

### General Tips

- You don't want to lose points because you take an integral or a derivative incorrectly!
  - Include in your notes a table of common integrals and derivatives
  - Review the product rule and chain rule for derivatives
  - Review u-substitution and integration by parts for integrals
- You don't want to lose points because of a sign error!
  - Very common on the last midterm
  - Many of these are easily avoidable by writing your work more neatly and being meticulous about the steps you take (this also makes TAs happy!)
- Check your work!
  - Whenever you get a solution to a differential equation, it is easy to confirm that your solution is correct by plugging it back into the original equation

### Cauchy-Euler Equations

- Equation:
  - $ax^2y'' + bxy' + cy = 0, a \neq 0$
- Method of solution:
  - Find solutions of the form  $y = x^r$
  - $ar^2 + (b - a)r + c = 0$  is our *characteristic equation*
  - Use quadratic formula to solve for  $r$  and don't forget about imaginary roots
  - Three cases for our solution:
    - \* Two real roots: general solution is  $y = c_1x^{r_1} + c_2x^{r_2}$
    - \* One real root: general solution is  $y = c_1x^r + c_2x^r \ln x$
    - \* Imaginary roots:
      - These will be of form  $r = \alpha \pm \beta i$
      - General solution is  $y = x^\alpha [c_1 \cos(\beta \ln x) + c_2 \sin(\beta \ln x)]$
- Example Problem:  $x^2y'' + 8xy' + 6y = 0$ 
  - $r^2 + (8 - 1)r + 6 = 0 \rightarrow (r + 1)(r + 6) = 0 \rightarrow r = -1, -6$
  - $y = c_1x^{-1} + c_2x^{-6}$

### Nonhomogeneous Equations

- Already know how to solve constant-coefficient and Cauchy-Euler homogeneous equations, which give us general solution  $y_h = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$
- Superposition principle: general solution to a nonhomogeneous equation is  $y = y_h + y_p$  for  $y_h$  general solution to corresponding homogeneous problem and  $y_p$  a particular solution we must find
- Method of solution is different depending on what the nonhomogeneous function is:
  - $y'' + y' + 1 = g(x)$

- We can use these test functions to solve if the function is the product of powers of  $t$ ,  $e^t$ , and sine or cosine of  $t$ :

### Method of Undetermined Coefficients

To find a particular solution to the differential equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = Ct^m e^{rt},$$

where  $m$  is a nonnegative integer, use the form

$$y_p(t) = t^s (A_m t^m + \dots + A_1 t + A_0) e^{rt},$$

with

- $s = 0$  if  $r$  is not a root of the associated auxiliary equation;
- $s = 1$  if  $r$  is a simple root of the associated auxiliary equation; and
- $s = 2$  if  $r$  is a double root of the associated auxiliary equation.

To find a particular solution to the differential equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = \begin{cases} Ct^m e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t \\ \text{or} \\ Ct^m e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t \end{cases}$$

for  $\beta \neq 0$ , use the form

$$y_p(t) = t^s (A_m t^m + \dots + A_1 t + A_0) e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t + t^s (B_m t^m + \dots + B_1 t + B_0) e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t,$$

with

- $s = 0$  if  $\alpha + i\beta$  is not a root of the associated auxiliary equation; and
- $s = 1$  if  $\alpha + i\beta$  is a root of the associated auxiliary equation.

- Otherwise, we must use variation of parameters:  $y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$

$$* u_1 = - \int \frac{y_2 g(x)}{a(x)[y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2]} dx \text{ and } u_2 = \int \frac{y_1 g(x)}{a(x)[y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2]} dx, \text{ where } a(x) = a$$

for constant-coefficient problems or  $a(x) = ax^2$  for Cauchy-Euler problems

- Example Problem – Undetermined Coefficients:  $y'' + 3y = -48x^2 e^{3x}$

$$- y_h'' + 3y_h = 0 \rightarrow m^2 + 3 = 0 \rightarrow m = \pm i\sqrt{3} \rightarrow y_h = c_1 \sin \sqrt{3}x + c_2 \cos \sqrt{3}x$$

$$- y_p = (A + Bx + Cx^2) e^{3x} \rightarrow y_p' = (B + 3A + (2C + 3B)x + 3Cx^2) e^{3x}$$

$$- \rightarrow y_p'' = (2C + 6B + 9A) + (12C + 9B)x + 9Cx^2 e^{3x}$$

$$- (2C + 6B + 12A) + (12C + 12B)x + 12Cx^2 = -48x^2 + 0x + 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^2: 12C = -48 \rightarrow C = -4 \\ x^1: 12C + 12B = 0 \rightarrow B = 4 \\ x^0: 2C + 6B + 12A = 0 \rightarrow A = -\frac{4}{3} \end{array} \right.$$

$$- y = c_1 \sin \sqrt{3}x + c_2 \cos \sqrt{3}x + \left( -\frac{4}{3} + 4x - 4x^2 \right) e^{3x}$$

- Example Problem – Variation of Parameters:  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = \sin(e^x)$

$$- y_h'' + 3y_h' + 2y_h = 0 \rightarrow m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0 \rightarrow m = -1, -2$$

$$- y_h = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

$$- y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

$$- u_1 = \int e^x \sin(e^x) dx \rightarrow u = e^x, u' = e^x \rightarrow \int \sin u du = -\cos(e^x)$$

$$- u_2 = - \int e^{2x} \sin(e^x) dx \rightarrow u = e^x \rightarrow - \int u \sin(u) du \rightarrow e^x \cos(e^x) - \sin(e^x)$$

$$- y_p = -e^{-2x} \sin(e^x)$$

$$- y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x} - e^{-2x} \sin(e^x)$$

## Laplace Transforms

- We can solve many linear initial value problems using the method of Laplace transforms:

### Method of Laplace Transforms

To solve an initial value problem:

- Take the Laplace transform of both sides of the equation.
- Use the properties of the Laplace transform and the initial conditions to obtain an equation for the Laplace transform of the solution and then solve this equation for the transform.
- Determine the inverse Laplace transform of the solution by looking it up in a table or by using a suitable method (such as partial fractions) in combination with the table.

- Caveats:

- Sometimes our initial conditions aren't sufficient to find a unique solution
- Sometimes we don't know the Laplace transform of a function
- Sometimes the other methods we have already learned are faster

- Definition:  $\mathcal{L}\{f(x)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} f(x) dx$

- Linearity property of Laplace and inverse transforms:

$$- \mathcal{L}\{af(x) + bg(x)\} = a\mathcal{L}\{f(x)\} + b\mathcal{L}\{g(x)\}$$

$$- \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{aF(s) + bG(s)\} = a\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\} + b\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\}$$

- All transforms listed in textbook (page IEP6):

A Table of Laplace Transforms

$f(t)$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s)$
1. $f(at)$	$\frac{1}{a} F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$
2. $e^{at} f(t)$	$F(s-a)$
3. $f'(t)$	$sF(s) - f(0)$
4. $f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - \dots - s f^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
5. $t^n f(t)$	$(-1)^n F^{(n)}(s)$
6. $\int_0^t f(u) du$	$\frac{1}{s} F(s)$
7. $\int_0^t f(u) g(t-u) du$	$F(s) G(s)$
8. $(f * g)(t)$	$F(s) G(s)$
9. $f(t+T) = f(t)$	$\frac{\int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt}{1 - e^{-sT}}$
10. $f(t-a) u(t-a), a \geq 0$	$e^{-as} F(s)$
11. $g(t) u(t-a), a \geq 0$	$e^{-as} \mathcal{L}\{g(t+a)\}(s)$
12. $u(t-a), a \geq 0$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$
13. $\prod_{a,b}(t), 0 < a < b$	$\frac{e^{-as} - e^{-bs}}{s}$
14. $\delta(t-a), a \geq 0$	$e^{-as}$
15. $e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
16. $t^n, n = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
17. $e^{at} t^n, n = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
18. $e^{at} - e^{bt}$	$\frac{(a-b)}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
19. $ae^{at} - be^{bt}$	$\frac{(a-b)s}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
20. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{s}}$

21. $\sqrt{t}$	$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2s^{3/2}}$
22. $t^{n-(1/2)}, n = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)\sqrt{\pi}}{2^n s^{n+(1/2)}}$
23. $t^r, r > -1$	$\frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{s^{r+1}}$
24. $\sin bt$	$\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}$
25. $\cos bt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}$
26. $e^{at} \sin bt$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
27. $e^{at} \cos bt$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
28. $\sinh bt$	$\frac{b}{s^2 - b^2}$
29. $\cosh bt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - b^2}$
30. $\sin bt - bt \cos bt$	$\frac{2b^3}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}$
31. $t \sin bt$	$\frac{-2bt}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}$
32. $\sin bt + bt \cos bt$	$\frac{-2b^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}$
33. $t \cos bt$	$\frac{s^2 - 1^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}$
34. $\sin bt \cosh bt - \cos bt \sinh bt$	$\frac{-4b^3}{s^4 + 4b^4}$
35. $\sin bt \sinh bt$	$\frac{-2b^2}{s^4 + 4b^4}$
36. $\sinh bt - \sin bt$	$\frac{2b^3}{s^4 - b^4}$
37. $\cosh bt - \cos bt$	$\frac{2b^2}{s^4 - b^4}$
38. $J_\nu(bt), \nu > -1$	$\frac{(\sqrt{s^2 + b^2} - s)^{-\nu}}{b^\nu \sqrt{s^2 + b^2}}$

- Usually we will have a fraction of the form  $Y(s) = \frac{P(s)}{Q(s)}$  and we need to use partial fraction decomposition to split this into fractions which we can individually take the inverses of

- Example Problem:  $y'' + 6y' + 5y = x - x^2 \mathcal{U}(x-2), y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' + 6y' + 5y\} = \mathcal{L}\{x - x^2 \mathcal{U}(x-2)\}$$

$$-s^2 Y(s) - s + 6(sY(s) - 1) + 5Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - e^{-2s} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s} \right]$$

$$- Y(s) = \frac{s^3 + 6s^2 + 1}{s^2(s+5)(s+1)} - e^{-2s} \left[ \frac{2s+1}{s^2(s+5)(s+1)} \right]$$

$$- Y(s) = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s+1} + \frac{D}{s+5} - e^{-2s} \left[ \frac{E}{s} + \frac{F}{s^2} + \frac{G}{s+1} + \frac{H}{s+5} \right]$$

$$- \frac{s^3 + 6s^2 + 1}{s^2(s+5)(s+1)} = \frac{-6/25}{s} + \frac{1/5}{s^2} + \frac{3/2}{s+1} + \frac{-13/50}{s+5}$$

$$- \frac{2s+1}{s^2(s+5)(s+1)} = \frac{4/25}{s} + \frac{1/5}{s^2} + \frac{-1/4}{s+1} + \frac{9/100}{s+5}$$

$$- y(x) = -\frac{6}{25} + \frac{x}{5} + \frac{3e^{-x}}{2} - \frac{13e^{-5x}}{50} - \mathcal{U}(x-2) \left[ \frac{4}{25} + \frac{x-2}{5} - \frac{e^{-(x-2)}}{4} + \frac{9e^{-5(x-2)}}{100} \right]$$