

NAME: Solutions

FORMULAS ON THE BOARD

1. (5 points). Find the function $f(t)$ that has the Laplace transform:

$$(\mathcal{L}f)(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 9} - \frac{5}{s + 4}.$$

$$\frac{2}{s^2 + 9} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{3}{s^2 + 3^2} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \sin 3t$$

$$\frac{1}{s + 4} \rightarrow e^{-4t}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{2}{3} \sin 3t - 5e^{-4t}$$

2. (5 points). Find the Laplace transform of the solution $y(t)$ of the initial value problem:

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

$$\begin{aligned} s^2(\mathcal{L}y)(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + s(\mathcal{L}y)(s) - y(0) + 2(\mathcal{L}y)(s) &= \\ = (s^2 + s + 2)(\mathcal{L}y)(s) - 2s - 1 - 2 &= (s^2 + s + 2)(\mathcal{L}y)(s) - 2s - 3 \\ = \frac{1}{s + 3} &\text{ (this is the L.T. of } e^{-3t} \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Solve for } (\mathcal{L}y)(s): \quad (s^2 + s + 2)(\mathcal{L}y)(s) = 2s + 3 + \frac{1}{s + 3}$$

$$(\mathcal{L}y)(s) = \frac{(2s + 3)(s + 3) + 1}{(s^2 + s + 2)(s + 3)}$$

$$(\mathcal{L}y)(s) = \frac{2s^2 + 9s + 10}{(s^2 + s + 2)(s + 3)}$$

the quadratic $s^2 + s + 2$ is irreducible over the reals