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Instructions: Answer ALL questions.
Show all calculations in full.

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Requirements for this examination: Tables of Laplace Transforms, standard integrals, derivatives and Fourier formulae attached

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Q1.

a) Find the inverse Laplace transform:

$$L^{-1} \left\{ \left[\frac{32}{s(s^2 + 16)} \right] e^{-3s} \right\}$$

[5 marks]

b) Use Laplace transforms to solve the following differential equations

(i) $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4x = 12 \sin 2t \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 0$

[9 marks]

(ii) $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 24\delta(t - 4) \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$

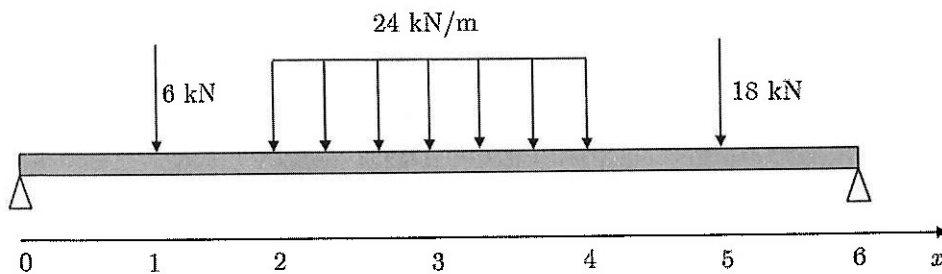
[6 marks]

c) Consider a 6 m long beam under the load shown in the figure below.

(i) Plot the load function $w(x)$ as a function of x .

(ii) Express the load function $w(x)$ in terms of unit step and unit impulse functions.

(iii) Find Laplace transform of the result from part (ii).



[4 marks]

P.T.O.

- d) Consider a beam of span of 4 m fixed at both ends and x -axis aligned along the length of the beam. At $x = 2$ there is a concentrated load of 8 kN. The deflection of the beam at any point x along the beam length $y(x)$ is described by the differential equation:

$$EI \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} = w(x).$$

- (i) Express the beam load function $w(x)$ mathematically.
- (ii) Express the boundary conditions mathematically.
- (iii) Use Laplace Transforms to solve the equation for the beam deflection $y(x)$.

Note: $L\{f^{IV}(t)\} = s^4 F(s) - s^3 f(0) - s^2 f'(0) - s f''(0) - f'''(0)$

[11 marks]

P.T.O.

Q2.

- a) By assuming an exponential solution find the general solution of the system of differential equations:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 7x - 2y + z$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2x + 10y - 2z$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = x - 2y + 7z$$

[15 marks]

- b) In the theory of mechanical vibrations the system of differential equations below arises, where $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ are the displacements of two masses attached by two springs. By assuming periodic solutions of the form $R\cos(\omega t - \alpha)$ find a general solution of the system:

$$x_1'' = -13x_1 - 3x_2$$

$$x_2'' = -4x_1 - 12x_2$$

[10 marks]

P.T.O.

Q3.

a) Given

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 2t & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 4 - 2t & \text{if } 1 \leq t \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Sketch this function and its even extension.

[3 marks]

b) A function $f(t)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 4 \\ 0 & \text{if } 4 \leq t \leq 8 \end{cases} \quad f(t+8) = f(t)$$

- (i) Sketch two cycles of this function.
- (ii) State whether this function is even, odd or neither.
- (iii) Determine Fourier series of this function. Show terms as far as the 5th harmonic inclusive.

[12 marks]

c) Suppose the heat is lost from the surface of a thin metal rod of length L into a surrounding medium at temperature zero. Then the heat equation takes on the form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - hu$$

where h is a constant. Both ends of the rod are insulated i.e. $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L} = 0$ and the initial temperature distribution in the rod is $u(x,0) = f(x)$.

- (i) Use substitution $u(x,t) = e^{-ht} v(x,t)$ to reduce the above problem to a homogeneous boundary value problem (BVP).

[6 marks]

P.T.O.

- (ii) Use the method of separating the variables to solve the homogeneous BVP obtained in part (i).

[14 marks]

- (iii) Show that the particular solution of the original non-homogeneous BVP when $f(x) = u_0$ is

$$u(x, t) = u_0 e^{-ht}$$

[5 marks]

Table of Laplace Transforms

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
a	$\frac{a}{s}$
t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
$\sin wt$	$\frac{w}{s^2 + w^2}$
$\cos wt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + w^2}$
$\sinh kt$	$\frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}$
$\cosh kt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}$
$f'(t)$	$sF(s) - f(0)$
$f''(t)$	$s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
$e^{at} f(t)$	$F(s-a)$
$\int_0^t f(u)g(t-u)du$	$F(s)G(s)$
$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
$u(t-a)$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$
$f(t-a)u(t-a)$	$e^{-as}F(s)$
$\delta(t)$	1
$\delta(t-a)$	e^{-as}

Trigonometric Identities

$$2 \sin A \cos B = \sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)$$

$$2 \sin A \sin B = \cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)$$

$$2 \cos A \cos B = \cos(A + B) + \cos(A - B)$$

$$\sin^2 A = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2A)$$

$$\cos^2 A = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2A)$$

$$\cos(-A) = \cos A; \quad \sin(-A) = -\sin A$$

Fourier Formulae

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{T}t\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{T}t\right) \right]$$

A	0	π	2π
$\sin A$	0	0	0
$\cos A$	1	-1	1

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(t) dt ; \quad a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(t) \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{T}t\right) dt ; \quad b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} f(t) \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{T}t\right) dt$$

Standard Integrals

$y = f(x)$	$\int f(x) dx$
x^n ($n \neq -1$)	$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$
e^{ax}	$\frac{1}{a} e^{ax}$
$\cos x$	$\sin x$
$\sin x$	$-\cos x$
$\cos(ax + b)$	$\frac{1}{a} \sin(ax + b)$
$\sin(ax + b)$	$-\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax + b)$

$$\int x \sin ax dx = -\frac{x \cos ax}{a} + \frac{\sin ax}{a^2}; \quad \int x \cos ax dx = \frac{x \sin ax}{a} + \frac{\cos ax}{a^2}$$