In-class review for Sections 7.2–7.5

1 Find the Laplace transform of the solution y to the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \le t \le 7, \\ t & \text{for } t > 7. \end{cases}; \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

Hint: To compute the Laplace transform of the righthand side, you will have to use the definition, i.e., compute the improper integral.



$$\mathscr{L}\{y\} = \frac{2s-7}{(s^2 - 2s + 5)(s-1)}.$$

What is y?

More problems on the back...

3 Find a first-order differential equation for the Laplace transform of the solution y to the initial value problem

$$y'' + ty' + 2y = e^{3t}; \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

Hint: let Y(s) denote the Laplace transform of y. Your answer will include Y(s) and Y'(s).

4 Suppose that

$$\mathscr{L}\{y\} = \frac{s^2 - s + 1}{s^4 - s^3 + s^2 - s}.$$

What is y?