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1. [2360/111721 (20 pts)] Consider the differential equation \( y'' - \frac{2}{t^2} y = -6 \) for \( t \geq 1 \).

   (a) (10 pts) Show that the functions \( y_1 = t^2 \) and \( y_2 = \frac{1}{t} \) form a basis for the solution space of the associated homogeneous problem. Justify your answer completely.

   (b) (10 pts) Find the general solution to the original nonhomogeneous problem.

2. [2360/111721 (16 pts)] A simple, damped pendulum of length \( L > 0 \) rotates/oscillates about a fixed point with damping constant \( \alpha \geq 0 \). Let \( x(t) \) denote the angle of the pendulum at time \( t \) (see figure).

When the amplitude of the oscillation is small and \( g > 0 \) is the acceleration due to gravity, we model the pendulum position by the equation

\[
\ddot{x} + \alpha \frac{L}{x} \dot{x} + \frac{g}{L} x = 0
\]  

(a) (3 pts) What is the pendulum’s circular frequency \( (\omega_0) \) in the absence of damping \( (\alpha = 0) \)?

(b) (7 pts) Suppose the damping, \( \alpha \), has a fixed known value.
   i. (5 pts) Find all values of \( L \) such that the pendulum is underdamped.
   ii. (2 pts) For these value(s) of \( L \) will the pendulum pass through the equilibrium \( (x = 0) \) more than once?

(c) (6 pts) Determine the general solution of equation (1) with \( \alpha = 2 \), \( g = 1 \) and \( L = 2 \).

3. [2360/111721 (18 pts)] The following parts (a) and (b) are not related.

(a) (10 pts) The differential equation \( 2\ddot{x} + bx + kx = F_0 \cos(2\pi t) \) governs the motion of a certain harmonic oscillator.
   i. (5 pts) For what value(s) of \( F_0 \), \( b \) and \( k \), if any, will solutions to the equation grow without bound?
   ii. (5 pts) Let \( k = 0.25 \) and \( F_0 = 0 \). Find all values of \( b \) (if any) that guarantee the solutions to the differential equation pass through the \( t \)-axis at most once.

(b) (8 pts) Convert the initial value problem \( y^{(4)} + 5y'' = -\sin t \), \( y(0) = 2 \), \( y'(0) = y''(0) = y'''(0) = 1 \), to a system of first order differential equations with an appropriate initial condition. Write your final answer using matrices and vectors, if possible.

4. [2360/111721 (24 pts)] The following problems are not related.

(a) (6 pts) If \( \mathcal{L} \{ \cosh bt \} = \frac{s}{s^2 - b^2} \), use the transform table at the end of the exam to find \( \mathcal{L} \{ t \cosh bt \} \).

(b) (6 pts) Compute \( \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s + 5}{s^2 + 4s + 13} \right\} \).

(c) (12 pts) Use Laplace transforms to solve \( y'' + 5y = 0 \), \( y(0) = 7 \), \( y'(0) = 1 \).

MORE PROBLEMS AND LAPLACE TRANSFORM TABLE ON NEXT PAGE / OTHER SIDE
A basis for the solution space of a certain third order homogeneous, constant coefficient linear differential equation $L(y) = 0$ is $\{1, t, e^{-2t}\}$.

(a) (3 pts) Write the characteristic equation.

(b) (3 pts) What is the general solution of the differential equation?

(c) (16 pts) Now consider the nonhomogeneous differential equation $L(y) = f(t)$. For each $f(t)$ below, write down the form of the particular solution you would use to solve the nonhomogeneous equation using the method of undetermined coefficients but do not solve for the coefficients.

i. $f(t) = 2$

ii. $f(t) = 3t^2 - 1$

iii. $f(t) = te^{2t}$

iv. $f(t) = \sin t + \cos 2t + e^t$

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**Short table of Laplace Transforms:**

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s) \equiv \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) \, dt$$

In this table, $a, b, c$ are real numbers with $c \geq 0$, and $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$

\[
\mathcal{L}\left\{t^n e^{at}\right\} = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}} \\
\mathcal{L}\left\{e^{at} \cos bt\right\} = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2} \\
\mathcal{L}\left\{e^{at} \sin bt\right\} = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2} \\
\mathcal{L}\{t^n f(t)\} = (-1)^n \frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n} \\
\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s-a) \\
\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-c)\} = e^{-cs} \\
\mathcal{L}\{tf'(t)\} = -F(s) - s \frac{dF(s)}{ds} \\
\mathcal{L}\{f(t-c)\} = e^{-cs} F(s) \\
\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = e^{-cs} \mathcal{L}\{f(t+c)\} \\
\mathcal{L}\left\{f^{(n)}(t)\right\} = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - s^{n-3} f''(0) - \cdots - f^{(n-1)}(0)\]