

**Homework #6: Laplace transforms**  
**Due Friday, March 22nd in lecture**

**Math 527, UNH spring 2013**

**Problem 1.** Derive the Laplace transform of  $e^{at}$  using the definition of the Laplace transform.

**Problem 2.** Derive the Laplace transform of  $\sin kt$  and  $\cos kt$ , starting from the definition of the Laplace transform. We covered most of this in lecture, getting  $\mathcal{L}\{\sin kt\} = k/(s^2 + k^2)$  but not the corresponding formula for  $\mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\}$ . I want you to repeat the work we did in lecture and then finish off by finding the formula for  $\mathcal{L}\{\cos kt\}$ .

**Problem 3.** Derive the Laplace transform of  $t^n$  for positive integer  $n$ . To do this, show that  $\mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}$  and that  $\mathcal{L}\{t^n\} = \frac{n}{s} \mathcal{L}\{t^{n-1}\}$ . Put these together to find  $\mathcal{L}\{t\}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}\{t^2\}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}\{t^3\}$ , and then generalize to get  $\mathcal{L}\{t^n\}$ .

**Problem 4.** Find the inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+1}{s^2+2}\right\} =$$

**Problem 5.** Find the inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+s-20}\right\} =$$

**Problem 6.** Find the inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{2s-4}{(s^2+s)(s^2+1)}\right\} =$$

**Problem 7.** Solve the initial value problem using Laplace transforms

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - y = 1, \quad y(0) = 0$$