

**MAT201E DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**  
**2011-2012 FALL SEMESTER**  
**WORKSHEET IV**

**Subject:** Series Solutions of Second Order Linear Equations, The Laplace Transform

1. Without actually solving the given differential equation, find a lower bound for the radius of convergence of power series about the ordinary point  $x_0 = 0$ . About the ordinary point  $x_0 = 1$ .

$$(x^2 - 25)y'' + 2xy' + y = 0$$
$$(x^2 - 2x + 10)y'' + xy' - 4y = 0$$

2. Find the first five nonzero terms in the solution of the given differential equation by using power series about the ordinary point  $x_0 = 0$ .

$$(x + 2)y'' + xy' - y = 0$$

3. Determine the singular points of the given differential equations. Classify each singular point regular or irregular.

$$(x^2 + x - 6)y'' + (x + 3)y' + (x - 2)y = 0$$
$$(x^2 - 9)^2y'' + (x + 3)y' + 2y = 0$$

4. Determine the general solution of given differential equation

$$(x - 2)^2y'' + 5(x - 2)y' + 8y = 0$$

5. Find  $\gamma$  so that the solution of the initial value problem

$$x^2y'' - 2y = 0, \quad y(1) = 1, \quad y'(1) = \gamma$$

is bounded as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

6. Show that the given differential equation has a regular singular point at  $x = 0$ . Determine the indicial equation, the recurrence relation, and the roots of the indicial equation. Find the series solution ( $x > 0$ ) corresponding to the larger root. If the roots are unequal and do not differ by an integer, find the series solution corresponding to the smaller root also.

$$x^2y'' + xy' + (x - 2)y = 0$$

7. Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = \cos(at)$ , where  $a$  is a real constant.
8. Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = 10 \cos(t - \frac{\pi}{6})$ .
9. Use Laplace transform to solve the given initial value problems.

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -1$$

$$y^{IV} - 4y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0, \quad y''(0) = -2, \quad y'''(0) = 0$$

10. Find the inverse Laplace transform of  $F(s) = \frac{(s - 2)e^{-s}}{s^2 - 4s + 3}$ .