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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)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t < 5 \\ e^{-2t+10}, & \text{if } 5 \leq t \end{cases}$  2

(ii)  $f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin 3t, & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 2\pi \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  3

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

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

(i)  $\frac{s+2}{s^2+4s+3}$       (ii)  $\frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2+4}$       (iii)  $\arctan\left(\frac{s+1}{s-1}\right)$

2. (a) Use *Laplace* transforms to solve the initial value problem 10

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dt} + 6y = 6t - 1, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = -2$$

- (b) Use *Laplace* transforms to solve the integral equation 6

$$y(t) = e^t - \int_0^t e^{-(t-u)}y(u) du$$

3. (a) Sketch the graph of the following periodic function

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

and show that its *Fourier* series is given by

$$-2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin nx}{n}$$

- (b) Hence evaluate the series 6

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

- (c) Use the *Fourier* series of part (a) to find a particular solution of the differential equation 6

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2y = f(x)$$

where  $f(x)$  is as in part (a).

4. (a) Let  $P_3$  be the space of polynomials of degree at most three, i.e.  
 $P_3 = \{p(x) : p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3\}$  where  $a_0, a_1, a_2$  and  $a_3$  are real numbers. Determine whether the set of polynomials

$$\{1 + x, 2 - 2x + x^2, 1 + 3x - (1/2)x^2 + 2x^3, 2x + x^3\}$$

forms a basis for  $P_3$

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- (b) Find bases for the row space and column space, and hence the rank, of the matrix

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 18 \\ 3 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Does the system  $Ax = b$  have a solution when

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -6 \\ 12 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and, if so, find it.

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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

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^5 p(x_i)q(x_i)$$

where  $x_1 = -2, x_2 = -1, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 1, x_5 = 2$ .

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- (b) Let  $f$  be a function on  $[-2, 2]$ , taking the value  $f(x_i)$  at  $x = x_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  as given in the following table

$x_i$	$f(x_i)$
-2	4
-1	-2
0	-2
1	-1
2	5

Find the least squares approximation to  $f$  in  $P_2$  using the inner product defined in part (a).

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6. Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenspaces of the matrix

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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

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Hence or otherwise find the matrix exponential  $e^{At}$ .

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7. (a) Find the LU decomposition ( $A = LU$ ), where  $L$  is a unit lower triangular matrix and  $U$  an upper triangular matrix of the matrix 5

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ -1 & 9 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence solve the system of equations  $Ax = b$  where 3

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (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 *Jacobi* method in which successive approximations are generated by

$$x_{k+1} = D^{-1}b - D^{-1}\tilde{A}x_k$$

where  $x_k$  is the  $k$ -th approximation, and  $A = D + \tilde{A}$  with  $D$  being a diagonal matrix whose entries are the respective diagonal entries of  $A$ , and  $\tilde{A} = A - D$ . Show how the iteration scheme may be derived. Under what condition does the scheme converge for any initial approximation  $x_0$ ? 4

Using the fact that the roots of the equation

$$\lambda^3 - (3/4)\lambda - (7/36) = 0$$

satisfy  $|\lambda| < 1$ , does the scheme converge for the  $A$  matrix of part (a)? Explain your answer. 4