

MATHEMATICS FOR AERO/MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

TUTORIAL SHEET 6

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

Solve the following differential equations using the Laplace transform method.

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| 1. $\dot{x} + 3x = e^{-2t}$ $x(0) = 2$ | 2. $3\dot{x} - 6x = \sin 2t$ $x(0) = 1$ |
| 3. $\ddot{x} - 4\dot{x} + 3x = 0$ $x(0) = 2, \dot{x}(0) = 1$ | 4. $\ddot{x} + 36x = 0$ $x(0) = -1, \dot{x}(0) = 2$ |
| 5. $\ddot{x} + 4x = t$ $x(0) = 1, \dot{x}(0) = 0$ | 6. $\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} + x = e^t$ $x(0) = -2, \dot{x}(0) = -3$ |
| 7. $\ddot{y} - 3\dot{y} + 2y = \sin t$ $y(0) = 0, \dot{y}(0) = 1$ | 8. $\ddot{x} - 16x = t.e^t$ $x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0$ |
| 9. $\ddot{x} + x = \cos t$ $x(0) = 1, \dot{x}(0) = 2$ | 10. $\ddot{x} - 6\dot{x} + 8x = 2$ $x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0$ |
| 11*. $\ddot{x} + 4\dot{x} + 8x = e^{-t}$ $x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0$ | 12*. $\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} + x = t.e^t$ $x(0) = 1, \dot{x}(0) = 0$ |

(* not for the faint-hearted)

Section B**

Problems 1 and 2 illustrate two types of resonance in a mass-spring-dashpot system with given external force $F(t)$ and with initial conditions $x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0$.

1. Suppose that $m = 1$, $k = 9$, $c = 0$, and $F(t) = 6\cos 3t$. Use the inverse transform

$$\left\{ \frac{s}{(s^2 + k^2)^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{2k} t \cdot \sin kt \text{ to derive the solution } x(t) = t \sin 3t.$$

2. Suppose that $m = 1$, $k = 9.04$, $c = 0.4$ and $F(t) = 6.e^{-t/5} \cos 3t$. Derive the solution

$$x(t) = t.e^{-t/5} \sin 3t$$