

**Instructions.**

- **DON'T PANIC!** If you get stuck, take a deep breath and go on to the next question. Come back to the question you left if you have time at the end.
- There are 10 questions on 10 pages. Make sure your exam is complete.
- You are allowed one double-sided sheet of notes in your own handwriting. You may not use someone else's note sheet. You may use a simple scientific calculator, but you don't need to. No fancy calculators or other electronic devices allowed. If you didn't bring a simple calculator, then just don't use a calculator.
- Simplify trig functions from the unit circle (e.g.  $\sin(0) = 0$ ), and also simplify expressions like  $e^{\ln t}$ .
- **Show your work**, unless instructed otherwise. If you need more space, raise your hand and I'll give you some extra paper to staple onto the back of your test.
- Don't cheat. If I see that you aren't following the rules, I will report you to UW.

Question	Points	Score
1	12	
2	8	
3	12	
4	12	
5	6	
6	10	
7	10	
8	14	
9	12	
10	4	
Total:	100	

1. Find the general form of the solution for the following differential equations.

(a) (5 points)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (te^t)/(2y + 1)$$

(b) (7 points)

$$u'' + u' + 3 = t$$

2. (8 points) Consider the nonhomogeneous differential equation

$$y'' + y' - 2y = f(t)$$

for some function  $f(t) \neq 0$ . For each value of  $f(t)$  below, tell me what form the **particular solution**  $Y(t)$  of the differential equation would take. (For example, you might write “ $A \cos(t) + Bt$ ”, if you thought a solution would take that form.) You don’t need to tell me what the solution actually is! You may leave the coefficients undetermined. Use capital letters  $A, B, C$ , and so on for the coefficients.

Remember that sometimes we need to multiply by extra powers of  $t$ . For full credit, you need to write all the extra  $t$ ’s that are required.

No justification necessary. Two points each.

$f(t)$	Form of particular solution $Y(t)$ :
$\cos(t) + \cos(2t)$	
$e^t + \sin(t)$	
$t \cos(4t)$	
$6t^2 - t$	

3. (12 points) A small tropical island has a population of butterflies. With no predators, this population would triple every year (increasing at a rate proportional to the current population). However, the island also has frogs that eat 400 butterflies every year. Assume there are 1000 butterflies on the island now. In four years, how many butterflies will be on the island?

4. Consider the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t - 1 & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 2 & 3 \leq t < 5 \\ t^2 - 23 & t \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

(a) (2 points) Is  $f(t)$  continuous? Explain.

(b) (3 points) Write  $f(t)$  in terms of the unit step functions  $u_c(t)$ .

(c) (7 points) Find the Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ .

5. You've learned a few things about Laplace transforms and how they behave with other operations. For example, you know that  $\mathcal{L}\{f + g\} = \mathcal{L}\{f\} + \mathcal{L}\{g\}$ , and you know you can factor out constants.

In this problem, I'm going to give you two **FALSE** rules about how Laplace transforms work. You should provide examples of functions to prove these rules wrong.

- (a) (3 points) False rule # 1:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t) \cdot g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \cdot \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

Find two functions  $f(t), g(t)$  for which this equation isn't true. Check carefully, and show your work.

- (b) (3 points) False rule # 2:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d}{dt}f(t)\right\} = \frac{d}{ds}(\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}).$$

Write down a function  $f(t)$  for which this equation isn't true. Again, check carefully and show your work.

6. Find the inverse Laplace transform of the functions below.

(a) (5 points)

$$\frac{e^{-3s}}{(s-1)^2(s-3)}$$

(b) (5 points)

$$\frac{2s-4}{s^2+2s+5}$$

7. A spring-mass system has a spring constant of 20 N/m. A mass of 4 kg is attached to the end of the spring. Let  $\gamma$  be the damping constant of the system
- (a) (2 points) What is the natural frequency of the system?
- (b) (2 points) Suppose  $\gamma = 0.003$  and the system has an applied external force  $F(t) = \cos(\omega t)$ , where  $\omega$  is the number you found in part (a). You would like to get the biggest possible amplitude for the steady state response. Should you increase the frequency of  $F$ , decrease it, or keep it the same? Explain.
- (c) (2 points) Now suppose that the amplitude of the steady state response for the system in part (b) is as big as possible. Is this amplitude bigger or smaller than the amplitude of  $F$  (which is 1)? Explain.
- (d) (2 points) For which value of  $\gamma$  is the system **critically damped**? Call this number  $\gamma_d$ .
- (e) (2 points) Write down (but don't solve) an initial value problem for this spring-mass system, with  $\gamma = \gamma_d$ , and an external force of  $2 \cos(2t)$ . The mass starts from rest at equilibrium.



8. (14 points) Let  $u(t)$  describe the position of a mass on a spring. Suppose  $u$  satisfies the differential equation

$$u'' + 2u' + u = \cos(2t)$$

with  $u(0) = 2$ ,  $u'(0) = 0$ . Find a formula for  $u(t)$  and **put a box around the steady-state part of the solution.**

9. (12 points) Solve the initial value problem.

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 0 & t \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ .

