

Answer all 6 questions. An unjustified answer will receive little or no credit. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A SEPARATE PAGE.

- (15) 1. Find the general solution of the ODE  $x^2 y'' + \frac{y}{4} = 9x^2$  by transforming it into a linear non-homogeneous constant coefficient ODE in  $y$  and  $t$ .
- (15) 2(a) Define what it means for  $x_0$  to be a singular point and for  $x_0$  to be a regular singular point of the ODE  $y'' + P_1(x)y' + P_2(x)y = 0$ .  
 (b) Find the general solution of the ODE  $x^2 y'' - xy' + 2y = 0$ .
- (15) 3. Starting with  $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\}(s) = 1/(s-a)$ , use the Properties of the Laplace transform to find  
 (a)  $\mathcal{L}\{\cos t\}(s)$       (b)  $\mathcal{L}\{t^2 \cos t\}(s)$ .
- (20) 4. Solve the following ODEs by using the Laplace Transform  
 (a)  $y'(t) + 2y(t) = 4e^{-2t}$  with  $y(0) = 3$ .  
 (b)  $y''(t) - 2y'(t) - 3y(t) = 0$  with  $y(0) = 2$  &  $y'(0) = -6$ .
- (20) 5. For each of the following ODEs, find the indicial equation and the form of two linearly independent Frobenius series solution about  $x_0 = 0$ .  
 (a)  $2x^2 y'' + xy' + (x-1)y = 0$       (b)  $x^2 y'' + (x - \frac{15}{4})y = 0$
- (15) 6. Find the first 4 non-zero terms of the power series solution of the ODE  $y'' + x^2 y = 0$  with the initial conditions  $y(0) = 3$  &  $y'(0) = 5$ .

1. We have  $x^2 y'' + y/4 = 9x^2$ . Put  $x = e^t$  and  $D = \frac{d}{dt}$ . Then  $x^2 y'' = D(D-1)y$  &  $xy' = Dy$ .  
 So our ODE becomes  $D(D-1)y + y/4 = 9 \cdot (e^t)^2$   
 $\therefore (D^2 - D + 1/4)y = 9e^{2t}$ .  $(D - 1/2)^2 y = 9e^{2t}$   
 $\therefore y_c = C_1 \cdot e^{t/2} + C_2 \cdot t e^{t/2} = C_1 \cdot x^{1/2} + C_2 \cdot \ln(x) \cdot x^{1/2}$   
 Let  $y_p = A \cdot e^{2t}$ . Then  $\dot{y}_p = 2Ae^{2t}$  &  $\ddot{y}_p = 4Ae^{2t}$   
 So our ODE becomes  $4Ae^{2t} - 2Ae^{2t} + \frac{1}{4}Ae^{2t} = 9e^{2t}$   
 $\therefore (2\frac{1}{4})A = 9$ .  $\therefore A = 4$ . So  $y_p = 4e^{2t} = 4x^2$   
 $\therefore y = y_c + y_p = x^{1/2}(C_1 + C_2 \ln x) + 4x^2$ .

2(a)  $x_0$  is a singular point of  $y'' + P_1(x)y' + P_2(x)y = 0$  if at least one of the two functions  $P_1(x)$  &  $P_2(x)$  is not analytic at  $x_0$ .  $x_0$  is a regular singular point if  $x_0$  is a singular point and both  $(x-x_0)P_1(x)$  and  $(x-x_0)^2 P_2(x)$  are analytic at  $x_0$ .

- (b) We have  $x^2 y'' - xy' + 2y = 0$ . Put  $x = e^t$  and  $D = \frac{d}{dt}$ . Then  $xy' = Dy$  and  $x^2 y'' = D(D-1)y$ .  
 So our ODE becomes  $D(D-1)y - Dy + 2y = 0$   
 $\therefore (D^2 - 2D + 2)y = 0$   
 $\therefore D = (2 \pm \sqrt{4-8})/2 = (2 \pm 2i)/2 = 1 \pm i$   
 $\therefore y(t) = C_1 e^t \cos t + C_2 e^t \sin t$   
 $\therefore y(x) = C_1 x \cos(\ln x) + C_2 x \sin(\ln x)$

3(a)  $\mathcal{L}\{\cos t\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{(e^{it} + e^{-it})/2\}(s) = 1/2 [\mathcal{L}\{e^{it}\}(s) + \mathcal{L}\{e^{-it}\}(s)]$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{s-i} + \frac{1}{s+i} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(s+i) + (s-i)}{s^2 - i^2} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(b) \quad \mathcal{L}\{t^2 \cos t\}(s) &= (-1)^2 \cdot \frac{d^2}{ds^2} [\mathcal{L}\{\cos t\}(s)] = \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{d}{ds} \left[ 1 \cdot \frac{1}{s^2+1} + s \cdot \frac{(-1) \cdot (2s)}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] = \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+1} - \frac{2s^2}{(s^2+1)^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(-1) \cdot (2s)}{(s^2+1)^2} - \frac{4s}{(s^2+1)^2} - 2s^2 \cdot \frac{(-2)(2s)}{(s^2+1)^3} \\
 &= \frac{-6s \cdot (s^2+1)}{(s^2+1)^3} + \frac{8 \cdot s^3}{(s^2+1)^3} = \frac{2s(s^2-3)}{(s^2+1)^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$4(a) \quad y'(t) + 2y(t) = 4e^{-2t} \quad \text{and } y(0) = 3$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y'\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 4\mathcal{L}\{e^{-2t}\}$$

$$\therefore s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0) + 2\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 4/(s+2)$$

$$\therefore (s+2)\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 4/(s+2) + y(0) = 4/(s+2) + 3$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{4}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{3}{s+2}$$

$$\therefore y(t) = 4t \cdot e^{-2t} + 3e^{-2t}$$

$$(b) \quad y''(t) - 2y'(t) - 3y(t) = 0 \quad \text{and } y(0) = 2 \text{ \& } y'(0) = -6$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y''\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{y'\} - 3\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

$$\therefore s^2\mathcal{L}\{y\} - s y(0) - y'(0) - 2[s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0)] - 3\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

$$\therefore (s^2 - 2s - 3)\mathcal{L}\{y\} = s y(0) + y'(0) - 2y(0)$$

$$\therefore (s+1)(s-3)\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 2s - 6 - 2(2) = 2s - 10$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{2s-2}{(s-3)(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{B}{s+1} = \frac{A(s+1) + B(s-3)}{(s-3)(s+1)}$$

$$\therefore \text{Putting } A(s+1) + B(s-3) = 2s-10$$

$$\text{Putting } s=3, \text{ gives } A(3+1) = 2(3) - 10 \Rightarrow A = -1$$

$$\text{Putting } s=-1, \text{ gives } B(-1-3) = 2(-1) - 10 \Rightarrow B = 3$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y\} = 3/(s+1) - 1/(s-3)$$

$$\therefore y(t) = 3e^{-t} - e^{3t}$$

$$5(a) \quad 2x^2y'' + xy' + (x-1)y = 0. \text{ So } 2x^2y'' + xy' - y = 0$$

will be the associated Cauchy-Euler equation.

5(a)  $\therefore 2r(r-1) + r - 1 = 0$  will be the indicial equation.

$$\therefore 2r^2 - r - 1 = 0 \quad \therefore (2r+1)(r-1) = 0, \quad \text{So}$$

$r_1 = 1$  and  $r_2 = -1/2$ . Since  $r_1 - r_2 \notin \mathbb{N}$ , we get two linearly indep. solutions of the form

$$y_1(x) = x^1 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(x) = x^{-1/2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \cdot x^n$$

with  $a_0 = 1 = b_0$ .

(b)  $x^2 y'' + (x - \frac{15}{4})y = 0$ . So  $x^2 y'' - (15/4)y = 0$

will be the associated Cauchy-Euler Equation. So the indicial equation will be  $r(r-1) - 15/4 = 0$

$$\therefore r^2 - r - 15/4 = 0, \quad r = (1 \pm \sqrt{1+15})/2 = 5/2 \text{ or } -3/2$$

$\therefore r_1 = 5/2$  &  $r_2 = -3/2$ . Since  $r_1 - r_2 = 4 \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , we get two linearly independent solutions of the form

$$y_1(x) = x^{5/2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n \quad \text{with } a_0 = 1, \text{ and}$$

$$y_2(x) = A \cdot y_1(x) \ln(x) + x^{-3/2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \cdot x^n \quad \text{with } b_0 = 1.$$

Here  $A$  is a constant which may or may not be 0.

6.  $y'' + x^2 y = 0$ . (\*),  $y(0) = 3$  &  $y'(0) = 5$ . Let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ ,

$$\text{Then } y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) \cdot a_{n+1} \cdot x^n \quad \text{and}$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) \cdot a_n \cdot x^{n-2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n.$$

So (\*) becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n + x^2 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^n = 0$$

$$\therefore 2a_2 \cdot x^0 + 6a_3 \cdot x^1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + a_{n-2}\} x^n = 0$$

$$\therefore 2a_2 = 0, 6a_3 = 0 \quad \& \quad (n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + a_{n-2} = 0, \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\therefore a_2 = 0, a_3 = 0 \quad \& \quad a_{n+2} = -a_{n-2} / (n+2)(n+1), \quad n \geq 2.$$

$$y(0) = 3 \Rightarrow a_0 = 3 \quad \& \quad y'(0) = 5 \Rightarrow a_1 = 5.$$

$$a_4 = -a_0 / (2+2)(2+1) = -3/12 = -1/4, \quad a_5 = -a_1 / 20 = -1/4.$$

$$\therefore y(x) = 3 + 5x + 0 \cdot x^2 + 0 \cdot x^3 - \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{4} + \dots$$