

18.034, Honors Differential Equations  
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**Rec. Suggestions.**  
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1. Do 1 or 2 more IVP's by Laplace transform including computation of partial fractions, e.g

$$\begin{cases} y''+y = \cos(2t) \\ y(0) = 0 \\ y'(0) = 1 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \underline{Y}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{s}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{s}{s^2+4}$$

$$y(t) = \sin(t) + \frac{1}{3} \cos(2t) - \frac{1}{3} \cos(2t).$$

2. Use periodic function rule to deduce,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{-st} \cos(t) dt = \frac{s}{s^2+1} (1 - e^{-2\pi s}), \quad \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-st} \sin(t) dt = \frac{1}{s^2+1} (1 - e^{-2\pi s})$$

You might mention that taking the power series in  $s$  of each side gives closed formulas,

e.g. 
$$\int_0^{2\pi} t^{k+1} \sin(t) dt = (k+1)! \sum_{l=0}^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{l+1} (2\pi)^{k+1-2l}}{(k+1-2l)!}$$

This can be used to compute Fourier coefficients of  $t^{k+1}$ .

3. Use L to prove  $S(t)t^a * S(t)t^b = \frac{a!b!}{(a+b+1)!} S(t) t^{a+b+1}$   
 $S(t) * \cos(t) = S(t)\sin(t)$

4. Consider  $p(s) = s^2 + As - B$ . In the 3 cases that

(i)  $p(s) = (s - r_1)(s - r_2)$ , (ii)  $p(s) = (s - r)^2$ , (iii)  $p(s) = (s - \alpha)^2 + \beta^2$ ,  
 compute  $L^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{p(s)} \right]$ . (i.e. first row of Table 5.4.1).