on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  will the solution for  $v$  be underdamped? Write down two real-valued linearly independent solutions to the equation in this case.

- c. [5 points] Now suppose that we force the underdamped equation given in (b) with the periodic forcing term  $f(t) = \cos(\omega t)$ . Sketch a graph of the steady state solution of the problem. Explain why your graph has the form it does. If  $\omega$  changes from very small to very large values, how would you expect your sketch to change? Explain.



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## Formulas, Possibly Useful

- Some Taylor series, taken about  $x = 0$ :

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}; \quad \cos(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!};$$

$$\sin(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}.$$

$$\text{About } x = 1: \ln(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(x-1)^n}{n}.$$

- Some integration formulas:  $\int u v' dt = uv - \int u' v dt$ ; thus  $\int t e^t dt = t e^t - e^t + C$ ,  $\int t \cos(t) dt = t \sin(t) + \cos(t) + C$ , and  $\int t \sin(t) dt = -t \cos(t) + \sin(t) + C$ .
- Euler's formula:  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ .

## Some Laplace Transforms

	$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$
1.	1	$\frac{1}{s}, s > 0$
2.	$e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}, s > a$
3.	$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
4.	$\sin(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
5.	$\cos(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
A.	$f'(t)$	$sF(s) - f(0)$
A.1	$f''(t)$	$s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
A.2	$f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
B.	$t^n f(t)$	$(-1)^n F^{(n)}(s)$
C.	$e^{ct} f(t)$	$F(s-c)$