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1. Find the unique solution to the Cauchy-Euler equation

$$x^2y'' + xy' - 4y = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad y(1) = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(1) = 2.$$

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2. Use algebra and theorems on the last page to find

(i) $\mathcal{L}\{t^2 - e^{-9t} + 5\}(s)$

(ii) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2s - 6}{s^2 + 9}\right\}(t)$

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3. Use the provided theorems to find

(i) $\mathcal{L}\{e^t \sin 3t\}(s)$.

(ii) $\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t e^{-\tau} \cos \tau d\tau\right\}(s)$.

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4. Use the provided theorems to solve the initial-value problem

$$y'' + y = \delta(t - 2\pi) \quad \text{where} \quad y(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

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5. Write the system

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

without the use of matrices.

6. The matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

has eigenvectors

$$K_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad K_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = -2$, $\lambda_2 = -1$ and $\lambda_3 = 3$. Find the general solution to $dX/dt = AX$.

THEOREM 7.1.1 Transforms of Some Basic Functions

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-a)\} = e^{-as} \quad \text{for } a \geq 0$$

(a) $\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}$

(b) $\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(c) $\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$

(d) $\mathcal{L}\{\sin kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$

(e) $\mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$

(f) $\mathcal{L}\{\sinh kt\} = \frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}$

(g) $\mathcal{L}\{\cosh kt\} = \frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}$

THEOREM 7.2.1 Some Inverse Transforms

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-as}\} = \delta(t-a) \quad \text{for } a \geq 0$$

(a) $1 = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\}$

(b) $t^n = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}\right\}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(c) $e^{at} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-a}\right\}$

(d) $\sin kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}\right\}$

(e) $\cos kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}\right\}$

(f) $\sinh kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}\right\}$

(g) $\cosh kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}\right\}$

THEOREM 7.2.2 Transform of a Derivative

If $f, f', \dots, f^{(n-1)}$ are continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and are of exponential order and if $f^{(n)}(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - s^{n-2}f'(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0),$$

where $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$.

THEOREM 7.3.1 First Translation Theorem

If $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ and a is any real number, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s - a).$$

THEOREM 7.3.2 Second Translation Theorem

If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ and $a > 0$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t - a)u(t - a)\} = e^{-as}F(s).$$

THEOREM 7.4.1 Derivatives of Transforms

If $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ and $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s).$$

THEOREM 7.4.2 Convolution Theorem

If $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and of exponential order, then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f * g\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} = F(s)G(s).$$

THEOREM 7.4.3 Transform of a Periodic Function

If $f(t)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, \infty)$, of exponential order, and periodic with period T , then

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-sT}} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt.$$