

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

*Solution:* Applying the forward transform, letting  $Y = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$ , we have  $(s^2 + 2s + 1)Y - 1 = \frac{1}{s+1}$ , so that

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

Note that, using rules (2) and (B) from the table, we have  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{-\frac{d}{ds}\frac{1}{(s+1)}\right\} = te^{-t}$ , and  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+1)^3}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{ds}\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}\right\} = \frac{1}{2}t^2e^{-t}$ . Thus,

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

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

*Solution:* Applying the forward transform, letting  $Y = \mathcal{L}\{y\}$ , we have  $(s^2 + 6s + 13)Y - s - 6 = 0$ , so that

$$Y = \frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2+4} + \frac{3}{(s+3)^2+4}.$$

We can invert both of these with rules (4), (5), and (C). We have

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2+4} + \frac{3}{(s+3)^2+4}\right\} \\ &= e^{-3t}\cos(2t) + \frac{3}{2}e^{-3t}\sin(2t). \end{aligned}$$