

**Differential Equations 2280**  
**Sample Midterm Exam 2 Problems Only**  
**Exam Date: 31 March 2017 at 12:50pm**

**Instructions:** This in-class exam is 50 minutes. No calculators, notes, tables or books. No answer check is expected. Details count 3/4, answers count 1/4. Problems below cover the possibilities, but the exam day content will be much less, as was the case for Exam 1.

**1. (Chapter 3)**

(a) [50%] Find by any applicable method the steady-state periodic solution for the current equation  $I'' + 2I' + 5I = -10 \sin(t)$ .

(b) [50%] Find by variation of parameters a particular solution  $y_p$  for the equation  $y'' = 1 - x$ . Show all steps in variation of parameters. Check the answer by quadrature.

**2. (Chapters 1, 2, 3)**

(2a) [20%] Solve  $2v'(t) = -8 + \frac{2}{2t+1}v(t)$ ,  $v(0) = -4$ . Show all integrating factor steps.

(2b) [10%] Solve for the general solution:  $y'' + 4y' + 6y = 0$ .

(2c) [10%] Solve for the general solution of the homogeneous constant-coefficient differential equation whose characteristic equation is  $r(r^2 + r)^2(r^2 + 9)^2 = 0$ .

(2d) [20%] Find a linear homogeneous constant coefficient differential equation of lowest order which has a particular solution  $y = x + \sin \sqrt{2}x + e^{-x} \cos 3x$ .

(2e) [15%] A particular solution of the equation  $mx'' + cx' + kx = F_0 \cos(2t)$  happens to be  $x(t) = 11 \cos 2t + e^{-t} \sin \sqrt{11}t - \sqrt{11} \sin 2t$ . Assume  $m, c, k$  all positive. Find the unique periodic steady-state solution  $x_{SS}$ .

(2f) [25%] Determine for  $y''' + y'' = 100x^2 + \sin x$  the shortest trial solution for  $y_p$  according to the method of undetermined coefficients. **Do not evaluate** the undetermined coefficients!

**3. (Laplace Theory)**

(a) [50%] Solve by Laplace's method  $x'' + 2x' + x = e^t$ ,  $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$ .

(b) [25%] Assume  $f(t)$  is of exponential order. Find  $f(t)$  in the relation

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(f(t)) \right|_{s \rightarrow (s-3)} = \mathcal{L}(f(t) - t).$$

(c) [25%] Derive an integral formula for  $y(t)$  by Laplace transform methods, explicitly using the Convolution Theorem, for the problem

$$y''(t) + 4y'(t) + 4y(t) = f(t), \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

This is similar to a required homework problem from Chapter 7.

**4. (Laplace Theory)**

(4a) [20%] Explain Laplace's Method, as applied to the differential equation  $x'(t) + 2x(t) = e^t$ ,  $x(0) = 1$ . Reference only. Not to appear on any exam.

(4b) [15%] Solve  $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{100}{(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 4)}$  for  $f(t)$ .

(4c) [15%] Solve for  $f(t)$  in the equation  $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{1}{s^2(s + 3)}$ .

(4d) [10%] Find  $\mathcal{L}(f)$  given  $f(t) = (-t)e^{2t} \sin(3t)$ .

(4e) [20%] Solve  $x''' + x'' = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 1$ ,  $x'(0) = 0$ ,  $x''(0) = 0$  by Laplace's Method.

(4f) [20%] Solve the system  $x' = x + y$ ,  $y' = x - y + 2$ ,  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$  by Laplace's Method.

**5. (Laplace Theory)**

(a) [30%] Solve  $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + s)(s^2 - s)}$  for  $f(t)$ .

(b) [20%] Solve for  $f(t)$  in the equation  $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{s + 1}{s^2 + 4s + 5}$ .

(c) [20%] Let  $u(t)$  denote the unit step. Solve for  $f(t)$  in the relation

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{d}{ds} \mathcal{L}(u(t - 1) \sin 2t)$$

Remark: This is not a second shifting theorem problem.

(d) [30%] Compute  $\mathcal{L}(e^{2t}f(t))$  for

$$f(t) = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{t}.$$

**6. (Systems of Differential Equations)**The eigenanalysis method says that, for a  $3 \times 3$  system  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ , the general solution is  $\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1\mathbf{v}_1e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2\mathbf{v}_2e^{\lambda_2 t} + c_3\mathbf{v}_3e^{\lambda_3 t}$ . In the solution formula,  $(\lambda_i, \mathbf{v}_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , is an eigenpair of  $A$ . Given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

then

(a) [75%] Display eigenanalysis details for  $A$ .(b) [25%] Display the solution  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  of  $\mathbf{x}'(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t)$ .(c) Repeat (a), (b) for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .**7. (Systems of Differential Equations)**(a) [30%] Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .(b) [20%] Justify that eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalues in increasing order are the four vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c) [50%] Display the general solution of  $\mathbf{u}' = A\mathbf{u}$  according to the Eigenanalysis method.**8. (Systems of Differential Equations)**(a) [100%] The eigenvalues are 3, 5 for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .Display the general solution of  $\mathbf{u}' = A\mathbf{u}$  according to the Cayley-Hamilton-Ziebur shortcut (textbook chapters 4,5). Assume initial condition  $\vec{u}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .