

Ordinary Differential Equations

End of Topic Test

Test Structure:

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| • Section A: | 8 multiple choice questions. | 15 points available. |
| • Section B: | 12 short-form questions. | 135 points available. |
| • Section C: | 9 long-form questions. | 200 points available. |
| • Cheat sheet: | 1) Trigonometric identities
3) Linear differential equations
5) Frobenius method
7) Laplace transforms | 2) Derivatives and integrals
4) Numerical methods
6) Stability criteria
8) Z-transforms |

Total: 350 points

Test Topics

- **First-order ODEs:** separable, linear, exact, homogeneous, Bernoulli.
- **Second-order ODEs:** linear (non-)homogeneous, Cauchy-Euler, series solutions (power, Frobenius), Laplace transforms, convolutions.
- **Numerical methods:** Euler's method, Heun's method, Runge-Kutta 4th order
- **Systems of ODEs:** order reduction, matrix methods, phase plane, stability.
- **Difference equations:** linear recurrence relations, Z-transforms.
- **Modelling:** using basic physics (mechanics), linear time invariant systems.

Guidance

For this test, you **should**:

- ✓ have your own plain or lined paper
- ✓ have a scientific calculator
- ✓ use the cheat sheet provided
- ✓ check the worked solutions only when you have tried every question
- ✓ take regular breaks e.g. between Sections A, B and C

For this test, you **should not**:

- ✗ use online calculators, graph plotters or computer code
- ✗ refer to any notes or other cheat sheets
- ✗ give up on a question until you have tried everything you know

There is no time limit, but a good pace is approximately 1 point = 1 minute.

Gradings

Approximately: 50% → pass; 60% → great; 70% → excellent.

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Section A

Multiple Choice Questions

- There are **eight** questions, **all** of which should be answered.
 - Choose **one** correct answer from the **four** options: ① ② ③ ④
 - A correct answer will receive all points. An incorrect answer will receive zero points.
 - A total of **15** points are available in Section A, out of the total of **350** for the test.
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A1. The differential equation

$$4 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 - \frac{dy}{dx} + 8y = 2^{-x}$$

can be classified as

I first-order

II second-order

III linear

IV homogeneous

V first-degree

VI autonomous

- ① **I** and **V** only
- ② **I** only
- ③ **II** and **III** only
- ④ **IV**, **V** and **VI** only

[1 point]

A2. Which statement is true?

- ① All Bernoulli differential equations are linear and first-order.
- ② All Cauchy-Euler differential equations are linear and second-order.
- ③ All autonomous differential equations are homogeneous.
- ④ All nonlinear differential equations are second-degree or higher.

[1 point]

A3. Evaluate $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\delta\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \delta\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) e^x \sin x \, dx$, where $\delta(\cdot)$ is the Dirac delta function.

- ① 0
- ② $2 \cosh \frac{\pi}{2}$
- ③ $2 \sinh \frac{\pi}{2}$
- ④ undefined; the integral diverges.

[1 point]

A4. If $\frac{dy}{dx} = 10 - 4y$ and $y(0) = 0$, then the value of $y(2)$ to two decimal places is

- ① 0.34
- ② 2.16
- ③ 2.38
- ④ 2.50

[1 point]

A5. Find the general solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} - \cos^2 \frac{y}{x}$.

- ① $C x^2 e^{-\sin x}$
- ② $x \ln(1 + \sin^2 x) + C$
- ③ $x \tan^{-1}(C - \ln x)$
- ④ $\frac{x}{2}(1 - x \sec^2 x) + C$

[2 points]

A6. If $(x^2 + x) dy = \frac{dx}{y}$ then the value of e^{y^2} for all $(x, y) > 0$ is

- ① proportional to the square of $\frac{x}{1+x}$
- ② equal to $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2$ plus a constant
- ③ proportional to $\frac{y}{\sqrt{x}}$
- ④ inversely proportional to xy

[2 points]

A7. The function $f(t)$ satisfies the equation $\int_0^t f(\tau) f(t - \tau) d\tau = 16 \sin 4t$ for all $t \geq 0$.

The Laplace transform of $f(t)$ is $F(s)$. Find $F(s)$.

- ① $\frac{64}{s^2 + 16}$
- ② $\frac{\pm 8}{s^2 - 16}$
- ③ $\frac{64}{\sqrt{s^2 - 16}}$
- ④ $\frac{\pm 8}{\sqrt{s^2 + 16}}$

[2 points]

A8. A discrete sequence $\{u\}_n : n \in \mathbf{N}$ satisfies the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+2} = 2u_{n+1} - 2u_n, \quad u_1 = 1, \quad u_2 = 6.$$

Let $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n u_k$. Find the exact value of S_{100} .

- ① $5 \times 2^{100} - 1$
- ② $5 \times (2^{50} + 1)$
- ③ $5 \times 2^{50} + 1$
- ④ $5 \times (2^{100} - 1)$

[5 points]

Section B

Short-Form Questions

- There are **twelve** questions, **all** of which should be answered.
- Show all of your working out clearly.
- You can still obtain partial points for an incorrect final answer if parts of your method were correct.
- A total of **135** points are available in Section B, out of the total of **350** for the test.

B1. Find the general solutions to the following differential equations.

a.
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad \text{[5 points]}$$

b.
$$x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = \ln x, \quad x > 0. \quad \text{[5 points]}$$

B2. A real-valued function $y(x)$ satisfies the differential equation **(1)** below.

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 = 4y^2 + y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}. \quad \text{(1)}$$

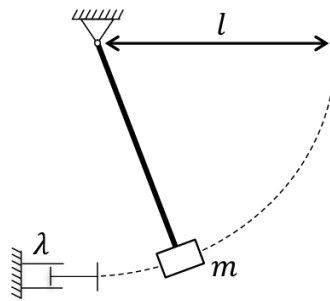
Using the substitution $u = \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2$, where u is a function of y , show that **(1)** can be transformed into a differential equation for the function $u(y)$, and hence show that the general solution, for arbitrary real constants A and B , is given by

$$y(x) = A \cos^2 \left(\sqrt{2}x + B \right).$$

[10 points]

- B3.** A shock testing machine consists of a mass m on the end of a light rigid rod of length l which swings from a fixed pivot in a vertical plane after it is released from the horizontal position.

The mass makes a head-on collision with a viscous buffer (dashpot) of damping rate λ directly vertically below the pivot as shown. At this instant, the mass is travelling to the left with a speed of $\sqrt{2gl}$.



After first contacting the buffer, the mass displaces the buffer by a small horizontal distance $x \ll l$ before coming to rest.

Find an approximate expression for x in terms of m , λ , g and l .

State and justify any assumptions made.

[10 points]

- B4.** A faulty bit in a computer memory switches its state between the binary values “0” or “1” in any given clock cycle with constant probability p .

Suppose that the state of the bit is measured at cycle $n = 0$, and let y_n be the probability that it is in the same state n clock cycles later.

Find an explicit formula for y_n , valid for all integers $n \geq 0$. **[10 points]**

- B5.** The variation of y with x satisfies the differential equation below.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 14\frac{dy}{dx} + 49y = f(x), \quad \text{where } f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

It is given that y and $\frac{dy}{dx}$ are both zero when $x = 0$.

Find a piecewise expression for $y(x)$ and sketch the graph of y against x , stating the exact maximum value of y and the value of x at which it occurs.

[10 points]

- B6.** For any $0 < t < 41$, the curve $y = x^3 + 2x^2 - 15x + 5$ intersects the horizontal line $y = t$ three times. Of these three intersections, let the point with the largest x -coordinate be $(f(t), t)$ and the point with the smallest x -coordinate be $(g(t), t)$.

- a.** Show that the functions $x = f(t)$ and $x = g(t)$ are both distinct solutions to the autonomous differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{3x^2 + 4x - 15}, \quad 0 < t < 41. \quad \text{[3 points]}$$

- b.** Let $x(t) = af(t) + bg(t) + c$, where (a, b, c) are real constants.

Find all (a, b, c) such that $x(t)$ also satisfies the differential equation in part **a**.

[4 points]

- c.** If $h(t) = t \times (f(t) - g(t))$, find the value of $\frac{dh}{dt}$ at $t = 5$. **[3 points]**

B7. Consider the differential equation **(1)**,

$$y'' + y = \tan x, \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0,$$

a. Use variation of parameters to find the true solution $y(x)$. **[7 points]**

b. The Maclaurin series expansion for $\tan x$ is

$$\tan x \approx x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 + \frac{17}{315}x^7 + \dots, \quad |x| < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Consider another differential equation **(2)**,

$$z'' + z = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5, \quad z(0) = z'(0) = 0.$$

Explain whether $z(x)$ is an underapproximation or overapproximation to $y(x)$ on the interval $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$. You do not need to solve for $y(x)$ explicitly.

[3 points]

B8. Consider the coupled system of difference equations

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n + \frac{1}{2}y_n \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha)x_n + \frac{1}{2}y_n \end{cases}$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ is a constant. The vector \mathbf{z}_n is defined as $\mathbf{z}_n = \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$.

a. Given that the eigenvalues of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - \alpha & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ are $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = \alpha - \frac{1}{2}$,

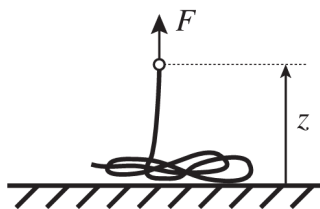
find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{z}_n$ if $\mathbf{z}_0 = [1 \ 0]^T$.

[7 points]

b. Let \mathbf{z}_0 be any unit vector. If $\mathbf{z}_n = [0 \ 0]^T$ for all $n \geq k$, where k is a finite positive integer, find the value of α .

[3 points]

- B9.** A heavy chain of length L and mass per unit length ρ is resting coiled on a table.



The chain is being pulled up by one of its ends with a force F which varies with time t . When the chain is in contact with the table, the motion of the chain satisfies the differential equation

$$z \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2 + gz = \frac{F(t)}{\rho},$$

where g is the constant acceleration due to gravity.

- a.** Using the substitution $v = \frac{dz}{dt}$, where v is a function of z , show that $v(z)$ satisfies a Bernoulli differential equation, assuming that $v > 0$.

[4 points]

- b.** Find the minimum value of F_0 such that, if $F(t) = F_0$, then the chain is fully lifted up off the table. What happens to the chain next if this force is maintained?

[6 points]

B10. Consider an asymptotically stable, causal, linear time invariant system with transfer function $H(s)$ in the Laplace s domain, input $x(t)$ and output $y(t)$, where t is time.

a. Which of the following statements is/are true? Explain your answer for each.

I All of the poles s of the Laplace transform of $y(t)$ must satisfy $\text{Re}(s) \leq 0$.

II If $x(t)$ is the Dirac delta function, then the Laplace transform of $y(t)$ is $H(s)$.

III If $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$ then $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$.

IV If $h(t)$ is the inverse Laplace transform of $H(s)$, then $y(t)$ is given by the convolution of $x(t)$ and $h(t)$.

[4 points]

b. Let $\hat{x} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\hat{y} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be complex-valued functions in the time domain.

Assume that the impulse response of the system is real-valued for all time t .

If the LTI system response to $\hat{x}(t)$ is $\hat{y}(t)$, prove that the system response to $\text{Re}[\hat{x}(t)]$ is $\text{Re}[\hat{y}(t)]$.

[2 points]

c. Let $x(t) = \cos \omega t$ for all $t \geq 0$, with $x(t) = 0$ otherwise, where ω is a real constant.

After a long time $t \gg \frac{1}{|\sigma|}$ has elapsed, where σ is the largest real part of any pole s of $H(s)$, the system response $y(t)$ can be written as

$$y(t) \approx A x(t - \tau),$$

for some real constants $A \geq 0$ and τ .

By writing $x(t)$ as the real part of a suitable complex-valued exponential function, or otherwise, prove that

$$A = |H(\omega i)| \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = -\frac{1}{\omega} \arg H(\omega i).$$

[9 points]

B11. In an epidemic, there are at any particular time x people not yet infected (susceptible) and y people who are ill. The rate at which people become ill is αx . The rates of recovery and death of those who are ill are βy and γy , respectively.

- a.** If x is initially equal to N and y is initially equal to zero, find an expression for the number of deaths z up to time t from the start of the epidemic.

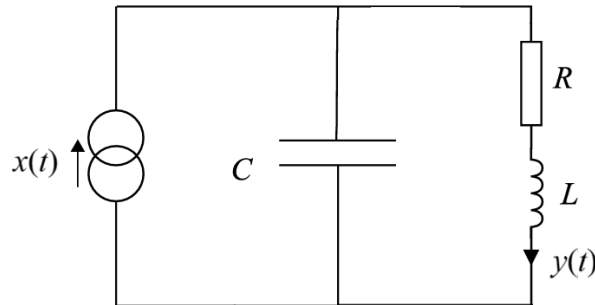
(Assume that those who recover are immune from further infection.)

[7 points]

- b.** Find $z(t)$ if $\beta + \gamma = \alpha$ in terms of α and γ .

[8 points]

- B12.** The diagram shows an electrical circuit comprising an ideal current source discharging into network of a capacitance C in parallel with a resistance R in series with an inductance L . The values of R , L and C are all positive constants.



At any time $t \geq 0$, the instantaneous current drawn from the source is x and the instantaneous current in the resistor-inductor branch is y . The relationship between x and y can be described as a linear time-invariant system with

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC}y = \frac{1}{LC}x, \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

- a.** Let $Z(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$, where $X(s)$ and $Y(s)$ are the Laplace transforms of $x(t)$ and $y(t)$. If $x(t) = x_0 \sin \beta t$ for some positive constants x_0 and β , find $Y(s)$ and $Z(s)$. **[3 points]**
- b.** In testing the circuit, when a DC current input was applied so that $x(t) = u(t)$, where $u(\cdot)$ is the Heaviside step function, the response $y(t)$ oscillated with decreasing amplitude, eventually stabilising on a positive limiting value as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Find the maximum possible value of R in terms of L and C . **[3 points]**
- c.** Sketch the pole-zero plot of $Z(s)$, showing the locus of the poles as R varies while L and C remain constant. Describe qualitatively the response of the system to the input $x(t) = x_0 \sin \beta t$ when $R \rightarrow 0$ and $s = \beta i$ is a pole of $Z(s)$. **[4 points]**
- d.** Draw a labelled diagram of a **mechanical system**, consisting of at least one mass m , one linear spring of force constant k and one linear dashpot of damping rate μ , whose dynamics are modelled by the **same differential equation** as the electrical system above.

Identify suitable inputs and outputs $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ for your system, and deduce the required relationships between the variables (m, μ, k) and (R, L, C) . **[5 points]**

Section C

Long-Form Questions

- There are **nine** questions, **all** of which should be answered.
 - Show all of your working out clearly.
 - You can still obtain partial points for an incorrect final answer if parts of your method were correct.
 - A total of **200** points are available in Section C, out of the total of **350** for the test.
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C1. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} + y^9, \quad 0 < x \leq 1.$$

- a.** Find the general solution. **[8 points]**
- b.** Given that $y = 1$ when $x = 1$, find the particular solution. **[3 points]**
- c.** Using two steps of Heun's (improved Euler's) method with a uniform step size, starting at the point $x = 1$, find an estimate for the value of y when $x = 0.8$.
Give your answer to two significant figures. **[5 points]**
- d.** Using the solution found in part **b)**, calculate the percentage error in the estimate in part **c)**.
Give your answer to three significant figures. **[2 points]**
- e.** Give **two** ways you could obtain a better estimate using numerical methods. **[2 points]**

C2. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y + \cot x - 1}{\cot x}, \quad y\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0, \quad x \neq n\pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

a. Write this differential equation in the form

$$M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0,$$

and state the functions $M(x, y)$ and $N(x, y)$.

[3 points]

b. Show that this is **not** an exact differential equation.

[3 points]

c. It is given that

$$I(x) M(x, y) dx + I(x) N(x, y) dy = 0$$

is an exact differential equation for some integrating factor function $I : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Find all possible functions $I(x)$.

[7 points]

d. Solve the differential equation to obtain the particular solution $y(x)$.

[7 points]

C3. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} \cot x + 2y \csc^2 x = 2 \cos x - 2 \cos^3 x, \quad y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1, \quad y'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0.$$

a. Show that the substitution $y = z \sin x$, where z is a function of x , transforms the above differential equation into

$$\frac{d^2z}{dx^2} + z = \sin 2x$$

and give the initial conditions for $z(x)$ in this problem.

[9 points]

b. For the initial value problem in part **a**), find the particular solution $z(x)$.

[7 points]

c. Find the particular solution $y(x)$ to the IVP in part **a**).

Give your answer in the form

$$y = a \sin^2 x + b(1 - \sin x) \sin 2x$$

where a and b are constants to be found.

[4 points]

- C4.** An *autocatalytic reaction* is a chemical system of the form $X + Y \rightleftharpoons 2 Y$ that can be modelled by the system of differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -k_1xy + k_2y^2 \qquad \frac{dy}{dt} = k_1xy - k_2y^2$$

where x is the concentration of the substrate, y is the concentration of the catalyst, t is time, and k_1, k_2 are positive constants.

- a.** Explain why this system of differential equations **cannot** be written in the form $\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} = [x \ y]^T$ and \mathbf{A} is a matrix of constants. **[1 point]**

- b.** Consider the case of an irreversible autocatalytic reaction, in which $k_2 = 0$.

Show that

$$x(t) = \frac{x_0 + y_0}{1 + \frac{y_0}{x_0}e^{(x_0+y_0)k_1t}}$$

where the values of x and y at $t = 0$ are x_0 and y_0 respectively, and obtain a similar simplified expression for $y(t)$. **[7 points]**

- c.** Sketch the phase plane of the system for the case $k_2 = 0$, identify the nullcline(s) and equilibrium point(s), and describe the system stability. **[4 points]**

- d.** Consider a reversible autocatalytic reaction for which $k_2 \neq 0$.

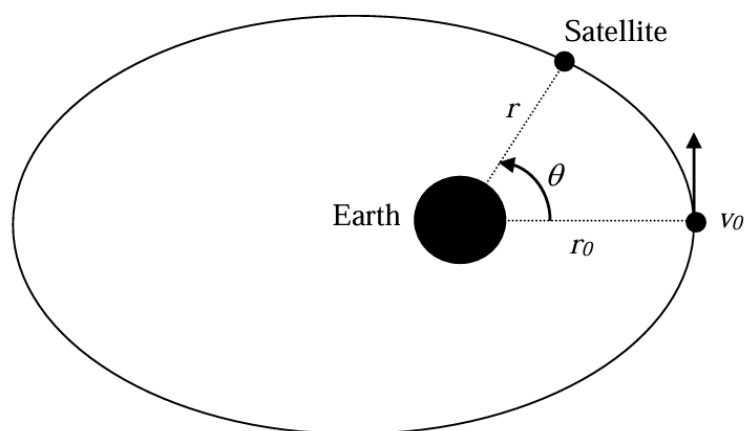
- i)** Show that the shape of the field lines of the phase plane does not change from the case $k_2 = 0$, and give a physical justification for this observation. **[2 points]**

- ii)** By considering a suitable linearised system, prove that the set of states satisfying $k_2y = k_1x$ with $x > 0$ is a line of stable fixed points. **[6 points]**

- C5.** A satellite is in a stable orbit around the Earth. The path of the satellite is elliptical and lies in a plane containing the centre of the Earth. In polar coordinates, with the centre of the Earth as the pole, the distance r and angular position θ of the satellite satisfy the differential equation

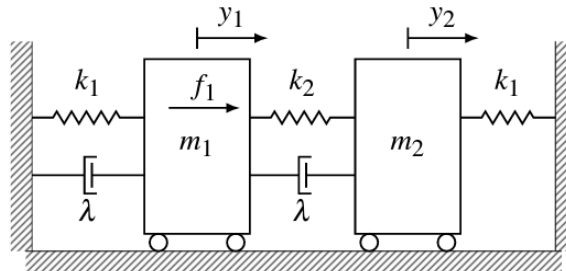
$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} = \frac{gR^2}{r_0^2 v_0^2}$$

where g is the surface gravitational acceleration, R is the radius of the Earth, and the initial position and velocity of the satellite are $(r_0, 0)$ and $(0, v_0)$ respectively.



- a. Using the substitution $u = \frac{1}{r}$, where u and r are functions of θ , obtain the trajectory of the satellite $r(\theta)$. **[7 points]**
- b. Find expressions for the maximum and minimum distances of the satellite from the centre of the Earth throughout its orbit. **[3 points]**
- c. Euler's method is to be used to find an approximation for the reciprocal of the radial distance, $u(\theta)$, using a constant step size h . The sequence of approximate values obtained using this iterative scheme is written as $\{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots\}$, where u_n is the approximation to $u(nh)$.
 - i) Find an expression for $U(z)$, the Z-transform of u_n , expressing your answer as a rational function of z , and find expressions for the poles and zeroes of $U(z)$. What happens if $gR^2 = r_0 v_0^2$? **[9 points]**
 - ii) Verify the initial value theorem relating u_n and $U(z)$. **[1 point]**

- C6.** Consider the mass-spring-dashpot system below, consisting of two trolleys of mass m_1 and m_2 , joined to each other and two fixed supports by linear viscoelastic elements as shown. The trolleys roll on a frictionless flat surface.



y_1 and y_2 are the displacements of m_1 and m_2 relative to their equilibrium positions, and the springs are unstretched when $y_1 = y_2 = 0$. f_1 is a time-varying force, applied only to m_1 , defined as positive in the direction of positive y_1 . k_1 and k_2 are force constants for the springs. λ is the damping rate for both dashpots.

- a.** The system of differential equations for the motion of the trolleys can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y}_1 \\ \ddot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{C} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where \mathbf{M} , \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{K} are matrices of constant coefficients relating to the masses, dashpots and springs respectively. (\dot{y} , \ddot{y} : first and second time derivatives of y .)

Find the matrices \mathbf{M} , \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{K} .

[8 points]

- b.** Convert the system of two second-order differential equations into a system of four first-order differential equations. Give your answer in the form

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}(t)$$

where \mathbf{A} is a 4×4 matrix of constants and \mathbf{x} is a 4×1 state vector. **[6 points]**

- c.** Assume that the matrix \mathbf{A} has four **complex** eigenvalues of the form $\eta_{1,2} = \alpha \pm \beta i$ and $\eta_{3,4} = \gamma \pm \delta i$, with corresponding eigenvectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4$.

- i)** If $f_1(t) = 0$ and $\beta \neq \delta \neq 0$, write an expression for the general solution $\mathbf{x}(t)$.

[4 points]

- ii)** If $f_1(t) \neq 0$, use variation of parameters to express the particular integral $\mathbf{x}_{PI}(t)$ in terms of \mathbf{f} and a suitably-defined 4×4 matrix \mathbf{X} .

[2 points]

C7.

- a. We say that a function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is *Lipschitz continuous* if, for all $\mathbf{x}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, there exists some $K \in \mathbb{R} : K > 0$ such that

$$|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_2)| \leq K |\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2|.$$

Prove that the function $f(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is **not** Lipschitz continuous.

[4 points]

- b. The *Picard-Lindelöf theorem* states that the system of differential equations

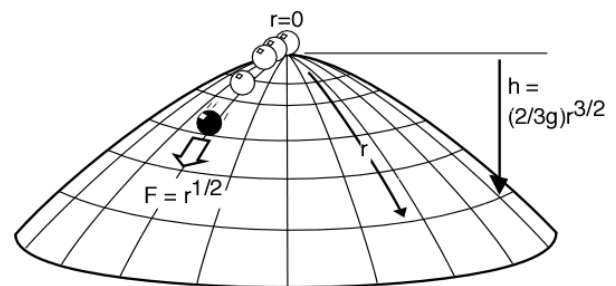
$$\left\{ \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t), \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}'(t_0) = \mathbf{v}_0 \right\}, \quad \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{v}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n; \quad t, t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

has a unique solution $\mathbf{x}(t)$ existing for some nonzero interval containing t_0 if and only if the function $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous in t and \mathbf{f} is *Lipschitz continuous* in \mathbf{x} .

Prove that the IVP $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \sqrt{|x|}$, $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$ has no **unique** solution.

[5 points]

- c. *Norton's dome* is a thought experiment in classical physics. The problem concerns a point particle of mass m initially at rest on the top of a smooth surface. The surface is radially symmetric with vertical position $h(r) = \frac{2}{3g} r^{3/2}$ for $0 \leq r < g^2$, where g is the constant acceleration due to gravity.



Applying Newton's second law to this problem yields the equation of motion **(1)**,

$$\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = \sqrt{|r|}, \quad r(0) = r'(0) = 0.$$

- i) Verify that for any $T \geq 0$, the function $r(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq T, \\ \frac{1}{144}(t - T)^4 & t > T \end{cases}$

satisfies the differential equation above.

[3 points]

- ii) Philosopher of science John D. Norton interpreted the above solution to mean that, under Newtonian mechanics, it is possible for the particle to remain at the apex ($r = 0$) for an arbitrary amount of time T , and then begin sliding down the dome at $t = T$. He proposes that this means Newtonian mechanics is non-deterministic.

Discuss the validity of this claim. What do you think?

[8 points]

- C8.** The n th order *Bessel functions*, $J_n(x)$ and $Y_n(x)$, are defined as two linearly independent basis solutions $y(x)$ to the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $J_n(x)$ also satisfies $J_n(x) = 1$ and $\frac{dJ_n(x)}{dx} = 0$ at $x = 0$.

- a.** Show that the power series solution for the **zeroth-order** Bessel function $J_0(x)$ is

$$J_0(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{4^k (k!)^2} x^{2k}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad \text{[7 points]}$$

- b.** For any integer $m \geq 1$, the m th *harmonic number* is defined as $H_m = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{j}$.

If the function

$$y_2(x) = J_0(x) \ln x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k x^k, \quad x > 0, \quad b_k \in \mathbb{R}$$

also satisfies the Bessel differential equation for $n = 0$, use the Frobenius method to find an expression for the coefficients b_k in terms of the harmonic numbers.

[13 points]

- c.** Briefly explain whether or not the following statements are correct.

i) The functions $y_2(x)$ and $Y_0(x)$ are equal for all $x > 0$. **[1 point]**

ii) Fuchs' theorem implies that $y_2(x)$ remains a valid solution to Bessel's differential equation for $n = 0$ in the region $x < 0$.

[1 point]

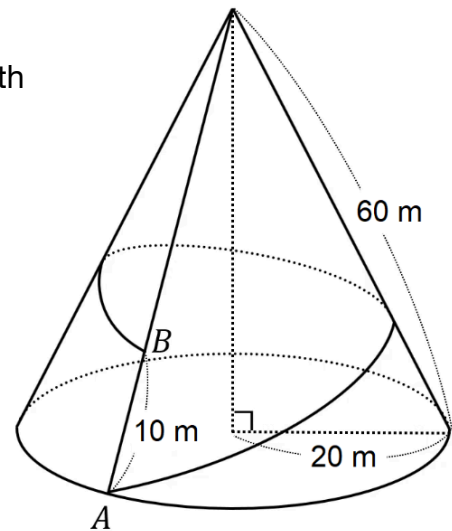
- d. i)** Show that $z(x) = x^n J_n(x)$ is a solution to the differential equation

$$x \frac{d^2 z}{dx^2} + (1 - 2n) \frac{dz}{dx} + xz = 0, \quad x > 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{R}. \quad \text{[4 points]}$$

ii) Given that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$ exists, prove that $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$ is proportional to $\frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}}$.

[4 points]

- C9.** The diagram illustrates a right-circular cone-shaped mountain with base radius 20 metres and slant length 60 metres. The track for a sightseeing train is to be built around the mountain, in which the track starts at a point A at the base of the mountain, and ends at the point B , located 10 metres up the mountain (measured along the slant) above A , as shown.



Define a right-handed spherical coordinate system (r, θ, ϕ) to describe points on the track, centred on the apex. All points on the mountain surface have the same ordinate ϕ and point A has ordinate $\theta = 0$.

- a.** For a train track whose curve is parameterised in the spherical coordinate system using $r = f(\theta)$ for $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$, let the total arc length of the track be S .

Find an expression for S in the form $S = \int_0^{2\pi} g(r, u) d\theta$, where $u = \frac{dr}{d\theta}$.

You may use the fact that in spherical coordinates, the differential element for a position vector \mathbf{r} in terms of the coordinates and orthonormal basis vectors is

$$d\mathbf{r} = dr \hat{\mathbf{r}} + r \sin \phi d\theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r d\phi \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \quad \text{[4 points]}$$

- b.** It is now required that, out of all possible train track curves that could be built starting at A , ending at B and going around the mountain, the track with the **shortest total distance** is chosen for construction. The solution $r(\theta)$ to this functional optimisation problem satisfies the *Euler-Lagrange equation*,

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial r} = \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \right) \quad \text{where } g(r, u) \text{ and } u \text{ are defined in part a).}$$

Solve this differential equation to find the track $r(\theta)$ that satisfies this shortest-distance criterion, and find the value of S for this track. **[20 points]**

- c.** **Without calculus** (elementary geometry and trigonometry methods only), find the length of the shortest-distance track and use it to verify the value of S found in part **b**).

Show also that the length of the **downhill portion** of the track as the train moves from A to B on this shortest-distance track is exactly $\frac{400}{\sqrt{91}}$ metres. **[6 points]**

End of Test

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Cheat Sheet

1. TRIGONOMETRIC IDENTITIES

Sine, Cosine and Tangent:

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$\sin(x - y) = \sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$$

$$\tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\tan(x - y) = \frac{\tan x - \tan y}{1 + \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\sin x + \sin y = 2 \sin \frac{x + y}{2} \cos \frac{x - y}{2}$$

$$\sin x - \sin y = 2 \cos \frac{x + y}{2} \sin \frac{x - y}{2}$$

$$\cos x + \cos y = 2 \cos \frac{x + y}{2} \cos \frac{x - y}{2}$$

$$\cos x - \cos y = -2 \sin \frac{x + y}{2} \sin \frac{x - y}{2}$$

$$2 \sin x \sin y = \cos(x - y) - \cos(x + y)$$

$$2 \cos x \cos y = \cos(x + y) + \cos(x - y)$$

$$2 \sin x \cos y = \sin(x + y) + \sin(x - y)$$

Hyperbolic Sine, Hyperbolic Cosine and Hyperbolic Tangent:

$$\sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$$

$$\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x})$$

$$\tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$\sinh^{-1} x = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$$

$$\cosh^{-1} x = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$$

$$\tanh^{-1} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + x}{1 - x}$$

$$\sinh(x + y) = \sinh x \cosh y + \cosh x \sinh y$$

$$\sinh(x - y) = \sinh x \cosh y - \cosh x \sinh y$$

$$\cosh(x + y) = \cosh x \cosh y + \sinh x \sinh y$$

$$\cosh(x - y) = \cosh x \cosh y - \sinh x \sinh y$$

$$\tanh(x + y) = \frac{\tanh x + \tanh y}{1 + \tanh x \tanh y}$$

$$\tanh(x - y) = \frac{\tanh x - \tanh y}{1 - \tanh x \tanh y}$$

$$\sinh x + \sinh y = 2 \sinh \frac{x + y}{2} \cosh \frac{x - y}{2}$$

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$$2 \sinh x \sinh y = \cosh(x + y) - \cosh(x - y)$$

$$2 \cosh x \cosh y = \cosh(x + y) + \cosh(x - y)$$

$$2 \sinh x \cosh y = \sinh(x + y) + \sinh(x - y)$$

2. DERIVATIVES AND INTEGRALS

Function, $f(x)$	Derivative, $f'(x)$	Integral, $F(x) (+ C)$
$\sin x$	$\cos x$	$-\cos x$
$\cos x$	$-\sin x$	$\sin x$
$\tan x$	$\sec^2 x$	$\ln \sec x $
$\sec x$	$\sec x \tan x$	$\ln \sec x + \tan x = \ln \left \tan \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right $
$\csc x$	$-\csc x \cot x$	$-\ln \csc x + \cot x = \ln \left \tan \frac{x}{2} \right $
$\cot x$	$-\csc^2 x$	$\ln \sin x $
$\sinh x$	$\cosh x$	$\cosh x$
$\cosh x$	$\sinh x$	$\sinh x$
$\tanh x$	$\operatorname{sech}^2 x$	$\ln \cosh x$
$\operatorname{sech} x$	$-\operatorname{sech} x \tanh x$	$2 \tan^{-1} \tanh \frac{x}{2} = \tan^{-1} \sinh x$
$\operatorname{csch} x$	$-\operatorname{csch} x \coth x$	$-\ln \operatorname{csch} x + \coth x = \ln \left \tanh \frac{x}{2} \right $
$\coth x$	$-\operatorname{csch}^2 x$	$\ln \sinh x $

Function, $f(x)$	Derivative, $f'(x)$	Function, $f(x)$	Integral, $F(x) (+ C)$
$\sin^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}$	$\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
$\cos^{-1} x$	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\frac{a}{\sqrt{x^4-a^2x^2}}$	$\sec^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
$\tan^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}$	$\sinh^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
$\sec^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{ x \sqrt{x^2-1}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}$	$\cosh^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
$\sinh^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$	$\frac{1}{a^2+x^2}$	$\frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
$\cosh^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$	$\frac{1}{a^2-x^2} (x < a)$	$\frac{1}{a} \tanh^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$
$\tanh^{-1} x,$ $\coth^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{1-x^2}$	$\frac{1}{a^2-x^2} (x > a)$	$\frac{1}{a} \coth^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$

3. LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Particular Integrals for Nonhomogeneous Differential Equations

$f(x)$	Trial function
1	C
x^n , for integer n	$Cx^n + Dx^{n-1} + \dots + C_0$
k^x	Ck^x
e^{kx}	Ce^{kx}
$x e^{kx}$	$(Cx + D)e^{kx}$
$x^n e^{kx}$	$(Cx^n + Dx^{n-1} + \dots + C_0)e^{kx}$
$\sin px$ or $\cos px$	$C \sin px + D \cos px$
$e^{kx} \sin px$ or $e^{kx} \cos px$	$(C \sin px + D \cos px)e^{kx}$
$x^n e^{kx} \sin px$ or $x^n e^{kx} \cos px$	$(Cx^n + Dx^{n-1} + \dots + C_0)(C_s \sin px + C_c \cos px)e^{kx}$

For nonhomogeneous difference equations, replace x with the index n in the above.

Variation of Parameters

For linear nonhomogeneous second-order differential equations, $ay'' + by' + cy = f(x)$:

$$y_{PI}(x) = y_1 \int \frac{y_2 f(x)}{W(x)} dx - y_2 \int \frac{y_1 f(x)}{W(x)} dx, \quad \text{where } W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

For linear nonhomogeneous systems of differential equations, $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}(t)$:

$$\mathbf{x}_{PI}(t) = \mathbf{X} \int \mathbf{X}^{-1} \mathbf{f}(t) dt, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1 \quad \mathbf{x}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{x}_n]$$

Complementary Solutions to Linear Systems of Differential Equations

For a 2×2 homogeneous autonomous linear system $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$, the general solution is

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{cases} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{u}_2 & \text{if } \lambda_{1,2} \text{ are real} \\ c_1 e^{\alpha t} (\mathbf{u}_1 \cos \beta t + \mathbf{u}_2 \sin \beta t) + c_2 e^{\alpha t} (\mathbf{u}_1 \sin \beta t - \mathbf{u}_2 \cos \beta t) & \text{if } \lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm \beta i \text{ are complex} \\ c_1 e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{u} + c_2 e^{\lambda t} (\mathbf{u}t + \mathbf{v}), \text{ for any } \mathbf{v} : (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is a repeated defective eigenvalue} \end{cases}$$

where λ is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{u} is the corresponding eigenvector.

4. NUMERICAL METHODS

For a first-order differential equation of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$, iterating with $x_{n+1} = x_n + h$:

Euler's Method:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n)$$

Heun's Method:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}_{n+1} &= y_n + hf(x_n, y_n) \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{2}h(f(x_n, y_n) + f(x_{n+1}, \hat{y}_{n+1})) \end{aligned}$$

Runge-Kutta 4th-order Method:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{6}h(k_{n1} + 2k_{n2} + 2k_{n3} + k_{n4}) \\ k_{n1} &= f(x_n, y_n), \quad k_{n2} = f(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}hk_{n1}), \\ k_{n3} &= f(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}hk_{n2}), \quad k_{n4} = f(x_n + h, y_n + hk_{n3}) \end{aligned}$$

5. FROBENIUS METHOD

For a differential equation $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$, the indicial equation is

$$k(k-1) + u_0k + v_0 = 0, \quad \text{where } u_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x-x_0)p(x), \quad v_0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (x-x_0)^2q(x).$$

Let the solutions to the indicial equation be k_1 and k_2 . The general solution has two linearly independent power series solutions y_1 and y_2 given by the Frobenius series:

Case 1: $k_1 - k_2$ is not an integer

$$y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-x_0)^{n+k_1}, \quad y_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n(x-x_0)^{n+k_2}.$$

Case 2: k is a repeated root

$$y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-x_0)^{n+k}, \quad y_2 = y_1 \ln|x-x_0| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(x-x_0)^{n+k}.$$

Case 3: $k_1 - k_2$ is a nonzero integer

$$y_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-x_0)^{n+k_1}, \quad y_2 = ry_1 \ln|x-x_0| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n(x-x_0)^{n+k_2}.$$

6. STABILITY CRITERIA FOR LINEAR SYSTEMS

For a continuous-time linear autonomous system modelled by $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$,

Equilibrium Type	Eigenvalues of A	Stability
Node	Real λ , same signs	$\lambda < 0 \rightarrow$ stable $\lambda > 0 \rightarrow$ unstable
Saddle point	Real λ , opposite signs	depends on initial conditions
Centre / Limit Cycle	λ purely imaginary	marginally stable
Focus / Spiral	Complex λ , $\text{Re}\{\lambda\} \neq 0$	$\text{Re}\{\lambda\} < 0 \rightarrow$ stable $\text{Re}\{\lambda\} > 0 \rightarrow$ unstable
Degenerate Node	Repeated	$\lambda > 0 \rightarrow$ stable
Lines of Equilibria	One eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$	$\lambda < 0 \rightarrow$ stable

For a continuous-time linear system with transfer function $G(s)$,

- The poles of $G(s)$ with $\text{Re}(s) < 0$ are asymptotically stable.
- The simple poles of $G(s)$ with $\text{Re}(s) = 0$ are marginally stable.
- All other poles are unstable.

For a discrete-time linear system with transfer function $G(z)$,

- The poles of $G(z)$ with $|z| < 1$ are asymptotically stable.
- The simple poles of $G(z)$ with $|z| = 1$ are marginally stable.
- All other poles are unstable.

7. LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

$f(t),$ $t \geq 0$	$F(s),$ $s \in \mathbb{C}$	$f(t),$ $t \geq 0$	$F(s),$ $s \in \mathbb{C}$
$1 = u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$\sinh \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 - \omega^2}$
$\delta(t)$	1	$\cosh \omega t$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - \omega^2}$
$u(t - a)$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$	$e^{-at} x(t)$	$X(s + a)$
$\delta(t - a)$	e^{-as}	$u(t - a) x(t - a)$	$e^{-as} X(s)$
t	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	$t x(t)$	$-\frac{dX}{ds}$
t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	$a x(t) + b y(t)$	$a X(s) + b Y(s)$
e^{-at}	$\frac{1}{s + a}$	$\frac{dx}{dt}$	$s X(s) - x(0)$
$t^n e^{-at}$	$\frac{n!}{(s + a)^{n+1}}$	$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$	$s^2 X(s) - s x(0) - x'(0)$
$\sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\frac{d^n x}{dt^n}$	$s^n X(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s^{n-1-k} x^{(k)}(0)$
$\cos \omega t$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\int_0^t x(\tau) d\tau$	$\frac{X(s)}{s}$
$t \sin \omega t$	$\frac{2\omega s}{(s^2 + \omega^2)^2}$	$\int_0^t x(\tau) y(t - \tau) d\tau$	$X(s) Y(s)$
$t \cos \omega t$	$\frac{s^2 - \omega^2}{(s^2 + \omega^2)^2}$	$x(t) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta(t - an)$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(an) e^{-ans}$
$e^{-at} \sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$		
$e^{-at} \cos \omega t$	$\frac{s + a}{(s + a)^2 + \omega^2}$		

($u(\cdot)$): Heaviside step function, $\delta(\cdot)$: Dirac delta function.)

Initial value theorem: $f(0^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s F(s)$

Final value theorem: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s F(s)$, if $F(s)$ is asymptotically stable.

8. Z-TRANSFORMS

$$F(z) = \mathcal{Z} \{f_n\} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k z^{-k}$$

f_n $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$F(z)$ $z \in \mathbb{C}$	f_n $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$F(z)$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$
1	$\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$	y_{n+1}	$z Y(z) - z y_0$
an	$\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2}$	y_{n-1}	$z^{-1} Y(z) + y_{-1}$
$\frac{(n+m-1)!}{n!(m-1)!} = {}^{n+m-1}C_n$	$(1 - z^{-1})^{-m}$	y_{n+2}	$z^2 Y(z) - z^2 y_0 - z y_1$
e^{-an}	$\frac{1}{1 - e^{-a} z^{-1}}$	y_{n-2}	$z^{-2} Y(z) + z^{-1} y_{-1} + y_{-2}$
$\sin \omega n$	$\frac{z^{-1} \sin \omega}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos \omega + z^{-2}}$	y_n^*	$Y(z^*)^*$
$\cos \omega n$	$\frac{1 - z^{-1} \cos \omega}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos \omega + z^{-2}}$	$\sum_{k=0}^n y_k$	$\frac{Y(z)}{1 - z^{-1}}$
$\frac{a \sin(\omega(n+1)) - b \sin \omega n}{\sin \omega a^{n-1}}$	$\frac{1 - b z^{-1}}{1 - 2az^{-1} \cos \omega + a^2 z^{-2}}$		
$(a \cos \omega n + b \sin \omega n) r^n$	$\frac{a + rz^{-1}(b \sin \omega - a \cos \omega)}{1 - rz^{-1} \cos \omega + r^2 z^{-2}}$		
y_{-n}	$Y(z^{-1})$		
$a^n y_n$	$Y(a^{-1} z)$		
$a x_n + b y_n$	$a X(z) + b Y(z)$		
$n y_n$	$-z \frac{dY}{dz}$		
$\sum_{k=0}^n x_k y_{n-k}$	$X(z) Y(z)$		

Initial value theorem: $f_0 = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} F(z)$

Final value theorem: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z - 1) F(z)$, if $F(z)$ is asymptotically stable.

Sampling of Continuous-Time Signals: for $t \in \mathbb{R} : t \geq 0$, $T \in \mathbb{R} : T \geq 0$, $n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \geq 0$ and $s \in \mathbb{C}$

If $x_n := x(nT)$ then the Z-transform of x_n is the Laplace transform of $x(t) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)$ with $z = e^{sT}$.