

1. Find the general solution for the following.

(a) 4  $2y'' + 3y' - 2y = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 2r^2 + 3r - 2 &= 0 \\ (2r - 1)(r + 2) &= 0 \\ r = \frac{1}{2}, \quad r = -2 \end{aligned} \qquad y = C_1 e^{t/2} + C_2 e^{-2t}$$

(b) 4  $y'' - 4y' + 13y = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 52}}{2} \\ &= \frac{4 \pm 6i}{2} = 2 \pm 3i \end{aligned} \qquad y = C_1 e^{2t} \cos 3t + C_2 e^{2t} \sin 3t$$

2. 8 Solve the initial value problem.

$$y'' - y' - 6y = 0, \quad y(0) = 4, \quad y'(0) = 7$$

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 - r - 6 &= 0 \\ (r - 3)(r + 2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-2t} \qquad y(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 4$$

$$y' = 3C_1 e^{3t} - 2C_2 e^{-2t} \qquad y'(0) = 3C_1 - 2C_2 = 7$$

$$\text{so } 2C_1 + 2C_2 = 8$$

$$3C_1 - 2C_2 = 7$$

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$$5C_1 = 15 \Rightarrow C_1 = 3, \quad C_2 = 1$$

$$y = 3e^{3t} + e^{-2t}$$

3. Find the appropriate form using the Method of Undetermined Coefficients for a particular solution to the following. **Do not** solve for the unknown constants.

(a) 5  $y'' - y = (t^2 - 1)e^t + 7$

$$r^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$r = \pm 1$$

$$y_p = t (At^2 + Bt + C)e^t + D$$

(b) 5  $y'' + 4y = 7t \cos 2t$

$$r^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$r = \pm 2i$$

$$y_p = t (At + B) \cos 2t + t (Ct + D) \sin 2t$$

4. 10 Find the general solution to

$$y'' - 2y' + y = 4(2t + 1)e^{3t}.$$

$$(r - 1)^2 = 0$$

so

$$y_1 = e^t \quad ; \quad y_2 = te^t \quad \text{solve } y'' - 2y' + y = 0.$$

Now, use MUC,

$$y_p = (At + B)e^{3t}$$

$$y_p' = [A + 3At + 3B]e^{3t}$$

$$y_p'' = [3A + 3A + 9At + 9B]e^{3t}$$

so

$$y_p'' - 2y_p' + y_p = [(9A - 6A + A)t + (6A + 9B - 2A - 6B + B)]e^{3t}$$

$$= [(4A)t + (4A + 4B)]e^{3t} = 4[At + (A + B)]e^{3t}$$

$$\text{so } A = 2, B = -1$$

$$y = C_1 e^t + C_2 t e^t + (2t - 1)e^{3t}$$

Let  $t > 0$ , for Cauchy-Euler equations of the form

$$at^2y'' + bty' + cy = 0 \quad (1)$$

we found that solutions were of the form  $y = t^r$  where  $r$  is a root of the characteristic equation

$$ar^2 + (b-a)r + c = 0. \quad (2)$$

In the same section we discussed the Reduction of Order theorem. Specifically, let  $y_1$  be a non-trivial solution, i.e.  $y_1 \neq 0$ , to

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0 \quad (3)$$

on an interval  $I$ . Then a second linearly independent solution to (3) is given by

$$y_2(t) = y_1(t) \int \frac{e^{-\int p(t) dt}}{y_1(t)^2} dt. \quad (4)$$

5. 10 Use Reduction of Order to show that if  $r$  is a double root of (2), and hence  $y_1 = t^r$  is a solution to (1), then a second linearly independent solution to (1) is given by  $y_2 = t^r \ln t$ .

HINT 1: If  $r$  is a double root of (2) what can you say about  $(b-a)^2 - 4ac$ ?

$$(b-a)^2 - 4ac = 0$$

HINT 2: With HINT 1 in mind, what can you say about  $r$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ ?

$$\text{so } r = \frac{-(b-a)}{2a} = \frac{a-b}{2a}$$

HINT 3: Before you dive into the formula in (4) make sure you are using the form given in (3).

$$y'' + \frac{b}{at} y' + \frac{c}{at^2} = 0 \quad \text{so } e^{-\int p} = e^{-\int \frac{b}{at} dt} = e^{-\frac{b}{a} \ln t} = t^{-b/a}$$

$$y_2 = t^r \int \frac{t^{-b/a}}{t^{2r}} dt \quad \text{but } r = \frac{a-b}{2a} \quad \text{so } t^{2r} = t^{\frac{2-b}{a}} = t^{1 - \frac{b}{a}}$$

$$= t^r \int \frac{t^{-b/a}}{t^{1 - b/a}} dt = t^r \int \frac{dt}{t} = t^r \ln t$$

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6. Consider the equation  $t^2 y'' - 4ty' + 4y = 3t^4 \ln t$ .

(a) [4] Find the general solution for

$$t^2 y'' - 4ty' + 4y = 0$$

$$r^2 - 5r + 4 = 0$$

$$(r-4)(r-1) = 0$$

$$\text{So } y = C_1 t + C_2 t^4.$$

(b) [14] Use Variation of Parameters with

$$v_1 = \int \frac{-g(t)y_2(t)}{W[y_1, y_2](t)} dt \quad \text{and} \quad v_2 = \int \frac{g(t)y_1(t)}{W[y_1, y_2](t)} dt$$

to find a particular solution for

$$t^2 y'' - 4ty' + 4y = 3t^4 \ln t.$$

$$y'' - \frac{4}{t} y' + \frac{4}{t^2} y = 3t^2 \ln t$$

$$y_1 = t, \quad y_2 = t^4$$

$$W[y_1, y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} t & t^4 \\ 1 & 4t^3 \end{vmatrix} = 4t^4 - t^4 = 3t^4$$

$$V_1 = \int \frac{(-3t^2 \ln t) t^4}{3t^4} dt = \int (-t^2 \ln t) dt = - \left( \frac{t^3}{3} \ln t - \int \frac{t^2}{3} dt \right) = -\frac{t^3}{3} \ln t + \frac{t^3}{9}$$

$$u = \ln t \quad dv = t^2 dt \\ du = \frac{1}{t} dt \quad v = \frac{t^3}{3}$$

$$V_2 = \int \frac{(3t^2 \ln t) t}{3t^4} dt = \int \frac{\ln t}{t} dt = \frac{(\ln t)^2}{2}$$

$$\text{So } y_p = \frac{t^3}{9} - \frac{t^3}{3} \ln t + \frac{t^3}{2} (\ln t)^2$$

(c) [2] Find the general solution for

$$t^2 y'' - 4ty' + 4y = 3t^4 \ln t.$$

$$y = C_1 t + C_2 t^4 + \frac{t^3}{9} - \frac{t^3}{3} \ln t + \frac{t^3}{2} (\ln t)^2$$

7. [2] Let  $f(t)$  be defined for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , state the integral definition of the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ .

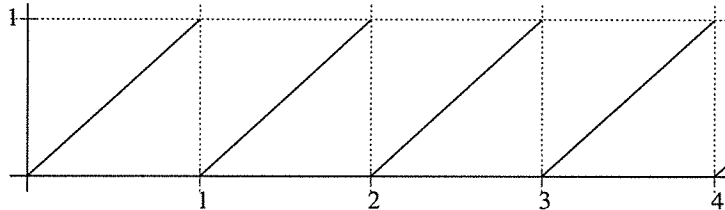
$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

8. For each of the following functions, use appropriate words to explain if it has a Laplace transform; do not compute the transform, if it exist.

(a) [2]  $f(t) = \tan t$

$f$  does not have a Laplace transform. It is neither piecewise continuous nor of exponential order.

- (b) [2] The sawtooth function defined by  $f(t) = t$  for  $t \in [0, 1)$  and  $f(t+1) = f(t)$  for  $t \geq 1$ , i.e.  $f(t)$  has period 1; see the figure below.



$f$  does have a Laplace transform since it is piecewise continuous & of exponential order ( $\alpha = 0$ ).

9. Find the Laplace transform of the following.

(a) [4]  $f(t) = t^2 e^{3t}$

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

(b) [6]  $g(t) = t \sin t$

[HINT: Use one of the provided properties.]

$$G(s) = -\frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right] = \frac{2s}{(s^2+1)^2}$$

10. Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following.

(a)  $\boxed{4}$   $F(s) = \frac{23}{9-s} = \frac{-23}{s-9}$

$$f(t) = -23e^{9t}$$

(b)  $\boxed{6}$   $G(s) = \frac{2s+2}{s^2-4s+13} = \frac{2(s-2)+2\cdot 3}{(s-2)^2+3^2}$

$$= 2e^{2t} \cos 3t + 2e^{2t} \sin 3t$$

(c)  $\boxed{8}$   $Y(s) = \frac{3s^2-4s+21}{(s-3)(s^2+9)}$

$$\frac{3s^2-4s+21}{(s-3)(s^2+9)} = \frac{A}{s-3} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2+9}$$

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

$$3s^2-4s+21 = A(s^2+9) + (Bs+C)(s-3)$$

Let  $s=3$

$$27-12+21 = A(18) \quad \text{so } A=2$$

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$$s^2: \quad 3 = A+B \quad \text{so } B=1$$

$$s^0: \quad 21 = 9A-3C \quad \text{so } C=-1$$

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