

Math. 316, ODEs  
Practice Exam I — Spring 2004

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1. (25pts.) Find the inverse Laplace transforms

(a) (5pts)

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-2)(s-3)}$$

(b) (5pts)

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2(s^2-1)}$$

(c) (5pts)

$$F(s) = \frac{2s}{s^2+2s+2}$$

(d) (5pts)

$$F(s) = \frac{5s-4}{s^3-s^2-2s}$$

(e) (5pts)

$$F(s) = \frac{s^2+1}{(s^2+2s+5)^2}$$

2. (15pts.) Solve the IVP

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2x - x^2, \quad x(0) = 1$$

and sketch the direction field and the solution.

3. (12pts.) Give the general solution for the ODE

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dt} + k^2y = 0$$

when the spring constant  $k$  has the values:

(a)  $k = 5$ .

(b)  $k = 4$ .

(c)  $k = \sqrt{7}$ .

In each case, state if the system is overdamped, critically damped, or underdamped

4. (14pts.) Solve the IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{2t}{t^2+1}y = \frac{1}{t}, \quad y(1) = 0$$

and identify the largest interval in  $t_1 < t < t_2$  for which the solution is defined.

5. (6pts.) Compute the Wronskian of the functions  $y_1(x) = e^x$  and  $y_2(x) = e^{-x}$ . Are these linearly independent?

6. (14pts.) Solve the IVP using Laplace transforms:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + y = \cos t, \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

7. (14pts.) Solve the IVP using Laplace transforms:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = e^{-t}, \quad y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1.$$