

7. [15 points] For each of the following find explicit, real-valued solutions as indicated. For this problem, **do** use Laplace transforms.

a. [8 points] Solve  $y'' + 2y' + 10y = 5$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 2$ .

*Solution:* With  $Y = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$ , the forward transform gives  $s^2Y - 2 - s + 2sY - 2 + 10Y = \frac{5}{s}$ , so that

$$Y = \frac{s+4}{(s+1)^2+9} + \frac{5}{s((s+1)^2+9)}.$$

To invert the second of these, we use partial fractions, letting  $\frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs+C}{(s+1)^2+9} = \frac{5}{s((s+1)^2+9)}$ . Clearing the denominator, we must have  $A(s^2+2s+10) + Bs^2 + Cs = 5$ . Thus  $A = \frac{1}{2}$ ; matching terms in  $s^2$ ,  $B = -A = -\frac{1}{2}$ ; and matching terms in  $s$ ,  $C = -2A = -1$ . We can therefore rewrite  $Y$  as

$$Y = \frac{(s+1)+3}{(s+1)^2+9} + \frac{1}{2s} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(s+1)+1}{(s+1)^2+9}.$$

Inverting, we have

$$y = e^{-t} \cos(3t) + e^{-t} \sin(3t) + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} \cos(3t) - \frac{1}{6} e^{-t} \sin(3t),$$

or, combining terms,

$$y = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} \cos(3t) + \frac{5}{6} e^{-t} \sin(3t) + \frac{1}{2}.$$

b. [7 points] Find the solution to  $y'' + 5y' + 6y = e^{-3t}$ ,  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ .

*Solution:* As before, the forward transform gives  $(s^2 + 5s + 6)Y = \frac{1}{s+3}$ , so that  $Y = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s+3)^2}$ . Using partial fractions,

$$\frac{1}{(s+2)(s+3)^2} = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{B}{s+3} + \frac{C}{(s+3)^2}.$$

Clearing denominators,  $A(s+3)^2 + B(s+2)(s+3) + C(s+2) = 1$ . Plugging in  $s = -2$ ,  $A = 1$ ; plugging in  $s = -3$ ,  $C = -1$ . Finally, with  $s = -1$ ,  $4A + 2B + C = 3 + 2B = 1$ , and  $B = -1$ . Thus

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{1}{s+3} - \frac{1}{(s+3)^2}\right\} = e^{-2t} - e^{-3t} - te^{-3t}.$$