

MATH 251  
Final Examination  
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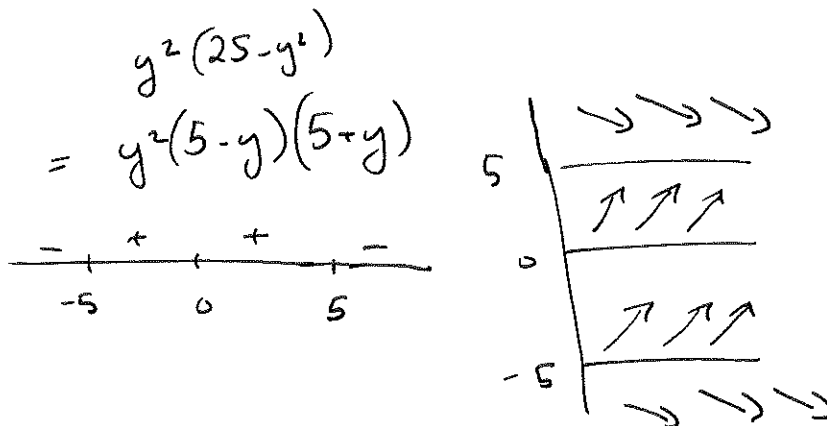
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1. (6 points) Consider the autonomous equation

$$y' = y^2(25 - y^2).$$

Given the initial conditions  $y(2017) = y_0$ , find all possible values of  $y_0$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$ .

- (a)  $y_0 = 0$
- (b)  $-5 < y_0 < 5$
- (c)  $-5 < y_0$
- (d)  $-5 < y_0 \leq 0$



2. (6 points) Consider the initial/boundary value problems below. Which is certain to have a unique solution for every value of  $\alpha$ ?

I  $(t^2 - 9)y'' + 4ty = 0, \quad y(\alpha) = 0, \quad y'(\alpha) = \alpha.$

II  $y'' + 6y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(\alpha) = 0.$

- (a) Neither I nor II.
- (b) I only.
- (c) II only.
- (d) Both I and II.

Handwritten notes for problem 2:

I loses existence/uniqueness at  $\alpha = \pm 3$ ,  
 II loses uniqueness at  $\alpha = \frac{(2n-1)\pi n}{2\sqrt{6}}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

3. (6 points) Which of the equations below is an exact equation whose solution is the function

$$2x^2y^3 + \cos(x) \sin(y) = C?$$

- (a)  $(6x^2y^2 + \sin(x) \sin(y))y' + 4xy^3 - \cos(x) \cos(y) = 0$   
 (b)  $(6x^2y^2 + \cos(x) \cos(y))y' + 4xy^3 - \sin(x) \sin(y) = 0$   
 (c)  $(4xy^3 - \cos(x) \cos(y))y' + 6x^2y^2 + \sin(x) \sin(y) = 0$   
 (d)  $(4xy^3 - \sin(x) \sin(y))y' + 6x^2y^2 + \cos(x) \cos(y) = 0$

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} = 6x^2y^2 + \cos(x) \cos(y) \quad , \quad \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} = 4xy^3 - \sin(x) \sin(y)$$

4. (6 points) Which of the equations below has solutions that converge to a finite but **nonzero** limit as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?

- (a)  $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$   
 (b)  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = t$   
 (c)  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 2 + e^{-t}$   
 (d)  $y'' + 9y = 0$

$$y = C_1 e^{-t} \cos(2t) + C_2 e^{-t} \sin(2t) + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{4} e^{-t}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{2}{5} \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

5. (6 points) Suppose  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  are any two solutions of the second order linear equation

$$(1+t^2)y'' + 4ty' + (1-t)y = 0.$$

Which function below can possibly be their Wronskian,  $W(y_1, y_2)(t)$ ?

(a)  $W(y_1, y_2)(t) = \frac{-5}{(1+t^2)^2}$

as  $W = \left(\frac{5}{1+t^2}\right)^2$

(b)  $W(y_1, y_2)(t) = -4 \arctan(x)$

(c)  $W(y_1, y_2)(t) = 7e^{-2t^2}$

(d)  $W(y_1, y_2)(t) = 2(1+t^2)^2$

$p(t) = \frac{4t}{1+t^2}$ ,  $W = Ce^{-\int p(t) dt}$   
 $= Ce^{-2 \ln(1+t^2)}$

6. (6 points) Find the Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}\{u_6(t)te^{2t-12}\}$ .

(a)  $F(s) = e^{-6s-12} \frac{1}{(s-2)^2}$

$= e^{-6s} \mathcal{L}\{(t+6)e^{2t}\}$

(b)  $F(s) = e^{-6s} \frac{6s-11}{(s-2)^2}$

$= e^{-6s} \left( \frac{6}{s-2} + \frac{1}{(s-2)^2} \right)$

(c)  $F(s) = e^{-6s-12} \frac{6s+13}{(s-2)^2}$

$= e^{-6s} \frac{6s-11}{(s-2)^2}$

(d)  $F(s) = e^{-6s} \frac{1}{(s-2)^2}$

7. (6 points) Consider the following nonlinear system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= xy + 4y \\ y' &= xy + x \end{aligned}$$

Which of the statements below is FALSE?

- (a) The system has exactly 2 critical points.
- (b) One of its critical points is asymptotically stable.
- (c) It has at least 2 unstable critical points.
- (d) One of its critical points is a saddle point.

(0,0) saddle  
~~(-4,-1)~~ nodal sink

8. (6 points) Consider the two linear partial differential equations.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I} \quad & e^t u_{xx} - u_{xt} + 5x^3 u_t = 0 \\ \text{II} \quad & u_{xx} + 6u_{tx} - 3u_{tt} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Use the substitution  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , where  $u(x, t)$  is not the trivial solution, and attempt to separate each equation into two ordinary differential equations. Which statement below is true?

- (a) Neither equation is separable.
- (b) Only I is separable.
- (c) Only II is separable.
- (d) Both equations are separable.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I: } & e^t X''T - X'T' + 5x^3 XT' = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{T'}{T} e^{-t} = \frac{X''}{X' - 5x^3 X} \quad (\text{separable}) \\ \text{II: } & X''T + 6X'T' - 3XT'' = 0 \quad (\text{not separable}) \end{aligned}$$

9. (6 points) Find the steady-state solution,  $v(x)$ , of the heat conduction problem with nonhomogeneous boundary conditions:

$$4u_{xx} = u_t, \quad 0 < x < 2, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) + u_x(0, t) = 5, \quad u(2, t) = 6$$

$$u(x, 0) = 2x + 3$$

- (a)  $v(x) = x + 4$
- (b)  $v(x) = 4x - 2$
- (c)  $v(x) = 2x + 3$
- (d)  $v(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 5$

Handwritten solution for problem 9:

$$v(x) = Ax + B$$

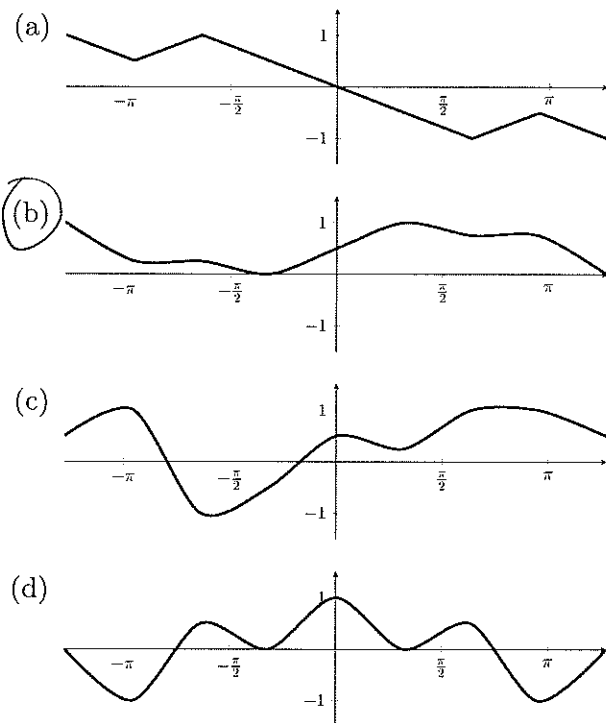
$$v(0) + v'(0) = 5 \Rightarrow A + B = 5$$

$$v(2) = 6 \Rightarrow 2A + B = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1, B = 4.$$

$$v(x) = x + 4$$

10. (6 points) Each graph below shows a single period of a certain periodic function. Which function will have a Fourier series that contains a nonzero constant term but has all other cosine terms being zero?



Handwritten note: Shifted odd function.

11. (12 points) True or false:

(a) Every exact equation can be rewritten into a separable equation.

**False** (every separable equation is exact, but not vice-versa)

(b) If  $\mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = e^{-12s} \frac{s}{s^4 + 2s + 1}$ , then  $y(10) = 0$ .

**True**  
 $y = u_{12}(t) \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^4 + 2s + 1}\right\}(t-12)$   
 $\Rightarrow y(10) = 0 \Leftrightarrow u_{12}(10) = 0$

(c) If  $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 e^{3t} \\ C_2 e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$  is the general solution of the system  $x' = Ax$ . Then the coefficient

matrix must be  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$   
 $\Rightarrow A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\therefore A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

**True**

(d) The Fourier series representing any odd periodic function  $f(x)$  necessarily converges to 0 at  $x = 0$ .

$f(-x) = -f(x) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \right) = 0$   
**True**

(e) Using the formula  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , the boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = 0$  and  $u_x(9, t) = 0$  can be rewritten as  $T(0) = 0$  and  $T'(9) = 0$ .

**False**  
 $X(0)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(0) = 0$   
 $X'(9)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow X'(9) = 0$

(f)  $X(x) = 20$  is an eigenfunction of the 2-point boundary value problem

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X'(0) = 0, \quad X'(1) = 0.$$

**True**  $\lambda = 0$

12. (16 points) Consider the two-point boundary value problem

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X'(0) = 0, \quad X(4) = 0.$$

(a) (12 points) Find all **positive** eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions of the boundary value problem.

$$\lambda = \sigma^2 > 0.$$

$$\underline{3 \text{ pts}} \rightarrow X = C_1 \cos(\sigma x) + C_2 \sin(\sigma x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_2 = 0 \quad \&$$

$$X' = -\sigma C_1 \sin(\sigma x) + \sigma C_2 \cos(\sigma x) \quad C_1 \cos(4\sigma) = 0.$$

So  $4\sigma = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}$  for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$   $\underline{6 \text{ pts}}$  for applying BCs & finding  $\lambda_n$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{8}. \quad \text{So } \lambda_n = \frac{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2}{64}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\underline{3 \text{ pts}} \rightarrow X_n = \cos\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{8}\right), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(b) (4 points) Is  $\lambda = 0$  an eigenvalue of this problem? If yes, find its corresponding eigenfunction. If no, briefly explain why it is not an eigenvalue.

$$\text{No, as } X'' = 0 \Rightarrow X = Ax + B \quad \text{w/ } X'(0) = 0, \quad X(4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 0 \quad \& \quad B = 0.$$

This leaves only the trivial solution.

$\underline{2 \text{ pts}}$  for arriving at the correct conclusion from the evidence they present.

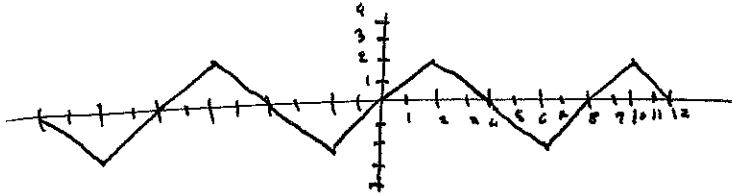
$\underline{2 \text{ pts}}$  for the correct answer.



13. (17 points) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 < x \leq 2, \\ 4 - x & 2 < x < 4. \end{cases}$$

- (a) (4 points) Consider the **odd** periodic extension, of period  $T = 8$ , of  $f(x)$ . Sketch 3 periods, on the interval  $-12 < x < 12$ , of this function.

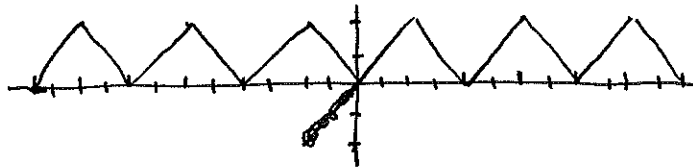


- (b) (2 points) To what value does the Fourier series of this odd periodic extension converge at  $x = -4$ ? At  $x = 23$ ?

$$f(-4) = f(4) = 0$$

$$23 = 24 - 1 \Rightarrow f(23) = f(-1) = -f(1) = -1.$$

- (c) (4 points) Consider the **even** periodic extension, of period  $T = 8$ , of  $f(x)$ . Sketch 3 periods, on the interval  $-12 < x < 12$ , of this function.



- (d) (3 points) Find  $\frac{a_0}{2}$ , the constant term of the Fourier series of the even periodic function described in (c).

$$\frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^4 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} (4)(2) \right) = \frac{1}{4} (4) = 1.$$

- (e) (4 points) Which of the integrals below can be used to find the Fourier cosine coefficients of the even periodic extension in (c)?

1.  $a_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^2 x \cos \frac{n\pi x}{4} dx - \int_2^4 (x-4) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{4} dx \right)$

2.  $a_n = \frac{1}{4} \left( \int_{-4}^{-2} (x-4) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{4} dx + \int_{-2}^2 x \cos \frac{n\pi x}{4} dx - \int_2^4 (x-4) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{4} dx \right)$

3.  $a_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^2 x \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2} dx + \int_2^4 (4-x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2} dx \right)$

4.  $a_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^2 x \sin \frac{n\pi x}{4} dx + \int_2^4 (4-x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{4} dx \right)$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \left( \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^2 x \cos \left( \frac{n\pi x}{4} \right) dx + \int_2^4 (4-x) \cos \left( \frac{n\pi x}{4} \right) dx \right).$$

14. (16 points) Given the heat conduction equation  $\alpha^2 u_{xx} = u_t$ ,  $0 < x < 5$ ,  $t > 0$ , and consider the following initial-boundary value problems

- I.  $u(0, t) = 30, \quad u(5, t) = 30,$   
 $u(x, 0) = 40 - 100 \cos(2\pi x).$   $v(x) = 30$
- II.  $u(0, t) = 30, \quad u(5, t) = 60,$   
 $u(x, 0) = 40 - 100 \cos(2\pi x).$   $v(x) = 30 + 6x$
- III.  $u(0, t) = 60, \quad u(5, t) = 30,$   
 $u(x, 0) = 40 - 100 \cos(2\pi x).$   $v(x) = 60 - 6x$
- IV.  $u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(5, t) = 0,$   
 $u(x, 0) = 40 - 100 \cos(2\pi x).$   $v(x) = 40.$

(a) (3 points) Which problem (I, II, III, or IV) models the temperature distribution of a rod with both ends kept at an identical temperature?

I

(b) (3 points) Which problem (I, II, III, or IV) models the temperature distribution of a rod where the right end is kept at 60 degrees and the left end kept at 30 degrees temperature?

II

(c) (4 points) Let  $u_1(x, t)$ ,  $u_2(x, t)$ ,  $u_3(x, t)$ , and  $u_4(x, t)$  be the solutions of their respective initial-boundary value problems. Consider the temperatures at the point  $x = 2$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  of each solution. Which initial-boundary value problem has the highest limiting temperature?

- (1) I 30
- (2) II 42
- (3) III 48
- (4) IV 40

(d) (2 points) What is the actual value of the highest limiting temperature achieved in part (c)?

48

(e) (4 points) Suppose the initial condition is, instead,  $u(x, 0) = 80 - 40 \cos(10\pi x)$ . Will your answer to part (c) change? Why or why not?

Yes, IV now takes the values  $v(x) = 80$ , which is higher than 48.

15. (13 points) Suppose the temperature distribution function  $u(x, t)$  of a rod is given by the initial-boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} 3u_{xx} &= u_t, & 0 < x < 2\pi, & \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= 0, & u(2\pi, t) &= 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= 25 \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) + 16 \sin(4x) - 9 \sin(5x) \end{aligned}$$

- (a) (9 points) State the general form of its solution. Then find the particular solution of the initial-boundary value problem.

$$(*) \quad u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n e^{-\frac{3n^2\pi^2 t}{4n^2}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2\pi}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n e^{-\frac{3n^2 t}{4}} \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right).$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right)$$

(\*\*\*)  $C_3 = 25$ ,  $C_8 = 16$ ,  $C_{10} = -9$ , all others are zero.

$$\text{Hence, } (†) \quad u(x, t) = 25 e^{-\frac{3(9)t}{4}} \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) + 16 e^{-\frac{3(64)t}{4}} \sin(4x) - 9 e^{-\frac{3(100)t}{4}} \sin(5x)$$

4 pts for general solution (\*)  
3 pts for finding coefficients (\*\*\*)  
2 pts for plugging in (†)

- (b) (2 points) Find  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$ ,  $0 < x < 2\pi$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = 0.$$

- (c) (2 points) Suppose the initial condition was changed to  $u(x, 0) = 10 - x + 20 \cos(2x)$ . What is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$  in this case?

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = 0, \text{ due to boundary conditions.}$$

16. (16 points) Suppose the displacement  $u(x, t)$  of a piece of flexible string is given by the initial-boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} 64u_{xx} &= u_{tt}, & 0 < x < 2, & \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= 0, & u(2, t) &= 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= h(x), \\ u_t(x, 0) &= j(x). \end{aligned}$$

- (a) (2 points) What is the physical meaning of  $h(x)$ ?

~~Initial~~ Initial displacement of the string.

- (b) (2 points) What is the standing waves' speed of propagation along the string?

$$\sqrt{64} = 8$$

- (c) (2 points) TRUE or FALSE:  $u(x, t) = 0$  is a possible solution of this problem.

False

- (d) (4 points) What can you say about the problem's initial conditions given that the problem has general solution

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(4n\pi t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{2} ?$$

- (1)  $h(x) = 0$  and  $j(x) \neq 0$ .  
 (2)  $h(x) \neq 0$  and  $j(x) = 0$ .  
 (3)  $h(x) \neq 0$  and  $j(x) \neq 0$ .

- (e) (4 points) Fill in the blanks: The coefficients of the solution in part (d) above can be found using the integral

$$C_n = \frac{2}{\alpha} \int_{\beta}^{\gamma} F(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{2} dx.$$

$$\alpha = \underline{8\pi n}, \quad \beta = \underline{0}, \quad \gamma = \underline{2},$$

$$F(x) = \underline{j(x)}. \quad (\text{Give } F(x) \text{ in terms of } h(x) \text{ and/or } j(x).)$$

- (f) (2 points) Does  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$  exist? What is it?

No, ~~impossible~~

$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$
1. 1	$\frac{1}{s}$
2. $e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
3. $t^n$ , $n = \text{positive integer}$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
4. $t^p$ , $p > -1$	$\frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{s^{p+1}}$
5. $\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
6. $\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
7. $\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$
8. $\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
9. $e^{at} \sin bt$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
10. $e^{at} \cos bt$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
11. $t^n e^{at}$ , $n = \text{positive integer}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
12. $u_c(t)$	$\frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$
13. $u_c(t)f(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}F(s)$
14. $e^{ct}f(t)$	$F(s-c)$
15. $f(ct)$	$\frac{1}{c}F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right)$
16. $(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(t-\tau)g(\tau) d\tau$	$F(s)G(s)$
17. $\delta(t-c)$	$e^{-cs}$
18. $f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1}f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
19. $(-t)^n f(t)$	$F^{(n)}(s)$

