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The quiz is worth 5 points. Please make your work coherent, complete, and correct. Please **CIRCLE** your answer. Please **CHECK** your answer whenever possible.

The solution will be posted later today.

**No Calculators, computers, smart phones, notes, etc.**

**Quiz 8, April 17, 2018**

Use the method of Laplace transforms to solve the Initial Value Problem

$$x'' + x = \cos 3t, \quad x(0) = 1, \quad x'(0) = 0.$$

Answer:

Let  $X = \mathcal{L}(x)$ . We have  $\mathcal{L}(x') = s\mathcal{L}(x) - x(0) = sX - 1$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(x'') = s\mathcal{L}(x') - x'(0) = s^2X - s$ , and  $\mathcal{L}(\cos 3t) = \frac{s}{s^2+9}$ . Transform the given IVP to

$$s^2X - s + X = \frac{s}{s^2+9}.$$

We solve for  $X$ :

$$(s^2 + 1)X = \frac{s}{s^2 + 9} + s$$
$$X = \frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 9)} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$$

Apply the technique of partial fractions to get

$$X = \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 9} \right] + \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$$
$$X = \frac{1}{8} \left[ 9 \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 9} \right]$$

Apply the inverse Laplace Transform:

$$x = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(X) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{8} \left[ 9 \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 9} \right] \right) = \frac{1}{8} [9 \cos t - \cos 3t].$$

Our answer is

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{8} [9 \cos t - \cos 3t].$$