

Answer all 6 questions. No calculators, formula sheets, or cell phones are allowed. An unjustified answer will receive little or no credit. Show all working and simplify your answer as far as possible. **Begin each of the 6 questions on 6 separate pages.**

- (15) 1. Starting with  $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\}(s) = 1/(s-a)$ , use the properties of the Laplace transform to find      (a)  $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(t)\}(s)$       (b)  $\mathcal{L}\{t^2 \cdot \sin(t)\}(s)$
- (15) 2. Find the general solution of the linear ODE  $x^2 \cdot y'' + x \cdot y' - y = 4 \cdot x$  by first transforming it into a linear constant coefficient ODE in y and t.
- (20) 3. 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)  $x^2 \cdot y'' + 2x \cdot y' + (5/4 - x) \cdot y = 0$ .  
(b)  $4x \cdot y'' + 4 \cdot y' + \{(x-1)/x\} \cdot y = 0$ .
- (15) 4. Find the first 5 non-zero terms of the power series solution of the ODE  
 $y'' + x \cdot y' - 2 \cdot y = 0$       with       $y(0) = 2$  &  $y'(0) = 3$ .
- (17) 5. Solve each of the following IVPs, by using the Laplace transform.  
(a)  $y'(t) + (1/2) \cdot y(t) = 3 \cdot e^{-t/2}$  with  $y(0) = -2$ .  
(b)  $y''(t) - 2 \cdot y'(t) + 2 \cdot y(t) = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  &  $y'(0) = 3$ .
- (18) 6. (a) Solve the following system of linear ODEs, by using the Laplace transform.  
 $x'(t) - y(t) = 4$       with       $x(0) = 2$  &  $y(0) = 0$ .  
 $y'(t) - x(t) = 0$   
(b) Define what it means for 0 to be a *singular point* and what it means for 0 to be a *regular singular point* of the ODE  $y'' + P_1(x) \cdot y' + P_2(x) \cdot y = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 1(a) \quad \mathcal{L}\{ \sin t \}(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{(e^{it} - e^{-it})/2i\}(s) = (1/2i) \cdot [\mathcal{L}\{e^{it}\}(s) - \mathcal{L}\{e^{-it}\}(s)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \left( \frac{1}{s-i} - \frac{1}{s+i} \right) = \frac{1}{2i} \frac{(s+i)-(s-i)}{(s+i)(s-i)} = \frac{1}{s^2+1} \end{aligned}$$

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

2. Let  $x = e^t$  and  $\Delta = \frac{d}{dt}$ . Then  $x^2 y'' = \Delta(\Delta-1)y$  &  $xy' = \Delta y$ .

So  $x^2 y'' + xy' - y = 4x$  becomes  $[\Delta(\Delta-1) + \Delta - 1]y = 4e^t$ .

So  $(\Delta^2 - 1)y = 4e^t$ . Homog. Eq. is  $(\Delta-1)(\Delta+1)y = 0$

$$\therefore y_c = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} = C_1 x + C_2 x^{-1}.$$

Try  $y_p = Atet$ . Then  $y_p = A(t+1)e^t$  &  $y_p' = A(t+2)e^t$ .

So our ODE becomes  $A(t+2)e^t - Ate^t = 4e^t$ .

$$\therefore 2Ae^t = 4e^t. \text{ Hence } A = 2. \text{ So } y_p = Ate^t = 2tet =$$

$$2(\ln x)x. \text{ Hence } y = C_1 x + C_2 x^{-1} + 2x \ln(x).$$

3(a) The ODE is  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' + (5/4 - x)y = 0$ . So the associated Cauchy-Euler ODE is  $x^2 y'' + 2xy' + (5/4)y = 0$ . Hence the auxiliary equation is  $\Delta(\Delta-1) + 2\Delta + 5/4 = 0$  where  $\Delta = \frac{d}{dx}$  and  $x = e^t$ . So the indicial equation is:  $r(r-1) + 2r + \frac{5}{4} = 0$   
 $\therefore r^2 + r + 5/4 = 0$ . So  $r = (-1 \pm \sqrt{1-5})/2 = (-1/2) \pm i$ .

Since the roots are a pair of complex numbers, we get two linearly independent solutions of the form:

$$y_1(x) = x^{-1/2} \cos(\ln x) \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \text{ with } a_0 = 1 \text{ and}$$

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

$$r_n - r_{n-1} = (-1+i) - (-1-i) = 2i \neq m\pi$$

3(b) We have  $4xy'' + 4y' + (x-1)y/x = 0$ . So  $4x^2y'' + 4xy' + (x-1)y = 0$   
 The associated Cauchy-Euler ODE is  $4x^2y'' + 4xy' - y = 0$   
 ∴ auxiliary equation is  $4\Delta(\Delta-1) + 4\Delta - 1 = 0$ . So  $4\Delta^2 - 1 = 0$ .  
 ∴ indicial eq. is  $4r^2 - 1 = 0 \therefore (2r-1)(2r+1) = 0$ . So  
 $r_1 = 1/2$  and  $r_2 = -1/2$ . Since  $r_1 - r_2 = 1$  which is a pos. integer  
 we get two linearly independent solutions of the form:

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

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

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

4. Let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n$ . Then  $y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot a_n \cdot x^{n-1}$  and  
 $y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) \cdot a_n \cdot x^{n-2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} \cdot x^n$ . So  
 $y'' + xy' - 2y = 0$  becomes  
 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} \cdot x^n + x \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot a_n \cdot x^{n-1} - 2 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot x^n = 0$   
 $\therefore (2a_2 - 2a_0) \cdot x^0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + (n-2) \cdot a_n\} \cdot x^n = 0$   
 $\therefore 2a_2 - 2a_0 = 0 \text{ & } (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + (n-2) \cdot a_n = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 1$   
 But  $y(0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot 0^n = a_0$ , so  $a_0 = y(0) = 2$ . (Note:  $0^0 = 1$ )  
 Also  $y'(0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot a_n \cdot 0^{n-1} = a_1$ , so  $a_1 = y'(0) = 3$ . Hence  
 $a_2 = (2a_0)/2 = 2$  and  $a_{n+2} = -(n-2) a_n / (n+2)(n+1)$   
 $\therefore a_3 = a_{1+2} = -(1-2) a_1 / (1+2)(1+1) = 3/6 = 1/2$   
 $a_4 = a_{2+2} = -(2-2) a_2 / (2+2)(2+1) = 0$   
 $a_5 = a_{3+2} = -(3-2) a_3 / (3+2)(3+1) = -a_3/20 = -1/40$ .

So the first 5 non-zero terms of  $y(x)$  are given by

$$y(x) = 2 + 3x + 2x^2 + x^3/2 + 0 \cdot x^4 - x^5/40 + \dots$$

5(a)  $y'(t) + (1/2)y(t) = 3e^{-t/2}$  So  $\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + (1/2)\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 3\mathcal{L}\{e^{-t/2}\}$   
 $\therefore s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0) + 1/2\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 3/(s+1/2)$ .  $\therefore (s+1/2)\mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{3}{s+\frac{1}{2}} + y(0)$   
 $\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{3}{(s+\frac{1}{2})^2} - \frac{2}{(s+\frac{1}{2})}$ .  $\therefore y(t) = 3te^{-t/2} - 2e^{-t/2}$

5(b)  $y''(t) - 2y'(t) + 2y(t) = 0$  with  $y(0)=1$  and  $y'(0)=3$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{L}\{y''\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 0$$

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

$$\therefore (s^2 - 2s + 2)\mathcal{L}\{y\} = s.y(0) + y'(0) - 2y(0) = s + 3 - 2 = s + 1.$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{s+1}{s^2 - 2s + 2} = \frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2 + 1} + \frac{2}{(s-1)^2 + 1}, \text{ So } y(t) = e^t \cos t + 2e^t \sin t$$

6(a)  $\begin{cases} x'(t) - y(t) = 4 \\ y'(t) - x(t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} & \therefore \mathcal{L}\{x'\} - \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}(4) \\ & \mathcal{L}\{y'\} - \mathcal{L}\{x\} = 0 \end{matrix}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \therefore s\mathcal{L}\{x\} - x(0) - \mathcal{L}\{y\} = 4/s \\ s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0) - \mathcal{L}\{x\} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (1) \\ (2) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{From (2)} \quad \mathcal{L}\{x\} = s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0) \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad = s\mathcal{L}\{y\} \end{array}$$

Substituting in (1) gives us  $s[s\mathcal{L}\{y\}] - 2 - \mathcal{L}\{y\} = 4/s$

$$\therefore (s^2 - 1)\mathcal{L}\{y\} = 2 + \frac{4}{s} = \frac{2s+4}{s}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{2s+4}{(s^2-1)s} = \frac{2s+4}{s(s-1)(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s-1} + \frac{C}{s+1}$$

$$\text{Hence } 2s+4 = A(s+1)(s+1) + Bs(s+1) + Cs(s-1)$$

$$\text{Putting } s=0 \text{ gives us } 2(0)+4 = A(1)(1) \Rightarrow A = -4$$

$$\text{Putting } s=1 \text{ gives us } 2(1)+4 = B(1)(1+1) \Rightarrow B = 3$$

$$\text{Putting } s=-1 \text{ gives us } 2(-1)+4 = C(-1)(-1-1) \Rightarrow C = 1$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{-4}{s} + \frac{3}{s-1} + \frac{1}{s+1}. \quad \text{So } y(t) = -4 + 3e^t + e^{-t}$$

Now we are given that  $y'(t) - x(t) = 0$ . So

$$x(t) = y'(t) = (-4 + 3e^t + e^{-t})' = 3e^t - e^{-t}.$$

[Check your answers by verifying that  $x(0)=2$  &  $y(0)=0$ ].

- (b)  $0$  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  $x=0$ .  $0$  is a regular singular point if  $0$  is a singular point & both  $x.P_1(x)$  &  $x^2.P_2(x)$  are analytic at  $0$ .