

**I.** Let  $f(t) = t$  for  $0 \leq t < \pi^2$ , and  $f(t) = 0$  for  $t \geq \pi^2$ . Use the *definition* of the Laplace transform to  
(4) calculate  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ .

**II.** Let  $f(t) = t$  for  $0 \leq t < \pi^2$ , and  $f(t) = 0$  for  $t \geq \pi^2$ . Use a step function to write an expression for  $f(t)$ ,  
(4) and use the formulas list for Laplace transforms to calculate  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ .

**III.** Solve the initial value problem  $x'' + 9x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = -1$  by using the Laplace transform.  
(4)

**IV.** Solve the initial value problem  $y'' + 9y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = -1$  by using the characteristic equation  
(4) to find the general solution, then solving equations involving the initial values to find the solution that satisfies the initial values.

**V.** Solve the initial value problem  $x'' + 9x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = -1$  as follows.

(6)

1. Putting  $x_1 = x$  and  $x_2 = x'$ , rewrite the equation as a system of two first-order equations. Notice that the initial conditions become  $x_1(0) = 0$  and  $x_2(0) = -1$ .
  
2. Use the Laplace transform and Cramer's rule to find an expression for the Laplace transform  $X_1(s)$  of  $x_1(t)$ , and use the inverse transform to find  $x_1(t)$  (of course, there is no need to also find  $X_2(s)$  and  $x_2(t)$ , since  $x_1(t)$  is  $x(t)$ , the solution to the original equation).

**VI.** Write the Maclaurin series for  $\sin(x)$ ,  $\frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ ,  $\cosh(x)$ , and  $e^{-x^2}$ .

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**VII.** Use an integrating factor to solve the first-order linear equation  $y' = (1 - y) \cos(x)$ ,  $y(\pi) = 3$ .

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**VIII.** Use separation of variables to solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5e^{3x-y}$ .  
(4)

**IX.** Solve the initial value problem  $y'' + 9y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = -1$  as follows.  
(8)

1. Put  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ , and write an expression for  $y''$  as a series. Use these expressions in the differential equation to find a recursive formula for  $c_n$  (it should give  $c_{n+2}$  in terms of  $c_n$ ).

2. Use the initial conditions  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = -1$  to find  $c_0$  and  $c_1$ , and solve for  $c_n$ , treating separately the cases  $n$  even and  $n$  odd.

**X.** If  $D$  is the differential operator defined by  $Df = f'$ , calculate  $(D^2 + e^x D + e^{3x})(xe^{2x})$ .

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**XI.** Solve  $x'' = \delta(t) - \delta(t - 1)$ ,  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = 0$ , and graph the solution.

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**XII.** For the differential equation  $(x^2 + 5)y'' - 8xy' + 12y = 0$ , find the singular points. For solutions of the form

(4)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ , how large (at least) is the radius of convergence guaranteed to be? For solutions of the form  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x - 2)^n$ , how large (at least) is the radius of convergence guaranteed to be?

**XIII.** Find the inverse Laplace transform of  $\ln(s)$ .

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**XIV.** Consider the boundary-value problem  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y(a) = a_0$ ,  $y(b) = b_0$ .

(2)

1. Define what it means to say that a value of  $\lambda$  is an *eigenvalue* of this problem.

2. Define what it means to say that a function  $y$  is an *eigenfunction* associated to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

**XV.** Consider the boundary-value problem  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(\pi) = 0$ .

(6)

1. Show that  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of this problem.

2. By writing  $\lambda = \alpha^2$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , find all positive eigenvalues, and an associated eigenfunction for each positive eigenvalue.

**XVI.** 1. Define what it means to say that the functions  $f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)$  are *linearly dependent* on the interval  $I$ .

2. Write  $\frac{x^2}{(x+1)^3}$  in terms of partial fractions.

3. Using the definition, show that  $\frac{1}{x+1}, \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}, \frac{1}{(x+1)^3},$  and  $\frac{x^2}{(x+1)^3}$  are linearly dependent on the interval  $I = (0, \infty)$ .

4. Show that if  $f(x), g(x),$  and  $h(x)$  are three functions that are linearly dependent on an interval  $I,$  then  $f'(x), g'(x),$  and  $h'(x)$  are also linearly dependent on  $I.$