

**Math 240 - Test 3a**  
April 13, 2023

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Show all work to receive full credit. Supply explanations where necessary.

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1. (12 points) Use variation of parameters to solve  $y'' + y = \csc^2 x$ .

2. (10 points) Use a power series centered at  $x = 0$  to solve the following equation. Write out the first few terms of your power series solution (not just the coefficients).

$$(x - 1)y' + 2y = 0$$

3. (16 points) State the recurrence relation that describes the coefficients of the power series solution (centered at  $x = 0$ ), and state the guaranteed radius of convergence (according to our theorem from class).

$$y'' - x^2y' - 3xy = 0$$

4. (6 points) For each equation below, consider a power series solution of the form  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . Determine the minimum radius of convergence that is guaranteed by the theorem we discussed in class.

(a)  $(x + 4)y'' + 7xy' - 5(x + 2)y = 0$

(b)  $(x^2 + 1)y'' + 8y' + (x^2 - 1)y = 0$

5. (6 points) Consider the Cauchy-Euler equation  $5x^2y'' - 8xy' + 7y = 0$ . Explain why  $x = 0$  is a singular point. Then explain why  $x = 0$  is a **regular** singular point.

6. (8 points) Use the integral definition of the Laplace transform to find the transform of  $f(t) = e^{3t}$ .

7. (8 points) Use a table of Laplace transforms to compute the transform of each function.

(a)  $f(t) = 8 + 2 \sin 5t - 7 \cos 2t$

(b)  $f(t) = t^5 - e^{3t} + t \cos t$

8. (5 points) Consider the forced mass-spring system described by an equation of the form

$$mx'' + bx' + kx = F_0 \cos \gamma t.$$

For such a system, explain the difference between the *transient part* of the solution and the *steady-state part* of the solution.

9. (4 points) Explain what it means for a function to be of *exponential order*. Why is this idea important to us?

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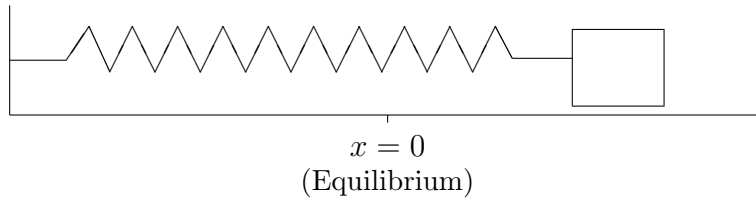
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1. (7 points) Use the integral definition of the Laplace transform to compute the transform of  $f(t) = t$ . Show all details.

2. (9 points) A 3-kg mass is attached to a spring with spring constant 8 N/m. The damping constant for the system is 2 N-sec/m. The mass is moved 1 m to the **left** of equilibrium (compressing the spring) and pushed to the **left** at 1 m/sec. At the moment the mass is pushed, the periodic external force  $F(t) = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}t$  is applied.



- (a) Set up the initial value problem that describes the motion of the mass.
- (b) Use SageMath (or some other CAS) to solve the initial value problem. (If you need help with the SageMath syntax, see the posted lecture notes for section 2.6.)
- (c) Use SageMath (or some other CAS) to graph your solution for  $0 \leq t \leq 30$ . Attach a copy of the graph.
- (d) On your graph, indicate where the transient part of the solution is dominant and where the steady-state part is dominant.
- (e) Compute the resonance frequency,  $\gamma_r$ , for this system.



3. (9 points) Consider the equation  $4xy'' + 2y' + y = 0$ .

(a) Show that  $x = 0$  is a regular singular point.

(b) Let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+s}$ , where  $s$  is some real number. Determine the recurrence relation that results when this  $y$  and its derivatives are substituted into the equation.

(c) For  $n = 0$ , assume  $a_0 \neq 0$  and write the indicial equation you obtain from the coefficient of  $x^{s-1}$ .