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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: Full marks for correct answers to 5 questions.  
A table of Laplace transforms is attached.**

### Table of Laplace Transforms

$f(t), t \geq 0$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$
1	$\frac{1}{s}$
$t$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
$e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
$t^n e^{at}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
$\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$
$\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
$\frac{1}{a-b}(e^{at} - e^{bt})$	$\frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
$\frac{a}{a-b}e^{at} - \frac{b}{a-b}e^{bt}$	$\frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
$\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
$f'(t)$	$sF(s) - f(0)$
$f''(t)$	$s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
$\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$	$\frac{1}{s}F(s)$
$e^{at}f(t)$	$F(s-a)$
Heaviside $u_a(t)$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$
$f(t-a)u_a(t)$	$e^{-as}F(s)$
Ramp $R(t-a)$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s^2}$
$tf(t)$	$-F'(s)$
$\frac{f(t)}{t}$	$\int_s^{\infty} F(\sigma) d\sigma$
$(f * g)(t) \equiv \int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau) d\tau$	$F(s)G(s)$
$f(t) = f(t+p)$	$\frac{1}{1 - e^{-sp}} \int_0^p f(t)e^{-st} dt$

1. (a) Sketch the graphs of the following functions  $f(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$  and find their *Laplace* transforms:

(i)  $f(t) = te^{-2t}$  2

(ii)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \sin \pi(t-1), & \text{if } 1 \leq t \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  3

(iii)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 3t, & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 6-3t, & \text{if } 1 \leq t < 2 \end{cases}$   $f(t+2) = f(t)$  3

- (b) Find the inverse *Laplace* transforms of the following 2,3,3

(i)  $\frac{2s+2}{s^2-7s+6}$       (ii)  $\frac{e^{-s}}{s^2-3s+2}$       (iii)  $\arctan\left(\frac{s+3}{2}\right)$

2. (a) Use *Laplace* transforms to solve the initial value problem 8

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 7\frac{dy}{dt} + 10y = 4e^{-t}, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = 3$$

- (b) Prove that

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^t y(u) du\right) = \frac{1}{s}\mathcal{L}(y(t))$$

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- (c) Use *Laplace* transforms to solve the initial value problem 6

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y + \int_0^t y(u) du = 0, \quad y(0) = 2$$

3. (a) Sketch the graph of the following periodic function and find its *Fourier* series 8

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x - \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{if } -\pi < x \leq -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0, & \text{if } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ x - \frac{\pi}{2}, & \text{if } \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi \end{cases} \quad f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$$

In particular show that

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi n^2} (\cos n\pi - \cos(n\pi/2)), \quad n > 0$$

- (b) Hence evaluate the series 4

$$1 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{49} + \dots$$

- (c) The function  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an even function of period  $2\pi$  with *Fourier* series  $\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx)$ . The function  $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$h(x) = -\frac{a_0}{2} + g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

- Find the *Fourier* series of  $h$ . 4

4. (a) Define the row rank, column rank and rank of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . 2

(b) For

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -5 & 6 \\ 3 & -3 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

find its rank ( $= r$ ). 6

- (c) Choose columns from the matrix  $A$  of part (b) that form a basis for its column space. Write any remaining columns as a linear combination of the basis vectors. 2

Let  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  be the matrix whose columns are the basis vectors. Hence show that there exists  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$  such that

$$A = CR.$$

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What does this say about the relationship between the rows of  $A$  and rows of  $R$ , and what does this in turn say about the row rank and column rank? 2

Can the converse be established between the column rank and row rank? And if so, what conclusion follows? 2

5. (a) Let  $P_2$  be the space of polynomials of degree at most two. Use the *Gram-Schmidt* process to transform the standard basis  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  for  $P_2$  to the orthonormal one defined by the inner product

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 p(x)q(x) dx$$

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- (b) Find the least squares approximation to  $e^x$  over the interval  $[-1, 1]$  in  $P_2$  using the inner product defined in part (a). 8

6. Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenspaces of the matrix 6

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that  $A$  is diagonalisable over the reals and find the matrix  $P$  which diagonalises it. 4

Hence or otherwise solve the system of differential equations 6

$$\frac{d}{dt}X = AX, \quad X(0) = (6, 1)^T$$

7. (a) Find the *Cholesky* decomposition ( $A = \tilde{L}\tilde{L}^T$ , where  $\tilde{L}$  is lower triangular) of the matrix

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 10 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence solve the system of equations  $Ax = b$  where

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$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) The system of equations  $Ax = b$  can also be solved using an iterative scheme. One such scheme for a square matrix  $A$  is the *Gauss - Seidel* method in which successive approximations are generated by

$$x_{k+1} = (L + D)^{-1}b - (L + D)^{-1}Ux_k$$

where  $x_k$  is the  $k$ -th approximation, and  $L + D + U = A$  with  $D$  being a diagonal matrix whose entries are the respective diagonal entries of  $A$ , and  $L$  and  $U$  being lower triangular and upper triangular matrices containing the entries of  $A$  below and above the diagonal respectively. Show how the iteration scheme for generating the successive approximations may be derived. Under what condition does this scheme converge for any initial approximation  $x_0$  ?

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Does the scheme converge for the  $A$  matrix of part (a)? Explain your answer.

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