

Instructions: Read the question carefully and make sure that you answer the question given. Give concise answers, but clearly indicate your reasoning. Most of the problems have rather short answers.

**I.** Making use of the tables when needed, calculate the following Laplace transforms and inverse Laplace (12) transform:

(i)  $\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{t}\right)$  (remember that  $\ln(a) - \ln(b) = \ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ , and  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b-1}{b+1} = 1$ )

(ii)  $\mathcal{L}(t \sin(t))$

(iii)  $f(t)$ , if  $F(s) = \frac{2s}{s^2 + 4s + 13}$

**II.** For the rational function  $\frac{\lambda^3 + 1}{(\lambda^2 - 9)^2(\lambda^2 + 9)^2}$ , write the sum of partial fractions with unknown coefficients (5) that would be used in the method of partial fractions, but *do not* go on to solve for the coefficients.

**III.** Use an integrating factor to solve the linear IVP (8)

$$y' = (1 - y) \cos(x), \quad y(\pi) = 3.$$

You will want to start by putting the DE into the standard form for a first-order linear DE.

**IV.** Define an *eigenvalue* of a matrix  $A$ , and define an *eigenvector* associated to that eigenvalue. You may use (4) the version of the definitions given in class, or the version given in the book, or any equivalent statement.

**V.** (a) Define a *linear combination* of functions.

(5) (b) State the Principle of Superposition for a DE of order  $n$ . Be sure to tell the requirements on the DE (that is, the hypotheses) needed for the Principle of Superposition to apply.

**VI.** For the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -8 & -11 & -2 \\ 6 & 9 & 2 \\ -6 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the eigenvalues are 3, 1, and  $-2$ . An eigenvector associated to 3 is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , (8)

an eigenvector associated to 1 is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and an eigenvector associated to  $-2$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Write a general solution to the system  $X' = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -11 & -2 \\ 6 & 9 & 2 \\ -6 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X$ .

(b) Write a set of linear equations whose solutions are the unknown coefficients in the general solution if the initial values are  $x_1(-1) = -3$ ,  $x_2(-1) = 0$ , and  $x_3(-1) = 3$ .

(c) Write an augmented matrix which would be the first step in using Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve the system in part (b), but *do not* continue with the process or attempt to find the unknown coefficients or the solution to the differential equation.

- VII.** (a) Give a specific example of three nonzero  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  for which  $AB = AC$  but  $B \neq C$ .  
(6)  
(b) Show that if  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices for which  $AB = AC$  and  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then  $B = C$ .

- VIII.** In this problem, we will solve the initial value problem  $x'' - 4x' - 5x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = x'(0) = 1$ .  
(8)

- (a) Use the characteristic polynomial to write down a general solution with coefficients  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .  
(b) Use the initial conditions to write down a system of two linear equations that  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  must satisfy.  
(c) Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve the system of two linear equations, and *write the solution of the initial value problem*.

- IX.** In this problem, we will solve the initial value problem  $x'' - 4x' - 5x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = x'(0) = 1$ .  
(10)

- (a) Apply the Laplace transform to change the problem to an algebra equation for  $X(s)$ , the Laplace transform of  $x(t)$ . Solve it for  $X(s)$  to obtain an expression giving  $X(s)$  as a rational function of  $s$ .  
(b) Write  $X(s)$  as a sum of partial fractions, with unknown coefficients, and find the coefficients.  
(c) Apply the inverse transform to find the solution  $x(t)$ .

- X.** In this problem, we will solve the differential equation  $x'' - 4x' - 5x = 0$ .

- (14)  
(a) Rewrite the DE  $x'' - 4x' - 5x = 0$  as an equivalent first-order system with unknown functions  $x$  and  $y = x'$  (or you may write  $x_1 = x$  and  $x_2 = x'$  if you prefer to use that notation).  
(b) Write the system in the form  $X' = PX$ , where  $P$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix and  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ .  
(c) Find the eigenvalues of  $P$ .  
(d) An eigenvector associated to one of the eigenvalues is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find an eigenvector associated to the other eigenvalue.  
(e) Use the eigenvalues and eigenvectors to write two solutions of  $X' = PX$ , and use them to write a general solution for  $X$  (its top function  $x$  will be a general solution  $x(t)$  for the DE  $x'' - 4x' - 5x = 0$ , although not necessarily written in exactly the same way as the general solution found by other methods, and its bottom function  $y$  should be  $x'(t)$ ).