

Final Exam  
**TMATH-III: APPLIED MATHS FOR PROCESS ENGINEERING**  
Fall 2025

**Points of attention:**

- For each question, the maximum earned points are specified in the question.
- Write clearly! Answers that are not readable are not marked and don't earn marks!
- All answers should be written in English using **blue or black pens** only.
- Use the pencil only for diagrams and graphs.
- Show all the calculation steps in the given space.
- When finished, submit the question paper, together with the answer scripts and the signed cover page to the invigilator.
- Any cheating/copying may result in an instant failing of the examination.

**Exam Duration:** 3 hours  
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**Program:** PE

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**Question 1****[6 marks]**

Three connected tanks contain saline solutions. The amount of salt (in kg) in tank 1, tank 2, and tank 3 at time  $t$  minutes are denoted by  $y_1(t), y_2(t), y_3(t)$  respectively. The mixing and flow process leads to the following system of differential equations:

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = -4y_1 + 2y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = 3y_1 - 5y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_3}{dt} = y_1 + y_2 - 3y_3$$

- (a) Write the system in matrix form  $Y' = AY$  and determine the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ . (4 marks)
- (b) Determine **only one** of the eigenvectors of  $A$ . (2 marks)



**Question 2****[6 marks]**

(a) Determine the Laplace transform of the following function:

(2 mark)

$$\frac{5e^{4t} \cos 3t}{3e^{-2t}}$$

(b) Determine the inverse Laplace transform of the following function:

(4 marks)

$$\frac{3s + 12}{2s^2 + 8s + 16}$$

**Question 3****[7 marks]**

A constant voltage of  $20\text{ V}$  is applied to an RC circuit in which the voltage across the capacitor is denoted by  $v(t)$ . The resistor-capacitor combination produces the following differential equation:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + 4v = 20 + 10e^{-2t}$$

The circuit starts from rest;  $v(0) = 0$ .

Using the Laplace transform method, find  $v(t)$  and then determine the value of the voltage at  $t = 10$  seconds.



**Question 4****[6 marks]**

Let's consider a heat exchanger where we want to model how the outlet temperature (in °C) of a fluid changes with flow rate ( $kg/s$ ). We ran the exchanger at several flow rates  $Q$  ( $kg/s$ ) and recorded outlet temperature  $T_{out}$  (°C).

Flow rate	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Outlet Temperature	100	96	92	88	85	82	79

Over this operating window the relation looks roughly linear, so fits:

$$T_{out} = aQ + b$$

- (a) Using the least square method, determine the constants  $a$  and  $b$ . (5 marks)
- (b) Estimate the outlet temperature when the flow rate is  $11 kg/s$ . (0.5 marks)
- (c) Determine the flow rate when the outlet temperature is  $90^\circ C$ . (0.5 marks)

**Question 5****[4 marks]**

For each of the following sequences  $x[k]$ , find the limit to infinity (if it exists). Then state whether the sequence converges or diverges.

(a)  $x[k] = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)}{2k}$  (2 marks)

(b)  $x[k] = \frac{5k-3k^2-3}{2k^4-4k}$  (2 marks)

**Question 6****[5 marks]**

Determine the first 4 non-zero terms of Taylor series expansion for  $f(x) = (x - \frac{\pi}{6})^2 \cos 2x$  about the point  $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

**Question 7****[6 marks]**

Let

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & -3 < t < 0 \\ 2 & 0 < t < 3 \end{cases}$$

and suppose that  $f(t)$  is periodic with period  $T = 6$ , so that  $f(t + 6) = f(t)$ . Express the function  $f(t)$  as a Fourier series and write down the first four non-zero terms of the series.

**This page is for rough work.**

**Formula sheet**

**Table1. Common functions and their Laplace transform**

Function	Laplace transform	Function	Laplace transform
1	$\frac{1}{s}$	$e^{-at} \sin bt$	$\frac{b}{(s+a)^2 + b^2}$
$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	$e^{-at} \cos bt$	$\frac{s+a}{(s+a)^2 + b^2}$
$e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$	$t \sin bt$	$\frac{2bs}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}$
$e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$	$t \cos bt$	$\frac{s^2 - b^2}{(s^2 + b^2)^2}$
$t^n e^{-at}$	$\frac{n!}{(s+a)^{n+1}}$	$\sinh t$	$\frac{b}{s^2 - b^2}$
$\sin bt$	$\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}$	$\cosh t$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - b^2}$
$\cos bt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}$		

**Table 2. The Laplace transform of derivatives**

$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\}$	$sF(s) - f(0)$
$\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\}$	$s^2F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
$\mathcal{L}\{f'''(t)\}$	$s^3F(s) - s^2f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$

Normal Equations	$a \sum x^2 + b \sum x = \sum xy$	$a \sum x^4 + b \sum x^3 + c \sum x^2 = \sum x^2y$
	$a \sum x + bn = \sum y$	$a \sum x^3 + b \sum x^2 + c \sum x = \sum xy$
		$a \sum x^2 + b \sum x + cn = \sum y$

<b>Fourier series</b>	$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cos \frac{2n\pi t}{T} + b_n \sin \frac{2n\pi t}{T} \right)$
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### MLO and Bloom's Level of Complexity

Q #	MLO Addressed	Complexity Level	Mark	Remark
1	2, 3	Application, Analysis	6	
2	1	Application	6	
3	3, 4	Application, Analysis	7	
4	2,3	Application, Analysis	6	
5	1	Application, Analysis	4	
6	1	Application	5	
7	1	Application	6	

### References:

1. Croft, T. and Davison, R. (2020). Mathematics for Engineers (Fifth Edition). UK: Pearson.
2. Loughborough University Mathematics Learning Support Centre. (n.d.). *HELM Workbooks*. Retrieved October 12, 2025, <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/mlsc/student-resources/helm-workbooks/>