

1. Solve the following differential equations:

(a)  $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 5$

(b)  $y'' = -\omega^2 y$

(c)  $y' + 2y = e^t$

(d)  $y' + 3y = 0$ .

2. Find the Laplace transform of the following functions by explicitly computing  $\int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-st} dt$ .

(a)  $f(t) = 3$

(b)  $f(t) = e^{3t}$

(c)  $f(t) = \cos 2t$

(d)  $f(t) = te^{2t}$

(e)  $f(t) = e^{-3t} \sin 2t$

3. Sketch each of the following piecewise defined functions, and compute their Laplace transforms.

(a)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 4 \\ 5, & t \geq 4 \end{cases}$

(b)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 3, & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$

4. Engineers frequently use the *Heavyside function*, defined by

$$H(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

to emulate turning on a switch at a certain instance in time. Sketch the graph of the function  $x(t) = e^{0.2t}$  and compute its Laplace transform,  $X(s)$ . On a different set of axes, sketch the graph of

$$y(t) = H(t - 3)e^{0.2t}$$

and calculate its Laplace transform,  $Y(s)$ . How do  $X(s)$  and  $Y(s)$  differ? What do you think the Laplace transform of  $H(t - c)e^{0.2t}$  is, where  $c$  is an arbitrary positive constant?

5. Find the Laplace transform of the following functions by using a table of Laplace transforms

(a)  $f(t) = -2$

(b)  $f(t) = e^{-2t}$

(c)  $f(t) = \sin 3t$

(d)  $f(t) = te^{-3t}$

(e)  $f(t) = e^{2t} \cos 2t$

6. Transform the given initial value problem into an algebraic equation involving  $Y(s) := \mathcal{L}(y)$ , and solve for  $Y(s)$ .

(a)  $y'' + y = \sin 4t$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$

(b)  $y'' + y' + 2y = \cos 2t + \sin 3t$ ,  $y(0) = -1$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$

(c)  $y' + y = e^{-t} \sin 3t$ ,  $y(0) = 0$