

FINAL EXAM: Differential Equations

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1:00pm-4:00pm

Name: _____

Directions: Read *all* problems first before answering any of them. There are **17** pages in this test. This exam is split into two parts. **Part I** is a 1-hour exam on Chapter 6 (Laplace Transforms). **Part II** is a 1-hour cumulative exam on the central ideas, techniques and methods of the course. You have three hours to complete the entire exam. **No calculators.** You must show all relevant work to support your answers. Use complete English sentences as much as possible and **CLEARLY** indicate your final answers to be graded from your “scratch work.”

You may consult a 8.5” by 11” “cheat sheet” with writing on both sides. There is a formula sheet at the end of Part 1 which includes all the formulas you should need for Laplace Transforms.

Pledge: I, _____, pledge my honor as a human being and Occidental student, that I have followed all the rules above to the letter and in spirit.

No.	Score	Maximum
I.1		30
I.2		40
I.3		30
PART I (Chapter 6)		100
II.1		10
II.2		10
II.3		10
II.4		10
II.5		10
II.6		10
II.7		10
II.8		10
II.9		10
II.10		10
BONUS		10
PART II (Cumulative)		100
TOTAL		200

I.1. [30 points total.] Convolution, Exponential Order, Duhamel's Principle.

[10 points total.] **TRUE or FALSE.**

Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE – put your answer in the box. To receive ANY credit, you must also give a brief, and correct, explanation in support of your answer! For example, if you think the answer is **FALSE** providing a counterexample for which the statement is NOT TRUE is best. If you think the answer is **TRUE** you should prove why you think the statement is always true. Your explanation of your answer is worth FOUR TIMES as much as the answer you put in the box.

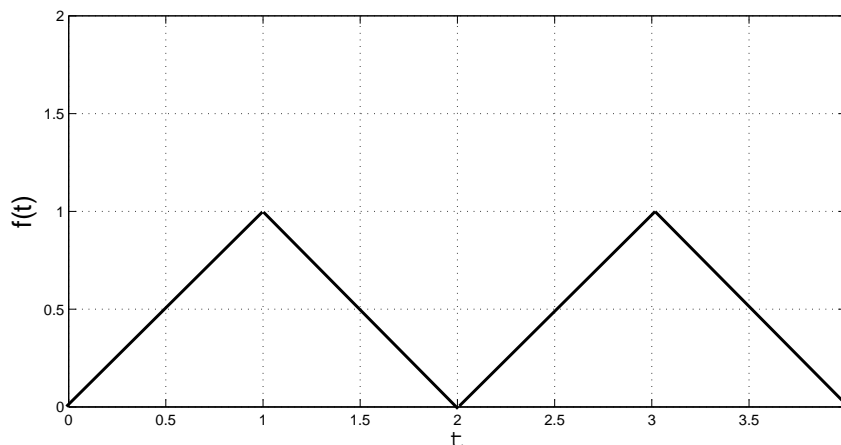
(a) **TRUE or FALSE?** “The convolution operation \star possesses an identity element 1 such that $f(t) \star 1 = 1 \star f(t) = f(t)$ for every integrable function $f(t)$.”

(b) **TRUE or FALSE?** “Every integrable function $f(t)$ possesses a corresponding Laplace transform $F(s)$.”

(c) **TRUE or FALSE?** “The exact solution $y(t)$ to the initial value problem $y'' + y = f(t)$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$ can be obtained without computing $F(s)$, the Laplace transform of $f(t)$.”

I.2. [40 points total.] Laplace Transforms, Derivative/Anti-Derivatives of Laplace Transforms, Periodic Functions, Heaviside Function.

This problem is about showing that the Laplace Transform of the periodic triangular wave function $f(t)$ shown below is $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} \tanh\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)$.



(a) [10 points]. Show that $f'(t) = (-1)^{[t]} = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ -1, & 1 \leq t < 2 \end{cases}$ where $f(t+2) = f(t)$ and $[t]$ is the greatest integer less than t and t is a positive real number. Provide a sketch of $f'(t)$ and give the period of $f'(t)$.

(b) [10 points]. Given that $\sinh(s) = \frac{e^s - e^{-s}}{2}$, $\cosh(s) = \frac{e^s + e^{-s}}{2}$ and $\tanh(s) = \frac{\sinh(s)}{\cosh(s)}$ use algebra to show that $\frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s(1 + e^{-s})} = \frac{1}{s} \tanh\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)$.

(c) [10 points]. Using the fact that $f'(t)$ is periodic show that its Laplace Transform $\mathcal{L}[f'(t)] = \frac{1 - e^{-s}}{s(1 + e^{-s})}$.

(d) [10 points]. Using the results from (b) and (c), $\mathcal{L}[f'(t)] = \frac{1}{s} \tanh\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)$, find an expression for $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s)$ when $f(t)$ is the periodic triangular wave function depicted on the previous page. EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER.

I.3. [30 points total.] Convolution, Laplace Transforms of Anti-Derivatives, Inverse Laplace Transforms, Partial Fractions.

Consider the expression $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(s-a)}$. There are several different methods to obtain the inverse Laplace Transform $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$ for this function. You are asked to use two different techniques.

(a) [15 points]. Use a method to find $f(t)$ from $F(s)$. NAME YOUR METHOD.

(b) [15 points]. Use a different method from the one you used in part (a) to find $f(t)$. NAME YOUR METHOD.

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

Laplace Transforms	
1	$\frac{1}{s}$
t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
$\frac{t^{m-1}}{(m-1)!}$	$\frac{1}{s^m}$
e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
$\sin(kt)$	$\frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$
$\cos(kt)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$
$\sinh(kt)$	$\frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}$
$\cosh(kt)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}$
$\delta(t-a)$	e^{-as}
$\mathcal{H}(t-a)$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$

Laplace Transform Formulas	
f'	$sF(s) - f(0)$
f''	$s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
$f^{(n)}$	$s^nF(s) - s^{(n-1)}f(0) - s^{(n-2)}f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
$e^{at}f(t)$	$F(s-a)$
$f(t-a)\mathcal{H}(t-a)$	$e^{-as}F(s)$
$t^n f(t)$	$(-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s)$
$\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$	$\frac{F(s)}{s}$
$\int_0^t \int_0^r f(\tau) d\tau dr$	$\frac{F(s)}{s^2}$
$f * g$	$F(s)G(s)$
$\frac{f(t)}{t}$	$\int_s^{\infty} F(u) du$
$f(t+T) = f(t)$	$\frac{1}{1-e^{-Ts}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt$

II.1 [10 points total.] Existence and Uniqueness Theorem.

(a) Suppose $y' = f(x, y)$ where f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are continuous everywhere, i.e. at all (x, y) values. Does this mean that any solution $y(x)$ to the ODE must be continuous everywhere? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER.

(b) Suppose $y' = xy^{1/3}$. What does the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem allow us to conclude about solutions to the ODE along $y = 0$? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER.

II.2 [10 points total.] Bifurcation, Phase Lines, Equilibria, Stability.

Consider the autonomous ordinary differential equation $y' = ay^2 + y^4$ where a is an arbitrary real-valued parameter. Find the equilibria values y^* and compute the bifurcation value a_B . Sketch phase lines for representative values $a < a_B$, $a = a_B$ and $a > a_B$. Clearly label any sinks, sources or nodes. Finally, sketch the bifurcation diagram in the ay^* -plane.

II.3 [10 points total.] Hamiltonian and Gradient Systems.

Consider $\phi(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{y^2}{2} + 8$.

(a) Write down a system of differential equations for which the given $\phi(x, y)$ is a Hamiltonian function. CONFIRM your given system is indeed a Hamiltonian system.

(b) Write down a system of differential equations for which the given $\phi(x, y)$ is a Gradient function. CONFIRM your given system is indeed a Gradient system.

II.4 [10 points total.] Equilibria of Linear Systems, Linearization, Jacobian, Eigenvalues.

Consider the following nonlinear system of differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -2x + 2x^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -3x + y + 3x^2\end{aligned}$$

Find and classify all the equilibrium points of the system.

II.5 [10 points total.] **Linear System of ODEs.**

Solve $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$.

II.6 [10 points total.] **Nonhomogeneous and Homogeneous Problems.**

(a) Solve $t \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 0$. SHOW ALL YOUR WORK!

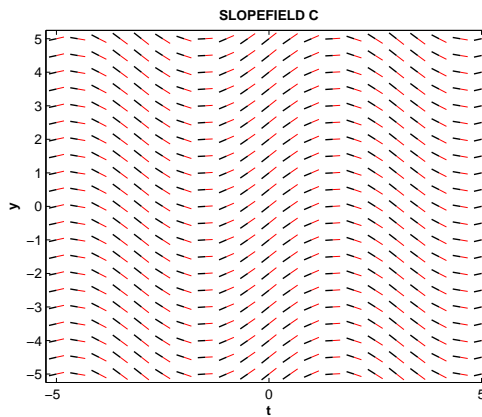
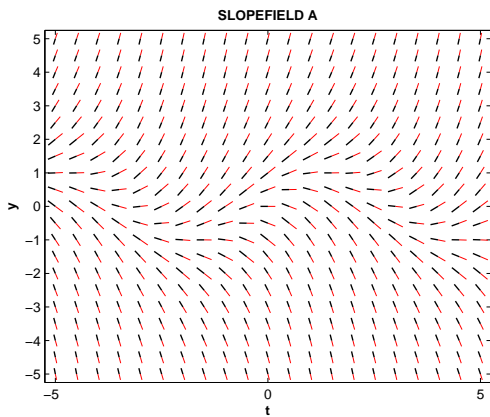
(b) Solve $t \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 2t^2$, $y(2) = 1$. SHOW ALL YOUR WORK!

II.7 [10 points total.] Phase Plane and Slope Fields.

Consider the following first order differential equations:

1. $\frac{dy}{dt} = y - \sin(t)$ 2. $\frac{dy}{dt} = \cos(t)$ 3. $\frac{dy}{dt} = \cos(y)$ 4. $\frac{dy}{dt} = t - \sin(y)$

Two slope fields are shown below. Match the slope fields with their associated ODE and provide an explanation. You will obtain four times as much credit for the explanation than for the correct slope field selection.



(a). The equation for slope field **A** is _____ . This is because:

(b). The equation for slope field **C** is _____ . This is because:

II.8 [10 points total.] Heaviside Function and Delta Function.

(a) Solve $y'' + y = \mathcal{H}(t)$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$.

(b) Solve $y'' + y = \delta(t)$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$.

(c) Explain the difference between the two different physical situations represented by the two different initial value problems given in (a) and (b) and describe how the solutions to the two problems differ. One way to do this would be by giving a sketch of $y(t)$ for each problem.

II.9 [10 points total.] Laplace Transforms and Initial Value Problems.

Consider the zeroth-order Bessel's Equation, whose exact solution is the zeroth-order Bessel Function of the First Kind, denoted $J_0(t)$

$$ty'' + y' + ty = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Given that $\mathcal{L}[ty'] = -\frac{d}{ds}\{\mathcal{L}[y']\} = -\frac{d}{ds}\{sY(s) - y(0)\} = -s\frac{dY}{ds} - Y$, show that applying the Laplace Transform to the given initial value problem produces the following equation for $Y(s)$.

$$\mathcal{L}[ty'' + y' + ty] = -(s^2 + 1)\frac{dY}{ds} - sY = 0$$

II.10 [10 points total.] **Separation of Variables.**

Consider the differential equation from **II.9**,

$$-(s^2 + 1)\frac{dY}{ds} - sY = 0$$

Let $Y(0) = A$ where A is a (un)known real value. Solve this initial value problem for $Y(s)$.
(SEE BONUS PROBLEM to determine A !)

BONUS QUESTION [10 points total.]

(a) Given that $y(t)$ and its Laplace Transform $Y(s)$ satisfy the relationship

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sY(s) = y(0)$$

use this result to obtain the unknown value of A from **II.10**.

(b) From **II.9**, **II.10** and part (a) above, what is an explicit functional form for the Laplace Transform of the Zeroth-Order Bessel's Function of the First Kind, i.e. $\mathcal{L}[J_0(t)]$?