

**Instructions.** Answer each of the questions on your own paper. Put your name on each page of your paper. Be sure to show your work so that partial credit can be adequately assessed. *Credit will not be given for answers (even correct ones) without supporting work.* A table of Laplace transforms and the statement of the main partial fraction decomposition theorem have been appended to the exam. There are 60 points possible.

1. [10 Points] Compute the Laplace transform of each of the following functions. You may use the attached tables, but be sure to identify which formulas you are using by citing the number(s) or name of the formula in the table.

(a)  $f(t) = e^{-2t}(t^3 - \cos 3t)$

► **Solution.**  $f(t) = e^{-2t}t^3 - e^{-2t} \cos 3t$  so

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \left( \frac{6}{s^4} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 3^2} \right) \Big|_{s \rightarrow s-(-2)} \\ &= \frac{6}{(s+2)^4} - \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + 9}. \end{aligned}$$

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(b)  $g(t) = 3t \sin 4t$ .

► **Solution.** Since  $\mathcal{L}\{3 \sin 4t\} = \frac{3 \cdot 4}{s^2 + 4^2}$ , the Transform Derivative Principle gives

$$G(s) = -\frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{12}{s^2 + 4^2} \right) = -\frac{12 \cdot (-1) \cdot 2s}{(s^2 + 4^2)^2} = \frac{24s}{(s^2 + 4^2)^2}.$$

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2. [8 Points] Find the Laplace transform  $Y(s)$  of the solution  $y(t)$  of the initial value problem.

$$2y'' + 5y' + 2y = \cos 2t, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -2.$$

Note that you are asked to find  $Y(s)$ , but *not*  $y(t)$ .

► **Solution.** Apply the Laplace transform to the differential equation, using linearity and the input derivative principle to get

$$2(s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)) + 5(sY(s) - y(0)) + 2Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}.$$

This gives

$$s^2Y(s) - 6s + 4 + 5Y(s) - 15 + 2Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

or

$$(s^2 + 5s + 2)Y(s) - 6s - 11 = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}.$$

Solve for  $Y(s)$  to get

$$Y(s) = \frac{6s + 11}{2s^2 + 5s + 2} + \frac{s}{(2s^2 + 5s + 2)(s^2 + 4)}.$$

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3. [12 Points] Compute the inverse Laplace transform of each of the following rational functions.

(a)  $F(s) = \frac{3s^2 + 3s - 1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)(s - 3)}$

► **Solution.** Expand  $F(s)$  into partial fractions. Since the denominator is a product of distinct linear terms,

$$F(s) = \frac{A}{s + 1} + \frac{B}{s + 2} + \frac{C}{s - 3},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left. \frac{3s^2 + 3s - 1}{(s + 2)(s - 3)} \right|_{s=-1} = \frac{-1}{-4} = \frac{1}{4}, \\ B &= \left. \frac{3s^2 + 3s - 1}{(s + 1)(s - 3)} \right|_{s=-2} = \frac{12 - 6 - 1}{5} = 1, \\ C &= \left. \frac{3s^2 + 3s - 1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} \right|_{s=3} = \frac{27 + 9 - 1}{4 \cdot 5} = \frac{35}{20} = \frac{7}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \frac{1}{4}e^{-t} + e^{-2t} + \frac{7}{4}e^{3t}.$$

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(b)  $G(s) = \frac{2s + 5}{s^2 + 4s + 29}$

► **Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \frac{2s + 5}{s^2 + 4s + 29} = \frac{2s + 5}{(s + 2)^2 + 25} \\ &= \frac{2((s + 2) - 2) + 5}{(s + 2)^2 + 5^2} = \frac{2(s + 2) + 1}{(s + 2)^2 + 5^2} \\ &= \frac{2(s + 2)}{(s + 2)^2 + 5^2} + \frac{1}{(s + 2)^2 + 5^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = 2e^{-2t} \cos 5t + \frac{1}{5}e^{-2t} \sin 5t.$$

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4. [20 Points] Find the general solution of each of the following homogeneous differential equations.

(a)  $2y'' + 9y' + 10y = 0$

► **Solution.**  $q(s) = 2s^2 + 9s + 10 = (2s + 5)(s + 2)$  which has roots  $-5/2$  and  $-2$ . Thus,

$$y = c_1 e^{-5t/2} + c_2 e^{-2t}.$$

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(b)  $y'' + 6y' + 34y = 0$

► **Solution.**  $q(s) = s^2 + 6s + 32 = (s + 3)^2 + 25$  so the roots are  $-3 \pm 5i$ . Hence,

$$y = c_1 e^{-3t} \cos 5t + c_2 e^{-3t} \sin 5t.$$

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(c)  $9y'' + 12y' + 4y = 0$

► **Solution.**  $q(s) = 9s^2 + 12s + 4 = (3s + 2)^2$  which has a single root  $-2/3$  with multiplicity 2. Thus,

$$y = c + 1e^{-2t/3} + c_2 t e^{-2t/3}.$$

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(d)  $y''' + 9y' = 0$

► **Solution.**  $q(s) = s^3 + 9s = s(s^2 + 9)$  which has roots  $0, \pm 3i$ . Thus,

$$y = c_1 + c_2 \cos 3t + c_3 \sin 3t.$$

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5. [10 Points] Find the general solution of the following differential equation:

$$y'' + 6y' + 8y = 5e^{-4t}.$$

You may use whatever method you prefer.

► **Solution.** Use the method of undetermined coefficients. The characteristic polynomial is  $q(s) = s^2 + 6s + 8 = (s + 2)(s + 4)$  which has roots  $-2$  and  $-4$ . Thus  $\mathcal{B}_q = \{e^{-2t}, e^{-4t}\}$  and  $y_h = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-4t}$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}\{5e^{-4t}\} = \frac{5}{s+4}$  the denominator is  $v = s + 4$  and  $qv = (s + 2)(s + 4)^2$ . Hence,

$$\mathcal{B}_{qv} \setminus \mathcal{B}_q = \{e^{-2t}, e^{-4t}, te^{-4t}\} \setminus \{e^{-2t}, e^{-4t}\} = \{te^{-4t}\}.$$

Therefore, the test function for  $y_p$  is  $y_p = Ate^{-4t}$ . Compute the derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}y_p' &= A(1 - 4t)e^{-4t} \\y_p'' &= A(-8 + 16t)e^{-4t}.\end{aligned}$$

Substituting into the differential equation gives

$$\begin{aligned}y_p'' + y_p' - 2y_p &= A(-8 + 16t)e^{-4t} + 6A(1 - 4t)e^{-4t} + 8Ate^{-4t} \\&= (-8 + 6)Ae^{-4t} = 5e^{-4t}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $-2A = 5$  so  $A = -5/2$  and  $y_p = (-5/2)te^{-4t}$  and the general solution is

$$y_g = y_h + y_p = c_1e^{-2t} + c_2e^{-4t} - \frac{5}{2}te^{-4t}.$$



## Laplace Transform Table

|    | $f(t)$           | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s)$ |
|----|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | 1                | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $\frac{1}{s}$                   |
| 2. | $t^n$            | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$            |
| 3. | $e^{at}$         | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $\frac{1}{s-a}$                 |
| 4. | $t^n e^{at}$     | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$        |
| 5. | $\cos bt$        | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $\frac{s}{s^2+b^2}$             |
| 6. | $\sin bt$        | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $\frac{b}{s^2+b^2}$             |
| 7. | $e^{at} \cos bt$ | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2+b^2}$       |
| 8. | $e^{at} \sin bt$ | $\longleftrightarrow$ | $\frac{b}{(s-a)^2+b^2}$         |

## Laplace Transform Principles

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| <b>Linearity</b>                      | $\mathcal{L}\{af(t) + bg(t)\} = a\mathcal{L}\{f\} + b\mathcal{L}\{g\}$ |
| <b>Input Derivative Principles</b>    | $\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\}(s) = s\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - f(0)$                |
|                                       | $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}(s) = s^2\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - sf(0) - f'(0)$    |
| <b>First Translation Principle</b>    | $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s-a)$                                   |
| <b>Transform Derivative Principle</b> | $\mathcal{L}\{-tf(t)\}(s) = \frac{d}{ds}F(s)$                          |
| <b>The Dilation Principle</b>         | $\mathcal{L}\{f(bt)\}(s) = \frac{1}{b}\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s/b)$        |

### Partial Fraction Expansion Theorems

The following two theorems are the main partial fractions expansion theorems, as presented in the text.

**Theorem 1 (Linear Case).** *Suppose a proper rational function can be written in the form*

$$\frac{p_0(s)}{(s - \lambda)^n q(s)}$$

and  $q(\lambda) \neq 0$ . Then there is a unique number  $A_1$  and a unique polynomial  $p_1(s)$  such that

$$\frac{p_0(s)}{(s - \lambda)^n q(s)} = \frac{A_1}{(s - \lambda)^n} + \frac{p_1(s)}{(s - \lambda)^{n-1} q(s)}. \quad (1)$$

The number  $A_1$  and the polynomial  $p_1(s)$  are given by

$$A_1 = \frac{p_0(\lambda)}{q(\lambda)} \quad \text{and} \quad p_1(s) = \frac{p_0(s) - A_1 q(s)}{s - \lambda}. \quad (2)$$

**Theorem 2 (Irreducible Quadratic Case).** *Suppose a real proper rational function can be written in the form*

$$\frac{p_0(s)}{(s^2 + cs + d)^n q(s)},$$

where  $s^2 + cs + d$  is an irreducible quadratic that is factored completely out of  $q(s)$ . Then there is a unique linear term  $B_1s + C_1$  and a unique polynomial  $p_1(s)$  such that

$$\frac{p_0(s)}{(s^2 + cs + d)^n q(s)} = \frac{B_1s + C_1}{(s^2 + cs + d)^n} + \frac{p_1(s)}{(s^2 + cs + d)^{n-1} q(s)}. \quad (3)$$

If  $a + ib$  is a complex root of  $s^2 + cs + d$  then  $B_1s + C_1$  and the polynomial  $p_1(s)$  are given by

$$B_1(a + ib) + C_1 = \frac{p_0(a + ib)}{q(a + ib)} \quad \text{and} \quad p_1(s) = \frac{p_0(s) - (B_1s + C_1)q(s)}{s^2 + cs + d}. \quad (4)$$