

MA 266

Review Topics - Exam # 2

(1) First Order Differential Equations. (Separable, 1st Order Linear, Homogeneous, Exact)

(2) Second Order Linear Homogeneous with Equations Constant Coefficients .

The differential equation $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ has *Characteristic Equation* $ar^2 + br + c = 0$. Call the roots r_1 and r_2 . The general solution of $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ is as follows:

- (a) If r_1, r_2 are real and distinct $\Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$
- (b) If $r_1 = \lambda + i\mu$ (hence $r_2 = \lambda - i\mu$) $\Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t + C_2 e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t$
- (c) If $r_1 = r_2$ (repeated roots) $\Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 t e^{r_1 t}$

(3) Theory of 2nd Linear Order Equations.

Wronskian of y_1, y_2 is $W(y_1, y_2)(t) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(t) & y_2(t) \\ y_1'(t) & y_2'(t) \end{vmatrix}$.

(a) The functions $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ are linearly independent over $a < t < b$ if $W(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$ for at least one point in the interval.

(b) **THEOREM (Existence & Uniqueness)** If $p(t), q(t)$ and $g(t)$ are continuous in an open interval $\alpha < t < \beta$ containing t_0 , then the IVP
$$\begin{cases} y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \\ y'(t_0) = y_1 \end{cases}$$
 has a unique solution $y = \phi(t)$ defined in the open interval $\alpha < t < \beta$.

(c) **Superposition Principle** If $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ are solutions of the 2nd order linear homogeneous equation $P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = 0$ over the interval $a < t < b$, then $y = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$ is also a solution for any constants C_1 and C_2 .

(d) **THEOREM (Homogeneous)** If $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ are solutions of the linear homogeneous equation $P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = 0$ in some interval I and $W(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$ for some t_1 in I , then the general solution is $y_c(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$. This is usually called the *complementary solution* and we say that $y_1(t), y_2(t)$ form a *Fundamental Set of Solutions* (FSS) to the differential equation.

(e) **THEOREM (Nonhomogeneous)** The general solution of the nonhomogeneous equation

$$P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = G(t)$$

is $y(t) = y_c(t) + y_p(t)$, where $y_c(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$ is the general solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation $P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = 0$ and $y_p(t)$ is a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous equation $P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = G(t)$.

(f) **Useful Remark** : If $y_{p_1}(t)$ is a particular solution of $P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = G_1(t)$ and if $y_{p_2}(t)$ is a particular solution of $P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = G_2(t)$, then

$$y_p(t) = y_{p_1}(t) + y_{p_2}(t)$$

is a particular solution of $P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = [G_1(t) + G_2(t)]$.

(4) **Reduction of Order.** If $y_1(t)$ is one solution of $P(t)y'' + Q(t)y' + R(t)y = 0$, then a second solution may be obtained using the substitution $\boxed{y = v(t) y_1(t)}$. This reduces the original 2^{nd} order equation to a 1^{st} equation using the substitution $w = \frac{dv}{dt}$. Solve that first order equation for w , then since $w = \frac{dv}{dt}$, solve this 1^{st} order equation to determine the function v .

(5) **Finding A Particular Solution $y_p(t)$ to Nonhomogeneous Equations.**

You can always use the method of Variation of Parameters to find a particular solution $y_p(t)$ of the linear nonhomogeneous equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$. Variation of Parameters may require integration techniques.

If the coefficients of the differential equation are constants rather than functions **and** if $g(t)$ has a very special form (see table below), it is usually easier to use Undetermined Coefficients :

(a) UNDETERMINED COEFFICIENTS - **IF** $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$ **AND** $g(t)$ is as below:

$g(t)$	Form of $y_p(t)$
$P_m(t) = a_m t^m + a_{m-1} t^{m-1} + \dots + a_0$	$t^s \{A_m t^m + A_{m-1} t^{m-1} + \dots + A_0\}$
$e^{\alpha t} P_m(t)$	$t^s \{e^{\alpha t} (A_m t^m + A_{m-1} t^{m-1} + \dots + A_0)\}$
$e^{\alpha t} P_m(t) \cos \beta t$ or $e^{\alpha t} P_m(t) \sin \beta t$	$t^s \{e^{\alpha t} [F_m(t) \cos \beta t + G_m(t) \sin \beta t]\}$

where $s =$ the smallest nonnegative integer ($s = 0, 1$ or 2) such that no term of $y_p(t)$ is a solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation. In other words, no term of $y_p(t)$ is a term of $y_c(t)$. ($F_m(t), G_m(t)$ are both polynomials of degree m .)

(b) VARIATION OF PARAMETERS - If $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ are two independent solutions of the homogeneous equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$, then a particular solution $y_p(t)$ of the nonhomogeneous equation

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) \quad (*)$$

has the form

$$y_p(t) = u_1(t) y_1(t) + u_2(t) y_2(t)$$

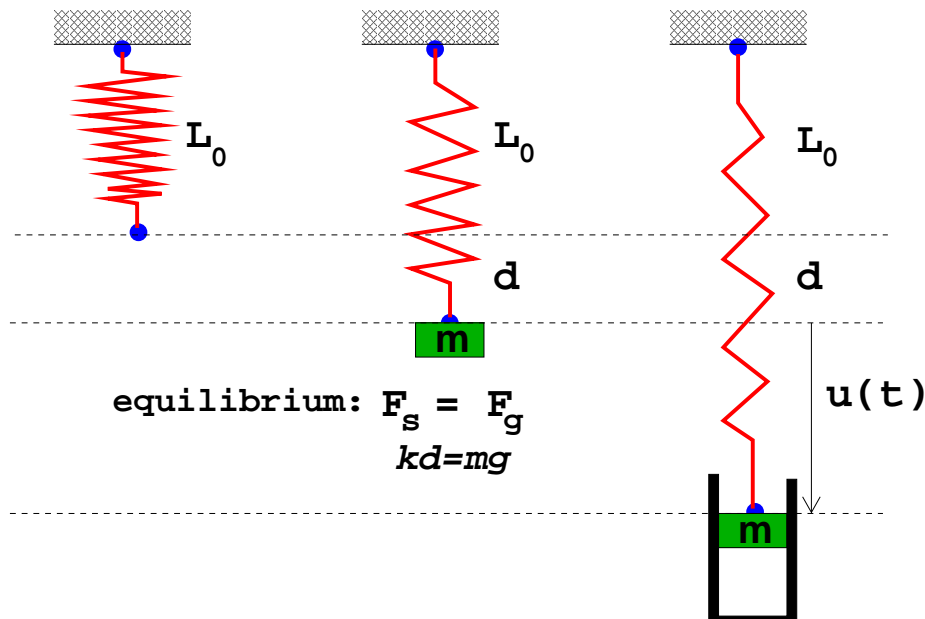
where

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ g(t) & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}, \quad u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & g(t) \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}.$$

Remember: Coefficient of y'' in $(*)$ must be "1" in order to use the above formulas.

(6) Spring-Mass Systems $\begin{cases} m u'' + \gamma u' + k u = F(t) \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u'(0) = u_1 \end{cases}$

m = mass of object, γ = damping constant, k = spring constant, $F(t)$ = external force
 Weight $w = m g$, Hooke's Law: $F_s = k d$,



I Undamped Free Vibrations : $m u'' + k u = 0$ (Simple Harmonic Motion)

Note that $A \cos \omega_0 t + B \sin \omega_0 t = R \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$, where $R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$ = *amplitude*,
 ω_0 = *frequency*, $\frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$ = *period* and δ = *phase shift* determined by $\tan \delta = \frac{B}{A}$.

II Damped Free Vibrations : $m u'' + \gamma u' + k u = 0$

- (i) $\gamma^2 - 4km > 0$ (*overdamped*) \iff distinct real roots to CE
- (ii) $\gamma^2 - 4km = 0$ (*critically damped*) \iff repeated roots to CE
- (iii) $\gamma^2 - 4km < 0$ (*underdamped*) \iff complex roots to CE (motion is *oscillatory*)

III Forced Vibrations : ($F(t) = F_0 \cos \omega t$ or $F(t) = F_0 \sin \omega t$, for example)

- (i) $m u'' + \gamma u' + k u = F(t)$ (Damped) In this case if you write the general solution as $u(t) = u_T(t) + u_\infty(t)$, then $u_T(t)$ = *Transient Solution* (i.e. the part of $u(t)$ such that $u_T(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$) and $u_\infty(t)$ = *Steady-State Solution* (the solution behaves like this function in the long run).

- (ii) $m u'' + k u = F_0 \cos \omega t$ (Undamped) If $\omega = \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \Rightarrow$ Resonance occurs and the solution is unbounded; while if $\omega \neq \omega_0$ then motion is a series of *beats* (solution is bounded)

(7) n^{th} Order Linear Homogeneous Equations With Constant Coefficients

$$a_0 y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + a_{n-1} y' + a_n y = 0 \quad (*)$$

This differential equation has n independent solutions.

Characteristic Equation : $a_0 r^n + a_1 r^{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1} r + a_n = 0$ will have n characteristic roots that may be real and distinct, repeated, complex, or complex and repeated.

- (a) For each real root r that is not repeated \Rightarrow get a solution of $(*)$: e^{rt}
- (b) For each real root r that is repeated \underline{m} times \Rightarrow get \underline{m} independent solutions of $(*)$:

$$e^{rt}, te^{rt}, t^2e^{rt}, \dots, t^{m-1}e^{rt}$$
- (c) For each complex root $r = \lambda + i\mu$ repeated \underline{m} times \Rightarrow get $\underline{2m}$ solutions of $(*)$:
 $e^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t, te^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t, \dots, t^{m-1}e^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t$ and $e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t, te^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t, \dots, t^{m-1}e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t$
 (don't need to consider its conjugate root $\lambda - i\mu$)

(8) Undetermined Coefficients for n^{th} Order Linear Equations

This can only be used to find $y_p(t)$ of $a_0y^{(n)} + a_1y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1}y' + a_ny = g(t)$ and $g(t)$ one of the 3 very SPECIAL FORMS in table in (5) above. The particular solution has the same form as before: $y_p(t) = t^s [\dots]$, where $s =$ the smallest nonnegative integer such that no term of $y_p(t)$ is a term of $y_c(t)$, except this time $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

(9) Laplace Transforms

- (a) Be able to compute Laplace transforms using definition :

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

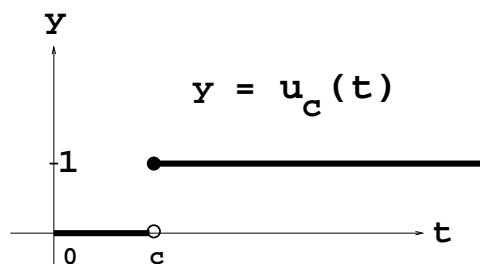
and using a table of Laplace transforms (see table on page 317) and using linearity :
 $\mathcal{L}\{f(t) + g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} + \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$, $\mathcal{L}\{cf(t)\} = c\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$.

- (b) Computing Inverse Laplace Transforms: Must be able to use a table of Laplace transforms usually together with *Partial Fractions* or *Completing the Square*, to find inverse Laplace transforms: $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$.
- (c) Solving Initial Value Problems: Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{y'\} &= s\mathcal{L}\{y\} - y(0) \\ \mathcal{L}\{y''\} &= s^2\mathcal{L}\{y\} - sy(0) - y'(0) \\ \mathcal{L}\{y'''\} &= s^3\mathcal{L}\{y\} - s^2y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0) \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$

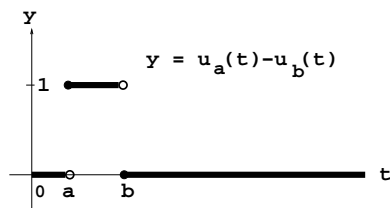
- (d) Discontinuous Functions :

- (i) Unit Step Function (Heaviside Function) : If $c \geq 0$, $u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < c \\ 1, & t \geq c \end{cases}$

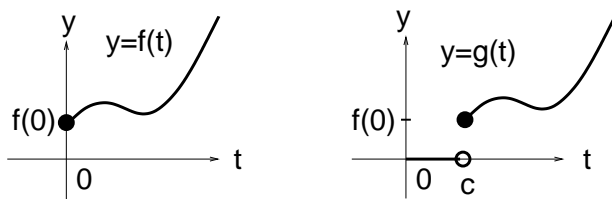


$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t)\} = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$$

(ii) **Unit “Pulse” Function** : $u_a(t) - u_b(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & a \leq t < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



(iii) **Translated Functions**: $y = g(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < c \\ f(t - c), & t \geq c \end{cases} = u_c(t) f(t - c).$



$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) f(t - c)\} = e^{-cs} F(s), \text{ where } F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$$

Thus,

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-cs} F(s)\} = u_c(t) f(t - c), \quad \text{where } f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$$

A useful formula **NOT** in the book :

$$\mathcal{L}\{u_c(t) h(t)\} = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}\{h(t + c)\}$$

(iv) **Unit Impulse Functions**: If $y = \delta(t - c)$ ($c \geq 0$), then

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - c)\} = e^{-cs}$$

(e) **Convolutions**:

$$\mathcal{L}\{(f * g)(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(t - \tau) g(\tau) d\tau\right\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} \mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$$

PRACTICE PROBLEMS

[1] For what value of α will the solution to the IVP $\begin{cases} y'' - y' - 2y = 0 \\ y(0) = \alpha \\ y'(0) = 2 \end{cases}$ satisfy $y \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$?

[2] (a) Show that $y_1 = x$ and $y_2 = x^{-1}$ are solutions of the differential equation $x^2 y'' + xy' - y = 0$.

(b) Evaluate the Wronskian $W(y_2, y_1)$ at $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

(c) Find the solution of the initial value problem $x^2 y'' + xy' - y = 0$, $y(1) = 2$, $y'(1) = 4$.

[3] Find the largest open interval for which the initial value problem

$$3x^2y'' + y' + \frac{1}{x-2}y = \frac{1}{x-3}, \quad y(1) = 3, \quad y'(1) = 2, \text{ has a solution.}$$

In Problems 4, 5, and 6 find the general solution of the homogeneous differential equations in (a) and use the method of **Undetermined Coefficients** to find a particular solution y_p in (b) and find the FORM of a particular solution (c).

[4] (a) $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$ (b) $y'' - 5y' + 6y = t^2$ (c) $y'' - 5y' + 6y = e^{2t} + \cos(3t)$

[5] (a) $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$ (b) $y'' - 6y' + 9y = te^{3t}$ (c) $y'' - 6y' + 9y = e^t + \cos(3t)$

[6] (a) $y'' - 2y' + 10y = 0$ (b) $y'' - 2y' + 10y = e^x + \cos(3x)$ (c) $y'' - 2y' + 10y = e^x \cos(3x)$

[7] Find the general solution to (a) $y'' + y' - 6y = 7e^{4t}$ (b) $y'' + y' - 6y = 7e^{4t} - 100 \sin t$

[8] Solve this IVP: $y'' - y' = 4t$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$.

[9] Find the general solution to $y'' + y = \tan t$, $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

[10] The differential equation $x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$ has solutions $y_1(x) = x$ and $y_2 = x^2$. Use the method of **Variation of Parameters** to find a solution of $x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 2x^2$.

[11] The differential equation $x^2y'' + xy' - y = 0$ has one solution $y_1(x) = x$. Use the method of **Reduction of Order** to find a second (linearly independent) solution of $x^2y'' + xy' - y = 0$.

[12] For what nonnegative values of γ will the the solution of the initial value problem $u'' + \gamma u' + 4u = 0$, $u(0) = 4$, $u'(0) = 0$ *oscillate* ?

[13] (a) For what positive values of k does the solution of the initial value problem $2u'' + ku = 3 \cos(2t)$, $u(0) = 0$, $u'(0) = 0$, become *unbounded* (Resonance) ?

(b) For what positive values of k does the solution of the initial value problem $2u'' + u' + ku = 3 \cos(2t)$, $u(0) = 0$, $u'(0) = 0$, become *unbounded* (Resonance) ?

[14] Find the steady-state solution of the IVP $y'' + 4y' + 4y = \sin t$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$.

[15] A 4-kg mass stretches a spring 0.392 m. If the mass is released from 1 m below the equilibrium position with a downward velocity of 10 m/sec, what is the maximum displacement ?

In Problems 16 and 17 find the general solution of the homogeneous differential equations in (a) and use the method of **Undetermined Coefficients** to find the FORM of a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous equation in (b).

[16] (a) $y''' - y' = 0$ (b) $y''' - y' = t + e^t$

[17] (a) $y''' - y'' - y' + y = 0$ (b) $y''' - y'' - y' + y = e^t + \cos t$

[18] Find the solution of the initial value problem $y''' - 2y'' + y' = 0$, $y(0) = 2$, $y'(0) = 0$, $y''(0) = 1$.

[19] Find the general solution of the differential equation $y''' + y' = t^2$.

[20] Find the general solution of $y'' + 4y' = -10 \cos 2t$.

[21] Find a fundamental set of solutions of $y^{(5)} - 4y''' = 0$.

[22] Find the Laplace transform of these functions:

(a) $f(t) = 3 - e^{2t}$ (b) $g(t) = 100t^5$ (c) $h(t) = \cosh \pi t$ (d) $k(t) = -10t^3e^{5t}$

[23] Find the inverse Laplace transform of

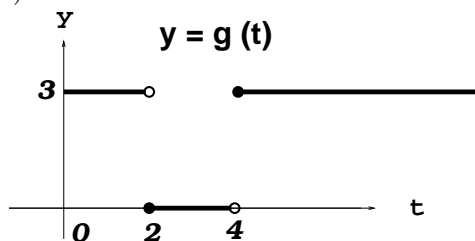
(a) $F(s) = \frac{9}{s^2 - s - 2}$ (b) $F(s) = \frac{s}{(s-1)^2}$ (c) $F(s) = \frac{8}{(s+1)^4}$ (d) $F(s) = \frac{3s+2}{s^2+2s+5}$

[24] Solve these initial value problems: (a) $\begin{cases} y'' - y' - 6y = 0 \\ y(0) = 1 \\ y'(0) = -1 \end{cases}$ (b) $\begin{cases} y'' - 2y' + 2y = \cos t \\ y(0) = 1 \\ y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$

(c) $y'' - y = \begin{cases} 1, & t < 5 \\ 2, & 5 \leq t < \infty \end{cases} ; y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$

(d) $y'' + 4y = \begin{cases} t, & t < 1 \\ 0, & 1 < t < \infty \end{cases} ; y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$

(e) $y' + y = g(t)$, $y(0) = 0$ and where $g(t)$:



(f) $y'' + 4y = \delta(t - 3)$, $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$

[25] $\mathcal{L} \left\{ \int_0^t 100 e^{-2\tau} \cos \pi(t - \tau) d\tau \right\} = ?$

[26] If $g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\}$, then $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{G(s)}{(s-3)^2} \right\} = ?$

ANSWERS

[1] $\alpha = -2$ [2] (b) $W(x^{-1}, x)(\frac{1}{2}) = 4$; (c) $y = 3x - x^{-1}$ [3] $0 < x < 2$

[4] (a) $y = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{3t}$ (b) $y = At^2 + Bt + C$ (c) $y = Ate^{2t} + B \cos(3t) + C \sin(3t)$

[5] (a) $y = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 t e^{3t}$ (b) $y = t^2(At + B)e^{3t}$ (c) $y = Ae^t + B \cos(3t) + C \sin(3t)$

[6] (a) $y = C_1 e^x \cos(3x) + C_2 e^x \sin(3x)$ (b) $y = Ae^x + B \cos(3x) + C \sin(3x)$

(c) $y = x(A \cos(3x) + B \sin(3x))e^x$

[7] (a) $y = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{4t}$ (b) $y = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{4t} + 2 \cos t + 14 \sin t$

[8] $y = -4 + 4e^t - 2t^2 - 4t$

[9] $y = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t - (\cos t) \ln(\sec t + \tan t)$

[10] $y = 2x^2 \ln x$ or $y = 2x^2 \ln x + (C_1 x + C_2 x^2)$

[11] $y = x^{-1}$ or $y = Ax^{-1} + Bx$, $A \neq 0$

[12] $0 \leq \gamma < 4$

[13] (a) $k = 8$ (resonance) (b) NO value of k , all solutions are bounded.

[14] $y = \frac{1}{25}(3 \sin t - 4 \cos t)$

[15] $u(t) = \cos 5t + 2 \sin 5t = \sqrt{5} \cos(5t - \delta)$, $\delta = \tan^{-1} 2 \approx 1.1$ Thus amplitude $= \sqrt{5}$.

[16] (a) $y = C_1 + C_2 e^{-t} + C_3 e^t$ (b) $y = t(At + B) + Cte^t$

[17] (a) $y = C_1 e^t + C_2 t e^t + C_3 e^{-t}$ (b) $y = At^2 e^t + B \cos t + C \sin t$

[18] $y = 3 - e^t + te^t$

[19] $y = C_1 + C_2 \cos t + C_3 \sin t + \frac{1}{3} t^3 - 2t$

[20] $y = C_1 + C_2 e^{-4t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos 2t - \sin 2t \right)$

[21] $\{1, t, t^2, e^{2t}, e^{-2t}\}$

[22] (a) $\frac{2s-6}{s^2-2s}$ (b) $\frac{12000}{s^6}$ (c) $\frac{s}{s^2-\pi^2}$ (d) $-\frac{60}{(s-5)^4}$

[23] (a) $3(e^{2t} - e^{-t})$ (b) $e^t + te^t$ (c) $\frac{4}{3} t^3 e^{-t}$ (d) $3e^{-t} \cos 2t - \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} \sin 2t$

[24] (a) $y = \frac{1}{5}(e^{3t} + 4e^{-2t})$ (b) $y = \frac{1}{5}(\cos t - 2 \sin t + 4e^t \cos t - 2e^t \sin t)$

(c) $y = -1 + \frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t}) + u_5(t)(-1 + \frac{1}{2}(e^{(t-5)} + e^{-(t-5)}))$,

or $y = -1 + \cosh t + u_5(t)(-1 + \cosh(t-5))$

(d) $y = (-\frac{1}{8} \sin 2t + \frac{t}{4}) - u_1(t)(-\frac{1}{8} \sin 2(t-1) + \frac{t-1}{4}) - u_1(t)(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \cos 2(t-1))$

(e) $y = 3(1 - e^{-t}) - 3u_2(t)(1 - e^{-(t-2)}) + 3u_4(t)(1 - e^{-(t-4)})$ (f) $y = \frac{1}{2}u_3(t)(t) \sin 2(t-3)$

[25] $\frac{100s}{(s+2)(s^2+\pi^2)}$

[26] $\int_0^t (t-\tau) e^{3(t-\tau)} g(\tau) d\tau$ or $\int_0^t \tau e^{3\tau} g(t-\tau) d\tau$