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Math 255, Quiz #11, Summer 2012

Instructions: Show all work.

1. Verify that the Laplace transform of  $\mathcal{L}[x^3] = \frac{6}{s^4}$  using the definition.

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-st} t^3 dt =$$

$$u = t^3, \quad dv = e^{-st} dt$$

$$-3t^2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{s} e^{-st}$$

$$6t \rightarrow \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st}$$

$$6 \rightarrow \frac{1}{s^3} e^{-st}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{s^4} e^{-st}$$

$$-\frac{1}{5}t^3 e^{-st} - 3t^2 \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-st} + 6t \frac{1}{s^3} e^{-st} - 6 \frac{1}{s^4} e^{-st} \Big|_0^\infty$$

$$-0 - 0 - 0 - 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \frac{6}{s^4}(1)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{6}{s^4}}$$

2. Solve the differential equation  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = e^t$ ,  $y(0)=0$ ,  $y'(0)=0$  using Laplace transforms.

$$s^2 Y(s) - 5sY(s) + 6Y(s) = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$(s^2 - 5s + 6) Y(s) = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)(s-3)(s-2)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s-3} + \frac{C}{s-2}$$

$$1 = A(s-3)(s-2) + B(s-1)(s-2) + C(s-1)(s-3)$$

$$s=1 \quad 1 = A(-2)(-1) \Rightarrow 1 = 2A \quad A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$s=2 \quad 1 = C(1)(1) \quad C = -1$$

$$s=3 \quad 1 = B(2)(1) \quad B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{s-3} + (-1) \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$Y(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^t + \frac{1}{2}e^{3t} - e^{2t}$$