

NAME: Solutions

1. (4 points). Find the inverse Laplace transform of the function  $G(s)$  given by

$$G(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 - 4s + 8}.$$

$$s^2 - 4s + 8 = (s-2)^2 + 4$$

$$G(s) = \frac{s}{(s-2)^2 + 4} = \frac{s-2}{(s-2)^2 + 2^2} + \frac{2}{(s-2)^2 + 2^2}$$

To use  $(\mathcal{L}f)(s-b) \rightarrow e^{bt} f(t)$  everywhere  $(\mathcal{L}f)(s)$  has an s there must now be  $(s-b)$ . In our case  $b=2=a$ .

ILT: •  $\frac{s-2}{(s-2)^2 + 2^2}$  looks like  $\frac{s}{s^2 + 2^2}$  with s replaced by  $(s-2)$ ,  
 $\text{ILT} = e^{2t} \cos 2t$ .

$$\bullet \frac{2}{(s-2)^2 + 2^2} \rightarrow e^{2t} \sin 2t$$

$$(\mathcal{L}^{-1} G)(t) = e^{2t} [\cos 2t + \sin 2t]$$

2. (6 points). Find the unique solution to the initial value problem using the Laplace transform method:

$$y''(t) + 9y(t) = u_3(t), \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

Take LT:  $(s^2 + 9)(\mathcal{L}y)(s) = \frac{e^{-3s}}{s}$ . Remember:  $u_3(t) = u_3(t) \cdot 1$

$\Rightarrow (\mathcal{L}y)(s) = e^{-3s} \frac{1}{s(s^2+9)}$ . Partial fraction:  $\frac{1}{s(s^2+9)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2+9}$   
 $(s^2+9 \text{ irreducible})$

Cross Multiply:  $1 = A(s^2+9) + (Bs+C)s \Rightarrow (A+B)s^2 + Cs + 9A \text{ so } C=0$   
 $A+B=0 \text{ and } A=\frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow B=-\frac{1}{9}$ .

$(\mathcal{L}y)(s) = \frac{1}{9} \left[ e^{-3s} \frac{1}{s} - e^{-3s} \frac{s}{s^2+9} \right]$ . Use  $u_c(t)f(t-c)$  has LT  
 $e^{-cs}(\mathcal{L}f)(s)$  with  $c=3$ .

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{9} [u_3(t) - u_3(t) \cos 3(t-3)]$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{9} u_3(t) [1 - \cos 3(t-3)]$$

You can check this answer for  $0 < t < 3$  - it is  $y(t)=0$  and  $t>3$ :  
 $y(t) = \frac{1}{9} (1 - \cos 3(t-3))$   
 Substitute into  $y'' + 9y = 1$   
 and you see this is the soln.