Engineering Mathematics-II — Exam Prep Master Notes

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Prepared by Khushi. Built from your PYQs, in the order you'll actually use it.

How this document works

You're going to write **Engineering Mathematics-II (BT-205)** soon. I've read both available PYQs (May 2023 and May 2024) and noticed something useful: **the structure is identical, the topics repeat, and roughly 75% of the marks come from a small set of recurring patterns**. This document is built around that fact.

The plan:

1. Look at the **pattern analysis** below — note what comes back every year.
2. Burn the **master cheat sheet** into memory — that alone unlocks Section A and half of Section B.
3. Read each **topic chapter** in probability order. Each one starts with intuition, then gives you the formal version and a worked example.
4. Work through **every single PYQ solution**, with the exact wording to reproduce in the answer book.
5. Glance at the **back matter** the morning of the exam.

Pattern analysis — what repeats across years

#	Topic	May 2023	May 2024	Weight (marks)	Probability
1	Higher-order ODE (constant coeff)	Q1	Q1	4	Near-certain
2	Laplace transform (direct)	Q2	Q2	4	Near-certain
3	Convergence: define + tests	Q3, Q8, Q13	Q3, Q8	36	Near-certain
4	Cauchy–Riemann + analyticity	Q4, Q14	Q4, Q13	32	Near-certain
5	Contour integration	Q5, Q12	Q5, Q12	32	Near-certain
6	Cauchy–Euler equation	Q6	Q6	18	Near-certain
7	Inverse Laplace (partial fractions)	Q7	Q7	18	Near-certain
8	Inverse Laplace via convolution / IVP	Q11	Q10	28	Near-certain
9	Fourier sine / cosine half-range	Q10	Q11	28	Near-certain
10	Variation of parameters	Q9	—	14	High
11	System of ODEs via Laplace	—	Q9	14	High
12	Power series radius of convergence	—	Q14	14	High

The “must-prep” list (appears in BOTH papers)

These nine topics give you almost every mark. If time is tight, **everything else is optional**:

1. Linear ODE with constant coefficients (homogeneous form)
2. Laplace transform of standard functions
3. Inverse Laplace by partial fractions
4. Cauchy–Euler equation
5. Convergence tests for positive-term series
6. Cauchy–Riemann equations + checking analyticity at $z = 0$
7. Contour integration (Cauchy’s integral formula + residues)
8. Fourier half-range expansion of a piecewise function
9. Convolution theorem (for inverse Laplace and IVPs)

Target score breakdown (aim: 60/70 ≈ 85%)

Section	What’s there	Attempt	Target marks	Time
A (compulsory)	5 very short Q’s × 2 marks	all 5	9 / 10	25 min
B (choice 2/3)	3 short Q’s × 9 marks	best 2	16 / 18	50 min
C (choice 3/6)	6 descriptive Q’s × 14 marks	best 3	36 / 42	95 min
Buffer / review	—	—	—	10 min
Total			**61 / 70**	**180 min**

Time-management plan during the actual exam

Time mark	What to do
0–5 min	Read the whole paper. **Star** the 3 Section-C questions you want before writing anything.
5–30 min	Section A — knock out all 5 quickly. Don’t overthink 2-mark questions.
30–80 min	Section B — pick the 2 you’re most comfortable with. Show all steps.
80–170 min	Section C — your 3 starred questions. Roughly 30 minutes each.
170–180 min	Review numerical answers, check for missing “+C”, check signs in CR equations.

Section-C ordering tip: in Section C, write your **strongest** answer first. Examiners often skim the first answer to set your “tone.” Your best work on top.

Master Cheat Sheet — Memorize Cold

A. Laplace transform table (the 10 you can't live without)

$f(t)$	$L\{f(t)\} = F(s)$	Region
1	$1/s$	$s > 0$
t^n $(n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots)$	$n!/s^{n+1}$	$s > 0$
e^{at}	$1/(s-a)$	$s > a$
$\sin at$	$a/(s^2+a^2)$	$s > 0$
$\cos at$	$s/(s^2+a^2)$	$s > 0$
$\sinh at$	$a/(s^2-a^2)$	$s > \|a\|$
$\cosh at$	$s/(s^2-a^2)$	$s > \|a\|$
$u(t-a)$ (unit step)	e^{-as}/s	$s > 0$
$\delta(t-a)$	e^{-as}	all s
$t \cdot f(t)$	$-F'(s)$	—

B. Laplace transform properties (the 6 power moves)

Property	Formula
Linearity	$L\{af + bg\} = aF(s) + bG(s)$
First shifting (s-shift)	$L\{e^{at} f(t)\} = F(s-a)$
Second shifting (t-shift)	$L\{u(t-a) f(t-a)\} = e^{-as} F(s)$
Derivative of f	$L\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$
Second derivative	$L\{f''(t)\} = s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
Convolution	$L\{(f * g)(t)\} = F(s) \cdot G(s)$

C. Convergence tests (one-line summary)

Test	When to use	Conclusion
nth-term test	always check first	If $a_n \not\to 0$, **divergent**. (Doesn't prove convergence.)
Comparison test	$0 \le a_n \le b_n$	$\sum b_n$ converges $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges
Limit comparison	$\lim a_n/b_n = L,\ 0 < L < \infty$	Both behave the same way
Ratio (D'Alembert)	factorials, exponentials	$L = \lim \|a_{n+1}/a_n\|$: $L < 1$ conv, $L > 1$ div
Root (Cauchy)	nth power terms	$L = \lim (a_n)^{1/n}$: $L < 1$ conv, $L > 1$ div
p-series	benchmark	$\sum 1/n^p$ converges iff $p > 1$
Telescoping	partial fractions visible	Sum collapses; check the limit

D. Cauchy–Riemann (the analyticity passport)

For $f(z) = u(x,y) + i\,v(x,y)$:

Cartesian form:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \qquad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Polar form (with $z = re^{i\theta}$, $f = u + iv$):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}, \qquad \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}$$

Derivative when analytic: $f'(z) = u_x + iv_x = v_y - iu_y$.

Subtle rule: CR being satisfied at a single point only tells you f is **differentiable** at that point. For analyticity you need CR plus continuity of partials in a **whole neighbourhood**.

E. Cauchy's integral formula

If f is analytic inside and on a simple closed curve C, and a is inside C:

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z-a}\,dz, \qquad f^{(n)}(a) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i}\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}}\,dz$$

Rearranged for computation:

$$\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z-a}\,dz = 2\pi i \cdot f(a), \qquad \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}}\,dz = \frac{2\pi i}{n!}\,f^{(n)}(a)$$

F. Residue theorem

If f is analytic inside and on C except at finitely many singularities $z_1, \ldots, z_k$ inside C:

$$\oint_C f(z)\,dz = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^{k} \mathrm{Res}(f, z_j)$$

Residue at a simple pole $z = a$ (where $f = g(z)/(z-a)$, g analytic at a):

$$\mathrm{Res}(f,a) = \lim_{z\to a}(z-a)f(z) = g(a)$$

Residue at a pole of order m**:**

$$\mathrm{Res}(f,a) = \frac{1}{(m-1)!}\lim_{z\to a}\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}}\Big[(z-a)^m f(z)\Big]$$

G. Fourier series — the four forms

For $f(x)$ on $(-L, L)$ — **full Fourier**:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left[a_n \cos\frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right]$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L}\int_{-L}^{L} f\,dx, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{L}\int_{-L}^{L} f \cos\frac{n\pi x}{L}dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L}\int_{-L}^{L} f \sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}dx$$

For $f(x)$ on $(0, L)$ — **half-range cosine** (even extension):

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\frac{n\pi x}{L}, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f(x)\cos\frac{n\pi x}{L}\,dx$$

For $f(x)$ on $(0, L)$ — **half-range sine** (odd extension):

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}, \quad b_n = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f(x)\sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}\,dx$$

H. ODE quick recipes

ODE form	Recipe
$(D^2 + aD + b)y = 0$	Aux. eqn $m^2 + am + b = 0$; CF from roots
Distinct real roots m_1, m_2	$y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$
Repeated root m	$y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{mx}$
Complex $\alpha \pm i\beta$	$y = e^{\alpha x}(c_1 \cos\beta x + c_2 \sin\beta x)$
Cauchy–Euler $ax^2y'' + bxy' + cy = R(x)$	Sub $x = e^t$, $D = d/dt$: becomes constant-coeff
PI for $R = e^{ax}$	$\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax} = \frac{e^{ax}}{f(a)}$ if $f(a) \neq 0$
PI for $R = \sin ax / \cos ax$	Replace $D^2 \to -a^2$ in $1/f(D)$
PI for $R = x^n$	Expand $1/f(D)$ as binomial series in D
Variation of parameters	$y_p = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 R}{W}dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 R}{W}dx$

I. The 30-second formula recall card

- $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$ and $L\{t^n\} = \Gamma(n+1)/s^{n+1}$
- Convolution: $(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau)\,d\tau$
- Euler's formula: $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$
- $|z|^2 = z\bar{z} = x^2 + y^2$
- $\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)]$ (handy in Q11)
- Wronskian of y_1, y_2: $W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$

Part C — Topic-by-Topic Teaching

The topics below are ordered roughly by probability. Read in order; each is self-contained.

Topic 1 — Linear ODE with constant coefficients (the "auxiliary equation" game)

The Idea

You see something like $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$. The whole trick is: **assume the answer is an exponential**, $y = e^{mx}$. Plug it in. The derivatives just spit out powers of m, and you get a polynomial equation in m. Solve that polynomial — those roots are your "frequencies." Each root gives you one piece of the answer, and you glue them together with arbitrary constants.

That's it. The whole "auxiliary equation" thing is just: derivative becomes multiplication by m.

Formal version

For the linear ODE with constant coefficients

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0,$$

the **auxiliary (characteristic) equation** is

$$a_n m^n + a_{n-1} m^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 m + a_0 = 0.$$

Depending on the nature of its roots, the **complementary function (CF)** is:

Roots of aux. eqn	CF
Distinct real m_1, m_2	$c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$
Real, repeated m (twice)	$(c_1 + c_2 x)e^{mx}$
Real, repeated m (k times)	$(c_1 + c_2 x + \cdots + c_k x^{k-1})e^{mx}$
Complex $\alpha \pm i\beta$	$e^{\alpha x}(c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$

For a **non-homogeneous** equation $L[y] = R(x)$, the general solution is $y = \text{CF} + \text{PI}$ where the **Particular Integral (PI)** depends on $R(x)$.

Diagram

Worked example

Solve $\dfrac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

Auxiliary equation: $m^2 + 4m = 0 \Rightarrow m(m+4) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 0,\ -4.$

Distinct real roots, so $y = c_1 e^{0 \cdot x} + c_2 e^{-4x} = c_1 + c_2 e^{-4x}$.

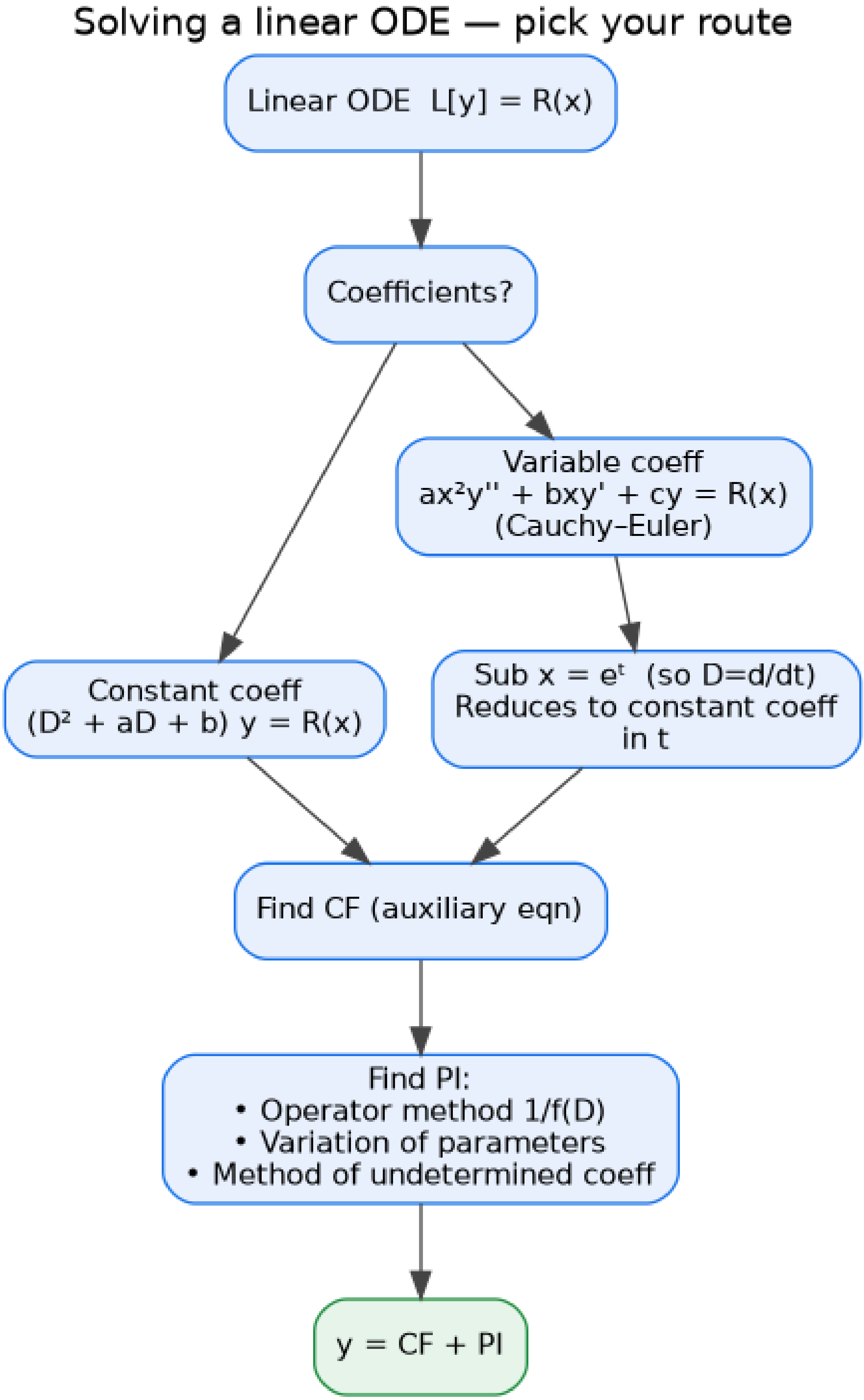

Figure 1: Solving a linear ODE — pick your route

Common traps

- **Forgetting the second constant** when one root is zero. $m = 0$ still gives a piece — it's just $e^{0\cdot x} = 1$, hence c_1.
- **Repeated roots** — students often write $c_1 e^{mx} + c_2 e^{mx} = (c_1 + c_2)e^{mx}$, which is one constant, not two. The correct second term needs an extra x.
- For complex roots, **forget the** $e^{\alpha x}$ **envelope** when $\alpha \neq 0$. The real part of the root determines the exponential factor.

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q1** (Sec A): $y'' + 4y' = 0$.
- **2024 Q1** (Sec A): $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$.

Topic 2 — Laplace transform of standard functions

The Idea

The Laplace transform takes a function of time and turns it into a function of a new variable s. Why bother? Because **derivatives in t become multiplications in s**, and that turns ODEs into algebra. It's the Math-II version of taking a logarithm before multiplying: convert, simplify, convert back.

Formal version

$$L\{f(t)\} = F(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t)\, dt,$$

provided the integral converges (typically for s larger than some critical value depending on f's growth rate).

Standard transforms (the ones to memorize)

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
1	$1/s$
t^n	$n!/s^{n+1}$
e^{at}	$1/(s-a)$
$\sin at$	$a/(s^2+a^2)$
$\cos at$	$s/(s^2+a^2)$
Unit step $u(t)$	$1/s$
Shifted unit step $u(t-a)$	e^{-as}/s
Dirac delta $\delta(t-a)$	e^{-as}

Worked example 1 — unit step

The **unit step function** is defined as $u(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$ and $u(t) = 1$ for $t \geq 0$. Then

$$L\{u(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \cdot 1\, dt = \left[-\frac{e^{-st}}{s}\right]_0^\infty = \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0.$$

Worked example 2 — exponential with shift

Find $L\{e^{-2t+5}\}$.

Pull out the constant: $e^{-2t+5} = e^5 \cdot e^{-2t}$.

So $L\{e^{-2t+5}\} = e^5 \cdot L\{e^{-2t}\} = \dfrac{e^5}{s+2}, \quad s > -2.$

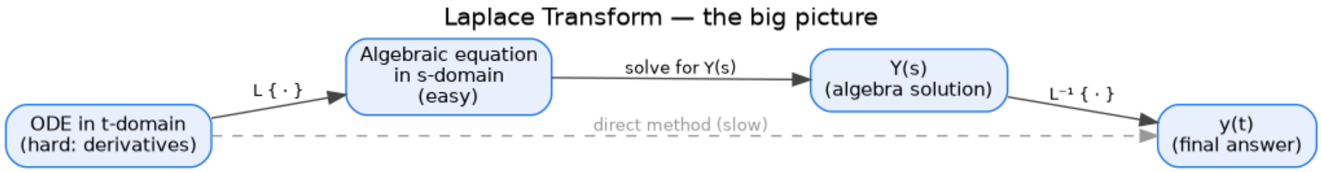

Figure 2: Laplace transform — the big picture

Diagram

Common traps

- **Mixing up signs** in $L\{e^{at}\} = 1/(s-a)$. If a is negative, like e^{-2t}, you get $1/(s+2)$ — always check.
- **Forgetting the convergence condition**: writing $L\{e^{at}\} = 1/(s-a)$ without noting $s > a$ can cost a mark.
- **Splitting constants**: when you see e^{at+b}, factor out e^b first.

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q2** (Sec A): Laplace of unit step.
- **2024 Q2** (Sec A): Laplace of e^{-2t+5}.

Topic 3 — Convergence of series (define + tests)

The Idea

A **series** is what you get when you add infinitely many numbers. Sometimes that "sum" exists as a real number (the partial sums settle down) — we say the series **converges**. Sometimes the partial sums blow up to infinity or wander forever — that's **divergent**.

There's no single trick that works for every series. You learn a small toolkit (ratio, root, comparison, telescoping, p-series) and you pick the one that fits the shape of a_n.

Formal definitions

A **sequence** $\{a_n\}$ is an ordered list of real numbers indexed by $n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$.

A **series** is the formal sum $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. Define the **partial sum** $S_N = \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n$. The series **converges** to S if $\lim_{N\to\infty} S_N = S$ (a finite real number); otherwise it **diverges**.

Diagram

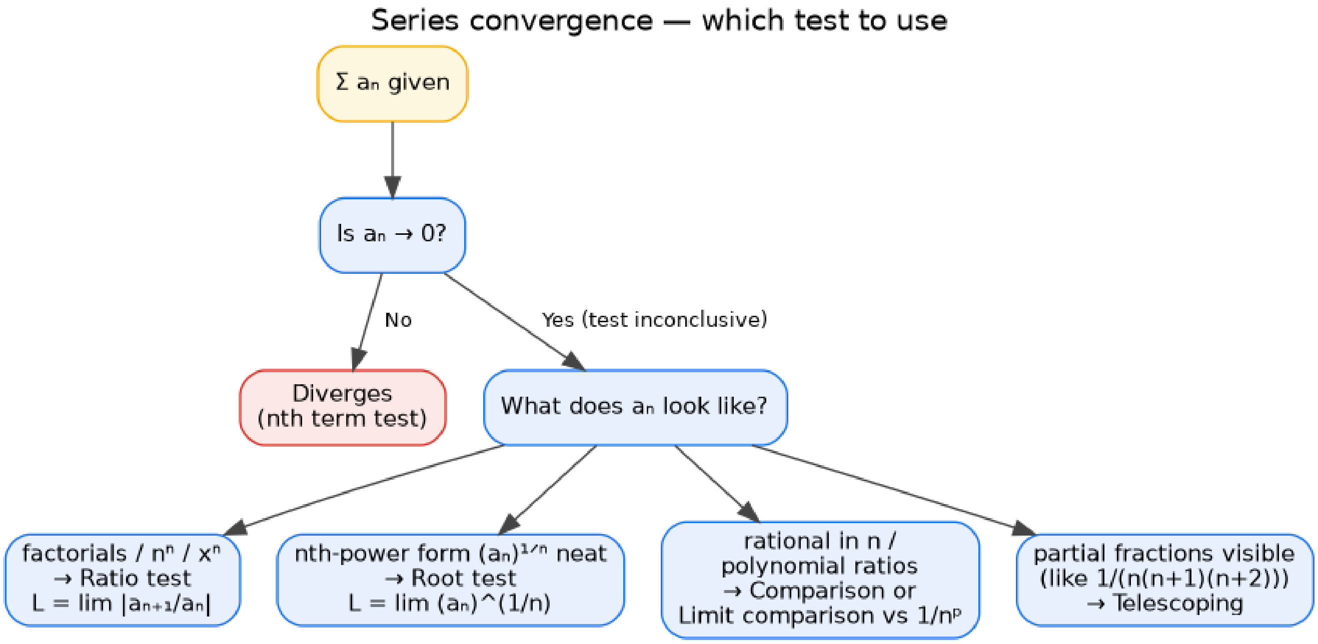

Figure 3: Series convergence — which test to use

Tool 1 — Ratio test (D'Alembert)

If $L = \lim_{n\to\infty} \left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right|$ exists, then:

- $L < 1$: $\sum a_n$ converges (absolutely).
- $L > 1$: diverges.
- $L = 1$: inconclusive (try another test).

Use it for: factorials, n^n in denominator, x^n (gives radius of convergence).

Tool 2 — Root test (Cauchy)

If $L = \lim\limits_{n\to\infty} (a_n)^{1/n}$ exists, then same rules as ratio. **Use it for:** terms that look naturally like nth powers.

Tool 3 — Comparison test

If $0 \le a_n \le b_n$: - $\sum b_n$ converges ⇒ $\sum a_n$ converges - $\sum a_n$ diverges ⇒ $\sum b_n$ diverges

Limit comparison: if lim $a_n/b_n = L$ with $0 < L < \infty$, then $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ converge or diverge together.

Tool 4 — p-series benchmark

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dfrac{1}{n^p}$ converges if and only if $p > 1$.

Tool 5 — Telescoping (clever partial-fraction trick)

If $a_n = b_n - b_{n+1}$, then $S_N = b_1 - b_{N+1}$, and convergence reduces to lim b_{N+1}.

Used heavily for terms like $\dfrac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)}$: decompose into partial fractions like $\dfrac{1}{2n} - \dfrac{1}{n+1} + \dfrac{1}{2(n+2)}$ and watch most terms cancel.

Common traps

- Using the ratio test on $\sum 1/n^p$ — you get $L = 1$, totally wasted effort. Use p-test directly.
- Forgetting that $a_n \to 0$ **doesn’t guarantee convergence** (e.g. harmonic series $\sum 1/n$ diverges although $1/n \to 0$).
- Using the ratio test on series without enough structure — sometimes the limit is messy and comparison is much faster.

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q3** (Sec A): define convergence of a series.
- **2023 Q8** (Sec B): $\sum (n^3 + a)/(2^n + a)$ — ratio test, geometric-like behavior.
- **2023 Q13** (Sec C): $\sum 1/(n(n+1)(n+2))$ in the form shown — telescoping.
- **2024 Q3** (Sec A): define sequence with example.
- **2024 Q8** (Sec B): $\sum (\ln 2^n)/n^n = \sum (n \ln 2)/n^n$ — root test.
- **2024 Q14** (Sec C): power series $\sum \sqrt{n}/\sqrt{n^2+1} \cdot x^n$ — ratio test for radius of convergence.

Topic 4 — Cauchy–Riemann equations and analyticity

The Idea

In real calculus, “differentiable” is easy: a smooth curve with a tangent line. In complex calculus, the same word is **much** stricter. Because you can approach a complex point z_0 from infinitely many directions, requiring the limit $\lim_{z\to z_0}[f(z)-f(z_0)]/(z-z_0)$ to exist forces a hidden compatibility condition between the real part u and the imaginary part v of f.

That compatibility condition is the **Cauchy–Riemann equations**.

> **Mental model:** in real analysis, the gradient can point any way; in complex analysis, the gradient must respect a perfect 90° rotational symmetry between u and v. If it does, the function is “rigid enough” to deserve the title *analytic*.

Formal version (Cartesian form)

Let $f(z) = u(x,y) + i\,v(x,y)$ where $z = x+iy$. The **Cauchy–Riemann equations** are

$$\boxed{u_x = v_y, \qquad u_y = -v_x}$$

Necessary condition: if f is differentiable at z_0, the CR equations hold at z_0.

Sufficient condition: if u, v have continuous first partials in a neighborhood of z_0 **and** the CR equations hold throughout that neighborhood, then f is differentiable in the neighborhood — i.e., f is **analytic** at z_0.

When f is analytic, the derivative is

$$f'(z) = u_x + iv_x = v_y - iu_y.$$

Polar form

With $z = re^{i\theta}$, $f = u(r,\theta) + iv(r,\theta)$:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}, \qquad \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}.$$

Diagram

The most important subtlety (asked in BOTH papers!)

> **CR at a single isolated point ≠ analyticity at that point.**

It’s possible to construct an $f(z)$ where CR equations hold **only at** $z=0$ but f is **not analytic** at $z=0$ — because no neighborhood of $z=0$ satisfies CR. Examiners love this — it’s exactly the kind of “subtle distinction” question that comes back every year.

The example that gets reused: $f(z) = |z|^2$.

Why: $u = x^2+y^2$, $v = 0$. So $u_x = 2x$, $u_y = 2y$, $v_x = 0$, $v_y = 0$. CR equations $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$ become $2x = 0$ and $2y = 0$. Both true only at $x = y = 0$. So f is differentiable only at $z = 0$ but **not analytic anywhere** (analyticity requires a neighborhood).

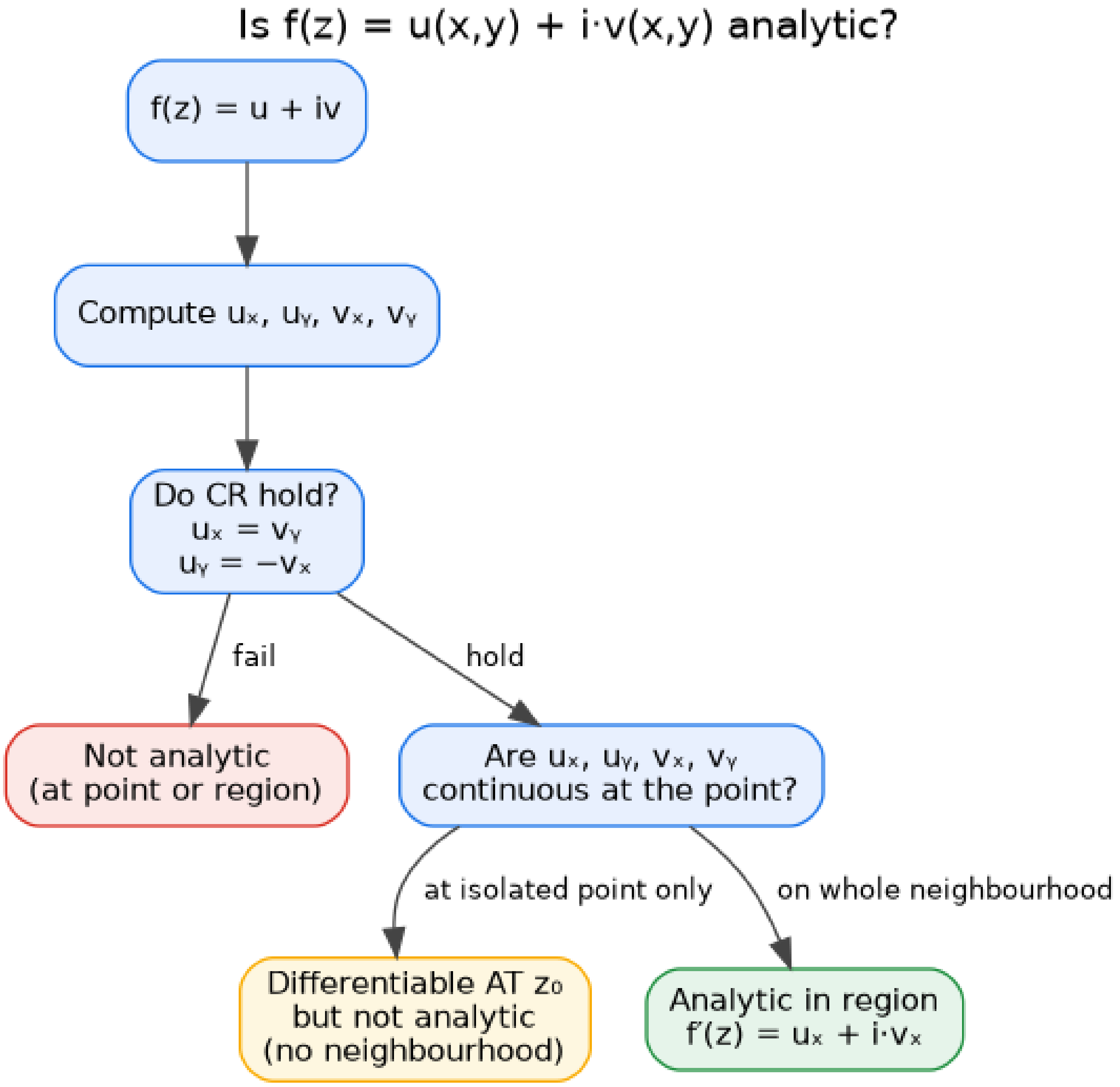

Figure 4: CR + analyticity — flowchart

Common traps

- Forgetting the **minus sign** on $u_y = -v_x$.
- Claiming a function is analytic because CR holds at one point — that's only enough for differentiability at that point.
- Confusing "differentiable" with "analytic." Differentiable at a point can be a one-off; analytic means differentiable in an open neighborhood.

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q4** (Sec A): example of a nowhere analytic function.
- **2023 Q14** (Sec C): prove $f(z) = |z|^2$ differentiable at $z = 0$ but not analytic there.
- **2024 Q4** (Sec A): write CR in polar form.
- **2024 Q13** (Sec C): show a piecewise $f(z)$ satisfies CR at $z = 0$ but $f'(0)$ doesn't exist.

Topic 5 — Contour integration (Cauchy's integral formula and residues)

The Idea

You want to integrate a complex function around a closed loop C in the complex plane. The miracle is: the integral depends **only on what happens at the singularities inside** C. Everything else cancels.

Two big results capture this:

1. **Cauchy's integral formula** (when there's one trouble spot inside, of the form $1/(z-a)^n$):

$$\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z-a}\,dz = 2\pi i \cdot f(a)$$

2. **Residue theorem** (when there are several singularities):

$$\oint_C g(z)\,dz = 2\pi i \cdot \sum \text{Residues inside}$$

So contour integration reduces to **find the bad points, compute residues, multiply by** $2\pi i$.

Diagram

Formal toolkit

Cauchy–Goursat theorem. If f is analytic inside and on a simple closed contour C, then $\oint_C f(z)\,dz = 0$.

Cauchy's integral formula. If f is analytic inside and on C, and a is inside C:

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z-a}\,dz, \qquad f^{(n)}(a) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i}\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}}\,dz.$$

Residue at a simple pole $z=a$ of $f(z) = g(z)/(z-a)$, g analytic at a:

$$\text{Res}(f,a) = g(a) = \lim_{z\to a}(z-a)f(z).$$

Residue at pole of order m:

$$\text{Res}(f,a) = \frac{1}{(m-1)!}\lim_{z\to a}\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}}\big[(z-a)^m f(z)\big].$$

Quick worked example

Evaluate $\oint_{|z|=2} \dfrac{1}{z-1}\,dz$.

> $z=1$ lies inside $|z|=2$. With $f(z)=1$ in Cauchy's formula: $\oint = 2\pi i \cdot f(1) = 2\pi i$.

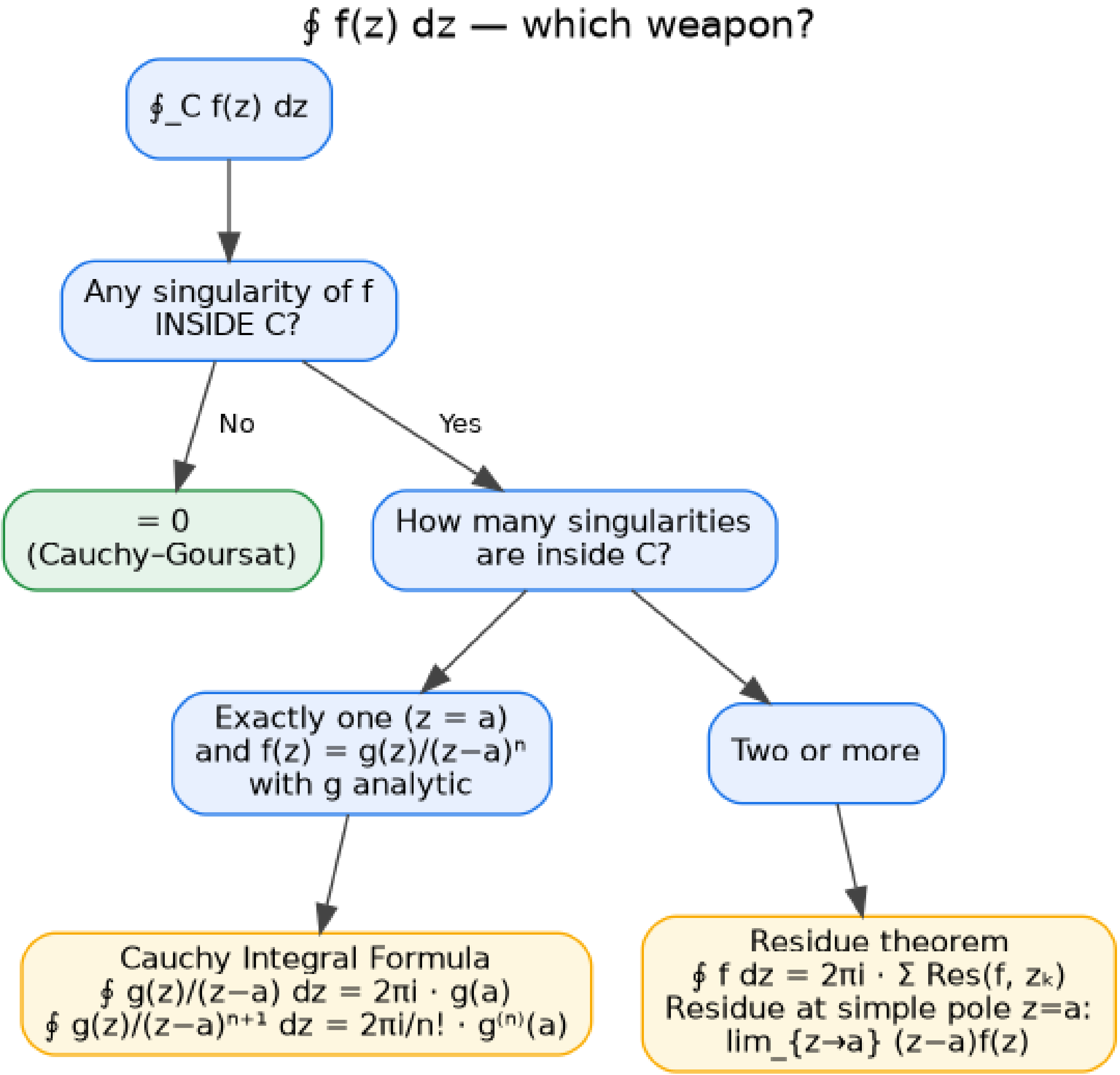

Figure 5: Contour integration — pick your weapon

Decision logic in 30 seconds

1. **Locate every singularity** of the integrand.
2. Check which lie **inside** the contour.
3. If **none** inside → answer is 0 (Cauchy–Goursat).
4. If exactly one, of the form $g(z)/(z-a)^{n+1}$ with g analytic → Cauchy's formula.
5. If multiple → residue theorem.

Common traps

- **Singularities outside C are irrelevant.** Don't waste time on residues at points outside the contour.
- The "denominator factors that don't matter" trap: if $(z+5)$ is a factor in the denominator but $z=-5$ is outside C, it doesn't contribute.
- Forgetting the factor of $1/(m-1)!$ for higher-order poles.
- Mixing up 2π vs $2\pi i$ — it's always $2\pi i$ in complex contour integrals (real integrals along the unit circle from contour reduction may give just 2π).

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q5** (Sec A): $\int_{|z|=1} z^2\,dz$ — z^2 analytic everywhere, so integral is 0.
- **2023 Q12** (Sec C): $\oint_C e^z/[(z+3)(z+2)]\,dz$ where $|z|=1$ — both singularities at $z=-2,-3$ are outside.
- **2024 Q5** (Sec A): write Cauchy's integral formula for derivative.
- **2024 Q12** (Sec C): $\oint_C dz/[z(z+2)]$ over a rectangle containing both $z=0$ and $z=-2$ — residue theorem with two simple poles.

Topic 6 — Cauchy–Euler (equidimensional) equation

The Idea

A linear ODE with constant coefficients is easy because of exponentials. But what if your equation is $x^2y'' + 3xy' - 3y = x^3$ — where the coefficients are powers of x instead of constants? Notice the **dimensional symmetry**: each term has x^k times $y^{(k)}$. That suggests a substitution that "absorbs" the x's.

The substitution $x = e^t$ converts $\frac{d}{dx}$ into a nice operator in t, and the equation magically becomes a **constant-coefficient ODE in** t. Solve that, then convert back via $t = \ln x$.

Formal version

The **Cauchy–Euler equation** has the form

$$a_n x^n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + a_1 xy' + a_0 y = R(x).$$

Substitute $x = e^t$ (so $t = \ln x$). Then with $D = d/dt$:

$$xy' = Dy, \qquad x^2y'' = D(D-1)y, \qquad x^3y''' = D(D-1)(D-2)y, \ldots$$

This converts everything to a linear ODE in t with **constant coefficients**.

Standard substitution table

Original term	Becomes (with $D = d/dt$)
y	y
$x\frac{dy}{dx}$	Dy
$x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	$D(D-1)y$
$x^3\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$	$D(D-1)(D-2)y$

Worked example

Solve $x^2y'' - 5xy' + 13y = 30x^2$ (from 2024 Q6, full solution later).

Sub $x = e^t$. Then $x^2y'' = D(D-1)y$ and $xy' = Dy$.

Equation becomes $[D(D-1)-5D+13]y = 30e^{2t}$, i.e., $(D^2-6D+13)y = 30e^{2t}$.

Aux. eqn $m^2 - 6m + 13 = 0$, discriminant $36 - 52 = -16$, $m = 3 \pm 2i$.

CF: $y_c = e^{3t}(c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t) = x^3[c_1 \cos(2\ln x) + c_2 \sin(2\ln x)]$.

PI: $\left.\dfrac{30e^{2t}}{D^2 - 6D + 13}\right|_{D=2} = \dfrac{30e^{2t}}{4 - 12 + 13} = \dfrac{30e^{2t}}{5} = 6e^{2t} = 6x^2$.

General solution: $y = x^3[c_1 \cos(2\ln x) + c_2 \sin(2\ln x)] + 6x^2$.

Common traps

- Forgetting that x^2y'' does **NOT** become D^2y; it becomes $D(D-1)y = (D^2-D)y$.
- Forgetting to substitute back $t = \ln x$ in the **final** answer.
- For $R(x) = x^k$, the right substitution in operator method is $D \to k$ (the exponent), because $x^k = e^{kt}$.

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q6** (Sec B): $2x^2y'' + 3xy' - 3y = x^3$.
- **2024 Q6** (Sec B): $x^2y'' - 5xy' + 13y = 30x^2$.

Topic 7 — Inverse Laplace transform (partial fractions + shifting)

The Idea

You've solved your ODE in s-space and have something like $Y(s) = \dfrac{1}{s^2(s^2+4)}$. To get back $y(t)$, you need the **inverse Laplace transform** $L^{-1}\{Y(s)\}$.

There's no "general formula" you compute. Instead, you **break** $Y(s)$ **into simple pieces** whose inverses you know from the table. The breakup is just partial fractions.

If the table doesn't directly cover what you have (like a shifted variable, or a product), you use **shifting** (e^{at} factor) or **convolution** (product becomes integral).

Diagram

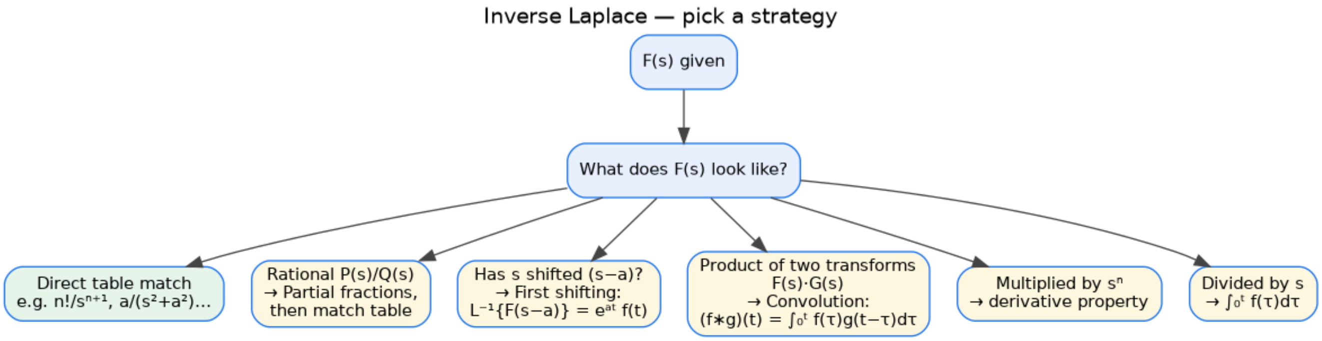

Figure 6: Inverse Laplace — strategy decision

Toolkit

Linearity: $L^{-1}\{aF+bG\} = aL^{-1}\{F\} + bL^{-1}\{G\}$.

Partial fractions: decompose $P(s)/Q(s)$ where deg $P <$ deg Q. Cover-up rule speeds it up.

First shifting (frequency shift):

$$L^{-1}\{F(s-a)\} = e^{at}L^{-1}\{F(s)\} = e^{at}f(t).$$

Convolution: $L^{-1}\{F(s)G(s)\} = (f*g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau)\,d\tau$.

Worked example

Find $L^{-1}\left\{\dfrac{1}{s^2+5s}\right\}$ (2024 Q7).

Factor denominator: $s^2+5s = s(s+5)$.

Partial fractions: $\dfrac{1}{s(s+5)} = \dfrac{A}{s} + \dfrac{B}{s+5}$.

Multiply through: $1 = A(s+5) + Bs$. Set $s = 0$: $A = 1/5$. Set $s = -5$: $B = -1/5$.

So $\dfrac{1}{s^2+5s} = \dfrac{1/5}{s} - \dfrac{1/5}{s+5}$.

Inverse: $L^{-1} = \dfrac{1}{5} - \dfrac{1}{5}e^{-5t} = \dfrac{1}{5}(1 - e^{-5t})$.

Common traps

- **Forgetting to factor first.** Many students try to invert a rational expression directly; partial fractions first is almost always the way.
- **Sign errors in the shifted term.** $L^{-1}\{1/(s+a)\} = e^{-at}$, NOT e^{at}.
- **Mixing** sin **and** sinh**.** $L^{-1}\{a/(s^2+a^2)\} = \sin at$, but $L^{-1}\{a/(s^2-a^2)\} = \sinh at$. Pay attention to the sign in front of a^2.

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q7** (Sec B): $L^{-1}\{1/[s^2(s^2+4)]\}$.
- **2024 Q7** (Sec B): $L^{-1}\{1/(s^2+5s)\}$.
- **2024 Q10** (Sec C): $L^{-1}\{1/(s^2+a^2)^2\}$ — by convolution (see Topic 8).

Topic 8 — Convolution theorem and Laplace-based IVPs

The Idea

Sometimes inverse Laplace has the form $F(s)G(s)$ — a product of two transforms. The convolution theorem says: this corresponds to **convolving** $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ in the time domain:

$$L^{-1}\{F(s)\,G(s)\} = (f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)\,g(t-\tau)\,d\tau.$$

This is essential for two scenarios:

1. The transform you want to invert is a **product** that doesn't decompose nicely (e.g. $1/(s^2+a^2)^2$).
2. You're solving an **IVP** with a forcing function whose transform is messy.

Formal version

If $L\{f\} = F$ and $L\{g\} = G$, then

$$(f * g)(t) := \int_0^t f(\tau)\,g(t-\tau)\,d\tau, \qquad L\{(f * g)(t)\} = F(s)\,G(s).$$

The convolution is **commutative**: $f * g = g * f$.

Worked example — convolution for an IVP

Solve $y'' + 9y = \sin 3t$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$ (2023 Q11).

Take Laplace of both sides. Let $Y = L\{y\}$.

$L\{y''\} = s^2Y - sy(0) - y'(0) = s^2Y$ (since both initial values are 0).

So $s^2Y + 9Y = L\{\sin 3t\} = 3/(s^2+9)$, giving $(s^2+9)Y = 3/(s^2+9)$, i.e., $Y(s) = 3/(s^2+9)^2$.

Now write $Y = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{s^2+9} \cdot \frac{3}{s^2+9}$. Each factor is $L\{\sin 3t\}$.

By convolution:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{3}\int_0^t \sin 3\tau \sin 3(t-\tau)\,d\tau.$$

Use the product-to-sum identity $\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)]$:

$$\sin 3\tau \sin 3(t-\tau) = \frac{1}{2}\Big[\cos(6\tau - 3t) - \cos 3t\Big].$$

Integrate:

$$\int_0^t \frac{1}{2}\cos(6\tau - 3t)\,d\tau = \frac{1}{12}\Big[\sin(6\tau - 3t)\Big]_0^t = \frac{1}{12}[\sin 3t - \sin(-3t)] = \frac{\sin 3t}{6}.$$

$$\int_0^t \frac{1}{2}\cos 3t \, d\tau = \frac{t\cos 3t}{2}.$$

So $\int_0^t \sin 3\tau \sin 3(t-\tau)\, d\tau = \dfrac{\sin 3t}{6} - \dfrac{t\cos 3t}{2}$.

Final: $y(t) = \dfrac{1}{3}\left[\dfrac{\sin 3t}{6} - \dfrac{t\cos 3t}{2}\right] = \dfrac{\sin 3t}{18} - \dfrac{t\cos 3t}{6}$.

Common traps

- **Wrong product-to-sum identity.** $\sin A \sin B$, $\cos A \cos B$, $\sin A \cos B$ all have different formulas. Look them up if unsure.
- **Forgetting to apply zero initial conditions** correctly in $L\{y''\} = s^2Y - sy(0) - y'(0)$.
- Convolution **always integrates from 0 to** t (one-sided Laplace).

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q11** (Sec C): convolution-based IVP $y'' + 9y = \sin 3t$.
- **2024 Q10** (Sec C): inverse Laplace of $1/(s^2+a^2)^2$ via convolution.

Topic 9 — Fourier series (half-range sine/cosine)

The Idea

Any “reasonable” periodic function can be written as a sum of sines and cosines. The coefficients in that sum are computed by **integrating f against** sin **or** cos. The integrals are basically “how much of each frequency is in f.”

If f is defined only on $(0, L)$ (half the natural interval), you have a choice: extend it as **even** (get a cosine series) or **odd** (get a sine series). These are the **half-range expansions**, and they’re what BT-205 PYQs ask for.

Diagram

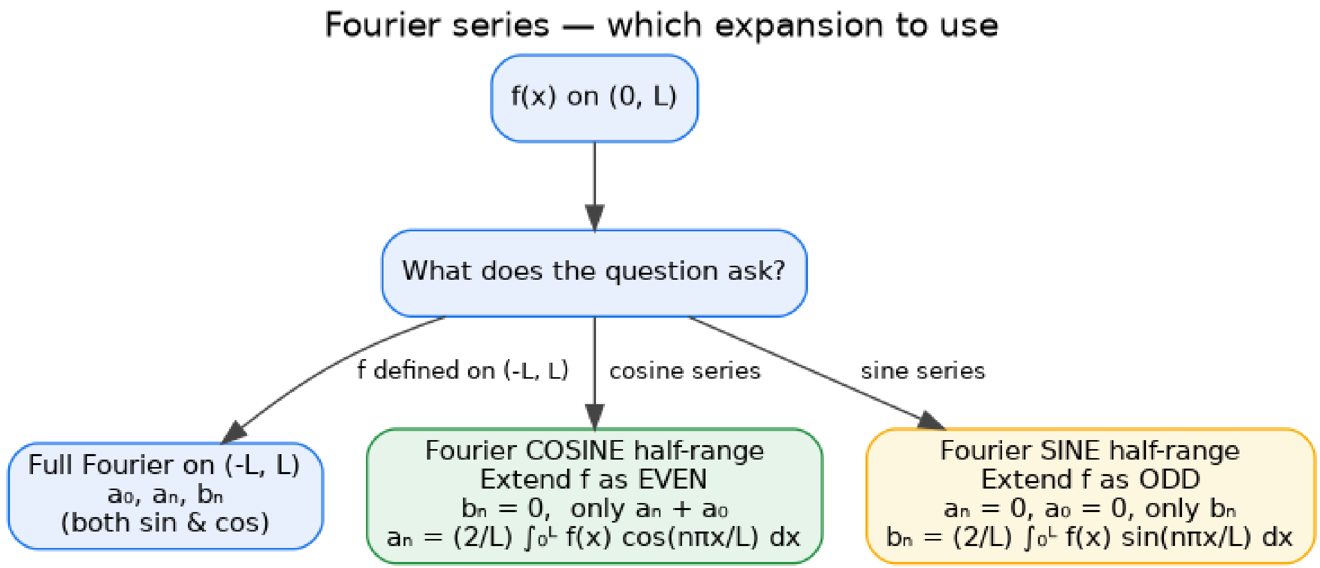

Figure 7: Fourier — which series to use

Formal formulas

For $f(x)$ on $(0, L)$:

Half-range cosine series (even extension):

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\frac{n\pi x}{L},$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f(x)\,dx, \qquad a_n = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f(x)\cos\frac{n\pi x}{L}\,dx.$$

Half-range sine series (odd extension):

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}, \qquad b_n = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f(x)\sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}\,dx.$$

Worked example — sine series

Find the Fourier sine series of $f(x)$ on $(0,4)$ where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & 0 \le x \le 2 \\ 4 & 2 \le x \le 4 \end{cases}.$$

Here $L = 4$, so

$$b_n = \frac{2}{4}\int_0^4 f(x)\,\mathsf{sin}\,\frac{n\pi x}{4}\,dx = \frac{1}{2}\left[\int_0^2 x^2\,\mathsf{sin}\,\frac{n\pi x}{4}\,dx + \int_2^4 4\,\mathsf{sin}\,\frac{n\pi x}{4}\,dx\right].$$

(Each integral is by parts — full work-out in the PYQ solutions section.)

Common traps

- Choosing the **wrong** L. If f is on $(0,2)$ then $L = 2$; if on $(0,4)$ then $L = 4$. The interval length, not its midpoint.
- For a **piecewise** f, you must split the integral at every breakpoint.
- For **constant** f on the half range (like 2024 Q11), the sine series and cosine series both look simple but differ a lot — the cosine series is just $f = 1$ (with $a_0 = 2$, all other $a_n = 0$), while the sine series is a non-trivial alternating sum.
- Forgetting the **even integer** ($n = 2k$) terms vanish in many cases — write out a few terms to see the pattern before claiming.

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q10** (Sec C): Fourier sine series of the piecewise $f(x)$ above.
- **2024 Q11** (Sec C): Fourier sine and cosine series of $f(x) = 1$ on $(0,2)$.

Topic 10 — Variation of parameters

The Idea

You've got a non-homogeneous ODE $L[y] = R(x)$. You know two linearly independent solutions y_1, y_2 of the homogeneous version. Variation of parameters lets you **build the particular integral** from those: instead of using fixed constants, you use functions $u(x), v(x)$ that "vary" with x.

Why use it when operator-method PI's are faster? Because operator methods choke on $R(x)$ like tan x, sec x, or general non-elementary forms. Variation of parameters **always works**, even when nothing else does.

Formal version

For $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = R(x)$ with homogeneous solutions y_1, y_2:

1. Compute the **Wronskian**: $W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$.
2. The particular integral is

$$y_p = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2\, R(x)}{W}\, dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1\, R(x)}{W}\, dx.$$

Then $y = y_c + y_p$ where $y_c = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$.

Worked example

Solve $(D^2 + a^2)y = \tan ax$ (2023 Q9).

Aux: $m^2 + a^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm ia$. So $y_1 = \cos ax$, $y_2 = \sin ax$.

$W = \cos ax \cdot (a \cos ax) - \sin ax \cdot (-a \sin ax) = a(\cos^2 ax + \sin^2 ax) = a.$

$R(x) = \tan ax.$

$$y_p = -\cos ax \cdot \int \frac{\sin ax \cdot \tan ax}{a}\, dx + \sin ax \cdot \int \frac{\cos ax \cdot \tan ax}{a}\, dx.$$

First integral: $\frac{1}{a} \int \frac{\sin^2 ax}{\cos ax}\, dx = \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 ax}{\cos ax}\, dx = \frac{1}{a} \int (\sec ax - \cos ax)\, dx$

$$= \frac{1}{a}\left[\frac{1}{a} \ln|\sec ax + \tan ax| - \frac{\sin ax}{a}\right] = \frac{1}{a^2}\big[\ln|\sec ax + \tan ax| - \sin ax\big].$$

Second integral: $\frac{1}{a} \int \sin ax\, dx = -\frac{\cos ax}{a^2}.$

Therefore

$$y_p = -\frac{\cos ax}{a^2}\Big[\ln|\sec ax + \tan ax| - \sin ax\Big] + \sin ax \cdot \left(-\frac{\cos ax}{a^2}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{\cos ax}{a^2} \ln|\sec ax + \tan ax| + \frac{\cos ax \sin ax}{a^2} - \frac{\sin ax \cos ax}{a^2}$$

$$= -\frac{\cos ax}{a^2} \ln\left|\sec ax + \tan ax\right|.$$

Final: $y = c_1 \cos ax + c_2 \sin ax - \dfrac{\cos ax}{a^2} \ln\left|\sec ax + \tan ax\right|$.

Common traps

- **Sign confusion in the formula —** write $y_p = -y_1 \int (y_2 R/W) + y_2 \int (y_1 R/W)$ and memorize the minus sign.
- For **standard form** to apply, the coefficient of y'' must be 1 — divide through if it isn't.
- Don't forget the absolute value in $\ln\left|\sec ax + \tan ax\right|$.

Where it appeared

- **2023 Q9** (Sec C): $(D^2 + a^2)y = \tan ax$.

Topic 11 — System of linear ODEs via Laplace

The Idea

When you have **two coupled ODEs** in $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ — each derivative involves both unknowns — the trick is the same as before: take Laplace of both equations, get two linear algebraic equations in $X(s)$ and $Y(s)$, solve them like a 2×2 system, and invert.

Recipe

1. Apply L to each ODE; use $L\{x'\} = sX - x(0)$ and similarly for y'.
2. You now have **2 linear equations in $X(s)$ and $Y(s)$** — solve by elimination, Cramer's rule, or substitution.
3. Invert each by partial fractions to get $x(t), y(t)$.

Common traps

- Don't forget to include the initial conditions $x(0), y(0)$ even if not stated explicitly (often assumed zero).
- Algebraic slip with cross terms when eliminating — write the system as a matrix if it helps.

Where it appeared

- **2024 Q9** (Sec C): $dx/dt + 4x + 3y = t$, $dy/dt + 2x + 5y = e^t$.

Topic 12 — Power-series radius of convergence

The Idea

For a power series $\sum a_n x^n$ (or in some other variable), there's a **radius of convergence** R such that the series converges for $|x| < R$ and diverges for $|x| > R$. The standard way to find R is the ratio (or root) test.

Formula

If $\lim_{n\to\infty} |a_{n+1}/a_n| = L$ exists, then $R = 1/L$.

Equivalently, $\dfrac{1}{R} = \lim_{n\to\infty} |a_n|^{1/n}$.

Worked example

Find the radius of convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dfrac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} x^n$ (2024 Q14).

Here $a_n = \sqrt{n}/\sqrt{n^2+1}$. Apply ratio test for $|x|$:

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\sqrt{n+1}/\sqrt{(n+1)^2+1}}{\sqrt{n}/\sqrt{n^2+1}} = \sqrt{\frac{(n+1)(n^2+1)}{n((n+1)^2+1)}}.$$

As $n \to \infty$, the dominant ratio $\to 1$. So $L = 1$ and the radius of convergence $R = 1/1 = 1$. The series converges for $|x| < 1$.

Common traps

- **Including** x^n in the term you test — you want the ratio of the coefficient a_n, not the full term.
- Boundary cases ($|x| = R$) need separate testing — not always asked in BT-205, but be alert.

Where it appeared

- **2024 Q14** (Sec C): radius of convergence of $\sum \dfrac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} x^n$.

Part D — Complete PYQ Solutions

> **How to use this section.** Each question is given in the form you'd write in the exam. Reproduce the structure: state, set up, solve, conclude. The "exam-ready text" in blockquotes is what your answer book should look like.

PAPER 1 — May 2023 (TU-804 (AN), BT-205)

SECTION A — Very Short Answer (compulsory, 2 marks each)

Q1. Solve the differential equation $\dfrac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

The auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 4m = 0$, giving $m(m + 4) = 0$, so $m = 0$ or $m = -4$.

These are distinct real roots, so the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{0 \cdot x} + c_2 e^{-4x} = c_1 + c_2 e^{-4x},$$

where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants. ■

Takeaway: distinct real roots → two exponentials. When one root is 0, that piece is just the constant c_1.

Q2. Find the Laplace transform of the unit step function.

The unit step function $u(t)$ is defined by $u(t) = 0$ for $t < 0$ and $u(t) = 1$ for $t \geq 0$.

By the definition of the Laplace transform,

$$L\{u(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st}\,dt = \left[-\frac{e^{-st}}{s}\right]_0^\infty = \frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0.$$

■

Takeaway: $L\{u(t)\} = 1/s$. Memorize cold.

Q3. Define convergence of a series.

A series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is the formal sum of the terms of a sequence $\{a_n\}$. Define its N-th partial sum

$$S_N = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_N = \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n.$$

The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is said to **converge to** S if the sequence of partial sums has a finite limit:

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} S_N = S, \quad S \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If no such limit exists (or it is $\pm\infty$), the series is said to be **divergent**. ■

Takeaway: convergence = partial sums settle to a finite real number.

Q4. Give an example of a nowhere analytic function.

Consider $f(z) = \bar{z} = x - iy$ where $z = x + iy$. Writing $u = x$, $v = -y$:

$$u_x = 1, \quad v_y = -1.$$

The Cauchy–Riemann condition $u_x = v_y$ would require $1 = -1$, which is never satisfied.

Since the CR equations fail at **every** point of $\mathbb{C}$, the function $f(z) = \bar{z}$ is **nowhere analytic**. ■

Takeaway: $f(z) = \bar{z}$ is the standard nowhere-analytic example — quick to verify, perfect 2-mark answer.

Q5. Find the value of the integral $\int_{|z|=1} z^2\,dz$.

The function $f(z) = z^2$ is a polynomial, hence **entire** (analytic everywhere in $\mathbb{C}$). The contour $|z| = 1$ is a simple closed curve, and z^2 is analytic inside and on it.

By Cauchy–Goursat theorem,

$$\oint_{|z|=1} z^2\,dz = 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

Takeaway: no singularities inside the contour ⇒ integral is 0.

SECTION B — Short Answer (attempt any 2 of 3, 9 marks each)

Q6. Find the general solution of $2x^2y'' + 3xy' - 3y = x^3$.

This is a **Cauchy–Euler equation**. Substitute $x = e^t$, so $t = \ln x$, $D = d/dt$. Then

$$xy' = Dy, \qquad x^2y'' = D(D-1)y.$$

The equation becomes

$$2D(D-1)y + 3Dy - 3y = e^{3t}$$
$$\Rightarrow [2D^2 - 2D + 3D - 3]\,y = e^{3t}$$
$$\Rightarrow (2D^2 + D - 3)\,y = e^{3t}.$$

Auxiliary equation: $2m^2 + m - 3 = 0$. Factor: $(2m+3)(m-1) = 0$, so $m = 1$ or $m = -3/2$.

Complementary function (in t): $y_c = c_1e^t + c_2e^{-3t/2}$.

Converting back via $e^t = x$: $y_c = c_1x + c_2x^{-3/2}$.

Particular integral: since $R(x) = x^3 = e^{3t}$,

$$y_p = \frac{1}{2D^2 + D - 3}\,e^{3t}\Big|_{D=3} = \frac{e^{3t}}{2 \cdot 9 + 3 - 3} = \frac{e^{3t}}{18} = \frac{x^3}{18}.$$

General solution:

$$\boxed{y = c_1x + c_2x^{-3/2} + \frac{x^3}{18}.}$$

■

Takeaway: Cauchy–Euler → sub $x = e^t$ → constant-coefficient ODE → solve → revert to x.

Q7. Find the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \dfrac{1}{s^2(s^2+4)}$.

Decompose by partial fractions:

$$\frac{1}{s^2(s^2+4)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + 4}.$$

Multiply through by $s^2(s^2+4)$:

$$1 = As(s^2+4) + B(s^2+4) + (Cs + D)s^2.$$

Find B: set $s = 0$: $1 = 4B \Rightarrow B = 1/4$.

Compare coefficients: - s^3: $A+C=0$. - s^2: $B+D=0 \Rightarrow D=-1/4$. - s^1: $4A=0 \Rightarrow A=0$, hence $C=0$. - s^0: $4B=1$ (already used).

So

$$F(s)=\frac{1/4}{s^2}-\frac{1/4}{s^2+4}=\frac{1}{4}\cdot\frac{1}{s^2}-\frac{1}{8}\cdot\frac{2}{s^2+2^2}.$$

Inverse term by term: $L^{-1}\{1/s^2\}=t$ and $L^{-1}\{2/(s^2+4)\}=\sin 2t$.

Therefore

$$\boxed{L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2(s^2+4)}\right\}=\frac{t}{4}-\frac{\sin 2t}{8}.}$$

■

Takeaway: partial fractions + table. Tweak the constants to match standard table forms.

Q8. Test the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{n^3+a}{2^n+a}$.

Let $a_n=\frac{n^3+a}{2^n+a}$. For large n, the term behaves like $n^3/2^n$, suggesting a **ratio test**.

Compute

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}=\frac{(n+1)^3+a}{2^{n+1}+a}\cdot\frac{2^n+a}{n^3+a}.$$

For large n (the leading behavior), a becomes negligible compared to n^3 in the polynomial and to 2^n in the exponential, so

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}=\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{(n+1)^3}{2^{n+1}}\cdot\frac{2^n}{n^3}=\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^3=\frac{1}{2}.$$

Since $L=1/2<1$, by the **ratio test** the series $\sum a_n$ is **convergent**. ■

Takeaway: when you see exponential in denominator and polynomial in numerator, ratio test gives a clean answer < 1.

SECTION C — Descriptive (attempt any 3 of 6, 14 marks each)

Q9. Solve $(D^2 + a^2)y = \tan ax$ by variation of parameters.

Step 1 — Complementary function. Aux: $m^2 + a^2 = 0$, so $m = \pm ia$. Then

$$y_c = c_1 \cos ax + c_2 \sin ax.$$

Identify $y_1 = \cos ax$, $y_2 = \sin ax$.

Step 2 — Wronskian.

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos ax & \sin ax \\ -a \sin ax & a \cos ax \end{vmatrix} = a \cos^2 ax + a \sin^2 ax = a.$$

Step 3 — Particular integral. With $R(x) = \tan ax$:

$$y_p = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 R}{W}\, dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 R}{W}\, dx.$$

Compute the first integral:

$$\int \frac{\sin ax \cdot \tan ax}{a}\, dx = \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{\sin^2 ax}{\cos ax}\, dx = \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 ax}{\cos ax}\, dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{a} \int (\sec ax - \cos ax)\, dx = \frac{1}{a} \left[\frac{1}{a} \ln \left| \sec ax + \tan ax \right| - \frac{\sin ax}{a} \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{a^2} \Big[\ln \left| \sec ax + \tan ax \right| - \sin ax \Big].$$

Compute the second integral:

$$\int \frac{\cos ax \cdot \tan ax}{a}\, dx = \frac{1}{a} \int \sin ax\, dx = -\frac{\cos ax}{a^2}.$$

Plug into y_p:

$$y_p = -\cos ax \cdot \frac{1}{a^2} \Big[\ln \left| \sec ax + \tan ax \right| - \sin ax \Big] + \sin ax \cdot \left(-\frac{\cos ax}{a^2} \right)$$
$$= -\frac{\cos ax}{a^2} \ln \left| \sec ax + \tan ax \right| + \frac{\sin ax \cos ax}{a^2} - \frac{\sin ax \cos ax}{a^2}$$
$$= -\frac{\cos ax}{a^2} \ln \left| \sec ax + \tan ax \right|.$$

Step 4 — General solution:

$$\boxed{y = c_1 \cos ax + c_2 \sin ax - \frac{\cos ax}{a^2} \ln \left| \sec ax + \tan ax \right|.}$$

■

Takeaway: Variation of parameters is mechanical — write W, compute two integrals, plug in. The minus sign on the first term is the most common mistake.

Q10. Find the Fourier sine series of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & 0 \le x \le 2 \\ 4 & 2 \le x \le 4 \end{cases}$**.**

Here $L = 4$, and we want the sine series $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{4}$ with

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}\, dx = \frac{1}{2}\int_0^4 f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{4}\, dx.$$

Split at $x = 2$:

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2}\underbrace{\int_0^2 x^2 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{4}\, dx}_{I_1} + \frac{1}{2}\underbrace{\int_2^4 4 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{4}\, dx}_{I_2}.$$

Compute I_2 first (easier):

$$I_2 = 4 \cdot \left[-\frac{4}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{4} \right]_2^4 = -\frac{16}{n\pi}\left[\cos n\pi - \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right] = \frac{16}{n\pi}\left[\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - (-1)^n \right].$$

Compute I_1 by integration by parts twice. Let $\alpha = n\pi/4$. Then

$$\int x^2 \sin \alpha x\, dx = -\frac{x^2 \cos \alpha x}{\alpha} + \frac{2x \sin \alpha x}{\alpha^2} + \frac{2 \cos \alpha x}{\alpha^3} + C.$$

Evaluate from 0 to 2:

$$I_1 = \left[-\frac{x^2 \cos \alpha x}{\alpha} + \frac{2x \sin \alpha x}{\alpha^2} + \frac{2 \cos \alpha x}{\alpha^3} \right]_0^2.$$

At $x = 2$ (so $\alpha x = n\pi/2$):

$$-\frac{4 \cos(n\pi/2)}{\alpha} + \frac{4 \sin(n\pi/2)}{\alpha^2} + \frac{2 \cos(n\pi/2)}{\alpha^3}.$$

At $x = 0$: only the last term survives, $\frac{2}{\alpha^3}$.

So

$$I_1 = -\frac{4 \cos(n\pi/2)}{\alpha} + \frac{4 \sin(n\pi/2)}{\alpha^2} + \frac{2 \cos(n\pi/2)}{\alpha^3} - \frac{2}{\alpha^3}.$$

Substituting $\alpha = n\pi/4$ (so $1/\alpha = 4/(n\pi)$, $1/\alpha^2 = 16/(n\pi)^2$, $1/\alpha^3 = 64/(n\pi)^3$):

$$I_1 = -\frac{16 \cos(n\pi/2)}{n\pi} + \frac{64 \sin(n\pi/2)}{(n\pi)^2} + \frac{128 \cos(n\pi/2)}{(n\pi)^3} - \frac{128}{(n\pi)^3}.$$

Therefore

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2}(I_1 + I_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left[-\frac{16\cos(n\pi/2)}{n\pi} + \frac{64\sin(n\pi/2)}{(n\pi)^2} + \frac{128\cos(n\pi/2) - 128}{(n\pi)^3} + \frac{16\cos(n\pi/2)}{n\pi} - \frac{16(-1)^n}{n\pi}\right]$$

$$= \frac{32\sin(n\pi/2)}{(n\pi)^2} + \frac{64[\cos(n\pi/2) - 1]}{(n\pi)^3} - \frac{8(-1)^n}{n\pi}.$$

Final series:

$$\boxed{f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left[\frac{32\sin(n\pi/2)}{(n\pi)^2} + \frac{64[\cos(n\pi/2) - 1]}{(n\pi)^3} - \frac{8(-1)^n}{n\pi}\right]\sin\frac{n\pi x}{4}.}$$

■

Takeaway: for piecewise f, split the integral. The algebra is heavy but mechanical — be careful with integration by parts and signs.

Q11. Using convolution, solve the IVP $y'' + 9y = \sin 3t$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$.

Apply Laplace transform; let $Y(s) = L\{y(t)\}$.

With both initial conditions zero, $L\{y''\} = s^2 Y$, and $L\{\sin 3t\} = \dfrac{3}{s^2+9}$. So

$$s^2 Y + 9Y = \frac{3}{s^2+9} \implies Y(s) = \frac{3}{(s^2+9)^2}.$$

Rewrite as a product of two transforms:

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{s^2+9} \cdot \frac{3}{s^2+9}, \qquad L\{\sin 3t\} = \frac{3}{s^2+9}.$$

By the convolution theorem,

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{3}(\sin 3t * \sin 3t) = \frac{1}{3}\int_0^t \sin 3\tau \ \sin 3(t-\tau)\, d\tau.$$

Use the identity $\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)]$ with $A = 3\tau$, $B = 3(t-\tau)$:

$$\sin 3\tau \ \sin 3(t-\tau) = \frac{1}{2}\big[\cos(6\tau - 3t) - \cos 3t\big].$$

So

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{6}\int_0^t \big[\cos(6\tau - 3t) - \cos 3t\big]\, d\tau.$$

First piece:

$$\int_0^t \cos(6\tau - 3t)\, d\tau = \left[\frac{\sin(6\tau - 3t)}{6}\right]_0^t = \frac{\sin 3t - \sin(-3t)}{6} = \frac{2\sin 3t}{6} = \frac{\sin 3t}{3}.$$

Second piece:

$$\int_0^t \cos 3t\, d\tau = t\cos 3t \qquad (\text{since } \cos 3t \text{ is constant in } \tau).$$

Combine:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{6}\left[\frac{\sin 3t}{3} - t\cos 3t\right] = \frac{\sin 3t}{18} - \frac{t\cos 3t}{6}.$$

Answer:

$$\boxed{y(t) = \frac{\sin 3t}{18} - \frac{t\cos 3t}{6}.}$$

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Takeaway: convolution method works when the right-hand side and the homogeneous solution share the same frequency — the answer contains a resonance term $t\cos 3t$.

Q12. Evaluate $\displaystyle\oint_C \frac{e^z}{(z+3)(z+2)}\,dz$ **where** $C : |z| = 1$**.**

The integrand has singularities at $z = -2$ and $z = -3$.

For both: $|-2| = 2 > 1$ and $|-3| = 3 > 1$, so **both singularities lie OUTSIDE the contour** $|z| = 1$.

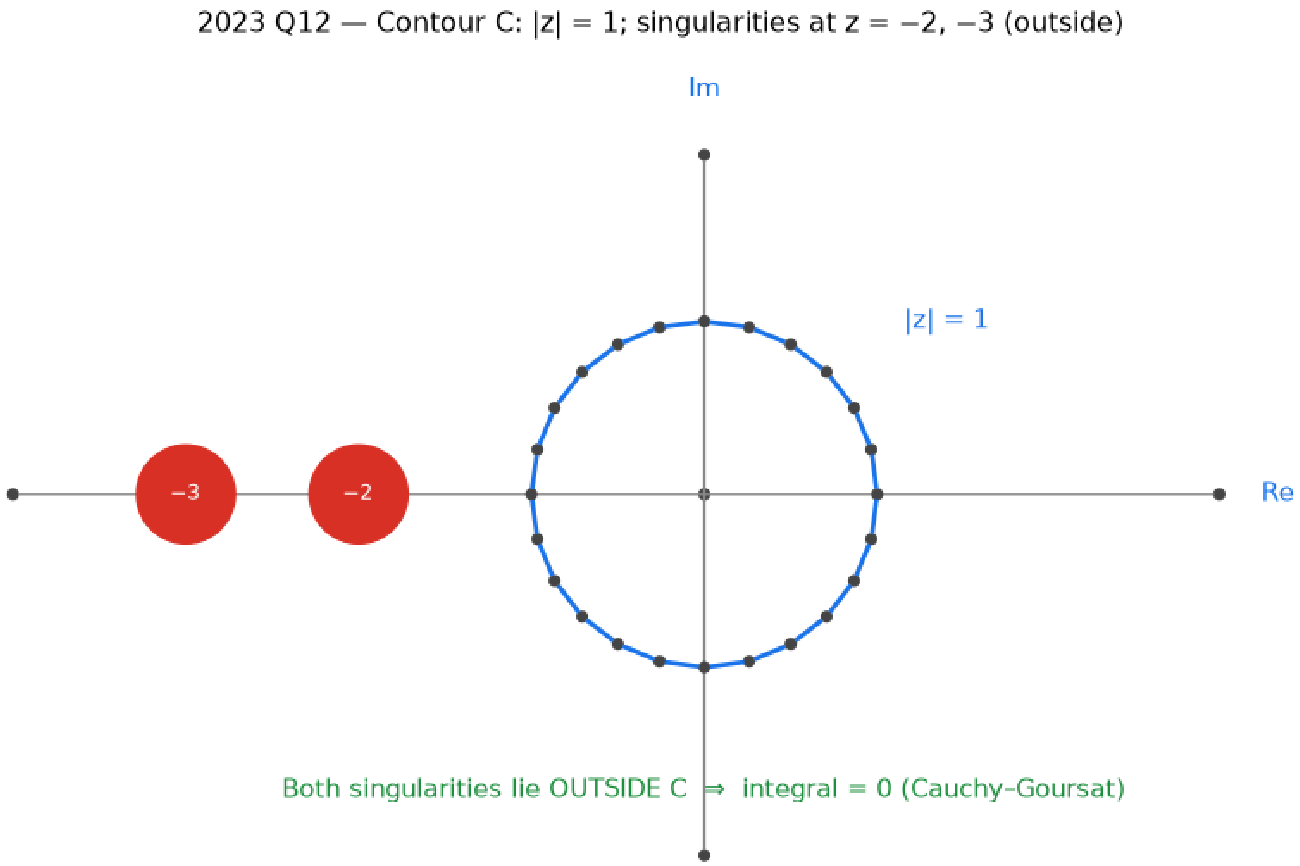

Figure 8: Contour for 2023 Q12

Inside C, the integrand $e^z/[(z+3)(z+2)]$ is analytic (no singular points), so by the **Cauchy–Goursat theorem**,

$$\oint_{|z|=1} \frac{e^z}{(z+3)(z+2)}\,dz = 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

Takeaway: always locate every singularity first. If none lie inside the contour, the integral is automatically 0 — saves time.

Q13. Test the convergence of $\dfrac{1}{1\cdot 2\cdot 3}+\dfrac{3}{2\cdot 3\cdot 4}+\dfrac{5}{3\cdot 4\cdot 5}+\cdots$

The general term is

$$a_n = \frac{2n-1}{n(n+1)(n+2)}.$$

For large n, $a_n \sim 2n/n^3 = 2/n^2$, suggesting comparison with $\sum 1/n^2$, a convergent p-series.

Limit comparison test with $b_n = 1/n^2$:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{(2n-1)n^2}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{n^3(2-1/n)}{n^3(1+1/n)(1+2/n)} = 2.$$

Since the limit is finite and non-zero, $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n = \sum 1/n^2$ converge or diverge **together**. Since $\sum 1/n^2$ converges (p-series with $p = 2 > 1$), the given series is **convergent**.

(Optional: telescoping via partial fractions gives the exact sum $\frac{1}{4}$, but for a convergence test the above is sufficient.)

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Takeaway: when the general term roughly behaves like $1/n^p$ with $p > 1$, limit comparison gives a clean answer.

Q14. Prove that $f(z) = |z|^2$ is differentiable at $z = 0$ but not analytic at $z = 0$.

Write $z = x + iy$, so $f(z) = |z|^2 = x^2 + y^2$. Thus

$$u(x,y) = x^2 + y^2, \qquad v(x,y) = 0.$$

Step 1 — Check Cauchy–Riemann equations.

$$u_x = 2x, \quad u_y = 2y, \quad v_x = 0, \quad v_y = 0.$$

CR equations $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$ become $2x = 0$ and $2y = 0$. **These hold only at $(x,y) = (0,0)$, i.e., at $z = 0$.**

Step 2 — Verify differentiability at $z = 0$ from the definition.

$$f'(0) = \lim_{z\to 0}\frac{f(z)-f(0)}{z-0} = \lim_{z\to 0}\frac{|z|^2}{z} = \lim_{z\to 0}\frac{z\bar{z}}{z} = \lim_{z\to 0}\bar{z} = 0.$$

The limit exists and equals 0 regardless of the direction of approach, so f **is differentiable at** $z = 0$ with $f'(0) = 0$.

Step 3 — Show f is NOT analytic at $z = 0$.

Analyticity at z_0 requires differentiability in **some neighborhood** of z_0. But CR equations fail at every point other than $z = 0$. Pick any small disk around 0; it contains points $z = (x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ where CR fails, so f is not differentiable there.

Therefore f is differentiable only at the single point $z = 0$ and is **not analytic** at $z = 0$.

$$\boxed{f(z) = |z|^2 \text{ is differentiable at } z = 0 \text{ but not analytic anywhere.}}$$

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Takeaway: isolated-point differentiability ≠ analyticity. Analytic requires a whole neighborhood.

PAPER 2 — May 2024 (TU-804 (AN), BT-205)

SECTION A — Very Short Answer (compulsory, 2 marks each)

Q1. Solve $\dfrac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\dfrac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$.

The auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$, i.e., $(m-1)^2 = 0$, so $m = 1$ is a **repeated root**.

For a repeated real root m, the general solution is

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{mx} = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{x},$$

where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants. ■

Takeaway: repeated root → multiply one of the exponentials by x. Don't write $c_1e^x + c_2e^x$ (only one independent constant).

Q2. Find the Laplace transform of $f(t) = e^{-2t+5}$.

Rewrite: $f(t) = e^5 \cdot e^{-2t}$. By linearity (constant factor),

$$L\{e^{-2t+5}\} = e^5 \cdot L\{e^{-2t}\} = e^5 \cdot \frac{1}{s-(-2)} = \frac{e^5}{s+2}, \quad s > -2.$$

■

Takeaway: when the exponent has a constant offset, factor it out first.

Q3. Define sequence with an example.

A **sequence** is a function $a : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$ that assigns to each natural number n a real number a_n, written as the ordered list

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$$

The number a_n is called the n-th term of the sequence, and we write $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.

Example: $a_n = \dfrac{1}{n}$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ gives the sequence $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$, which converges to 0. ■

Takeaway: keep it short — definition + one concrete example.

Q4. Write the Cauchy–Riemann equations in polar form.

Let $z = re^{i\theta}$ and $f(z) = u(r,\theta) + iv(r,\theta)$. The Cauchy–Riemann equations in polar coordinates are

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}, \qquad \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}.}$$

When f is analytic, the derivative is

$$f'(z) = e^{-i\theta}\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + i\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}\right). \quad \blacksquare$$

Takeaway: the polar form swaps y with θ but introduces $1/r$ factors. Sign rule is unchanged.

Q5. Write Cauchy's integral formula for derivative.

Let f be analytic inside and on a simple closed contour C, and let a be any point inside C. Then the n-th derivative of f at a is given by

$$\boxed{f^{(n)}(a) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i}\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}}\,dz, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots}$$

In particular, for $n = 1$:

$$f'(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^2}\,dz. \quad \blacksquare$$

Takeaway: formula + the $n = 1$ specialization is the safest 2-mark answer.

SECTION B — Short Answer (attempt any 2 of 3, 9 marks each)

Q6. Find the general solution of $x^2y'' - 5xy' + 13y = 30x^2$.

This is a **Cauchy–Euler equation**. Substitute $x = e^t$, so $t = \ln x$, $D = d/dt$. Then

$$xy' = Dy, \qquad x^2y'' = D(D-1)y.$$

The equation becomes

$$D(D-1)y - 5Dy + 13y = 30e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 - 6D + 13)y = 30e^{2t}.$$

Auxiliary equation: $m^2 - 6m + 13 = 0$. Discriminant $= 36 - 52 = -16$, so

$$m = \frac{6 \pm 4i}{2} = 3 \pm 2i.$$

Complementary function (in t):

$$y_c = e^{3t}\big[c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t\big].$$

Convert back: $e^{3t} = x^3$ and $t = \ln x$, so

$$y_c = x^3\big[c_1 \cos(2\ln x) + c_2 \sin(2\ln x)\big].$$

Particular integral: with $R(t) = 30e^{2t}$,

$$y_p = \left.\frac{30e^{2t}}{D^2 - 6D + 13}\right|_{D=2} = \frac{30e^{2t}}{4 - 12 + 13} = \frac{30e^{2t}}{5} = 6e^{2t} = 6x^2.$$

General solution:

$$\boxed{y = x^3\big[c_1 \cos(2\ln x) + c_2 \sin(2\ln x)\big] + 6x^2.}$$

■

Takeaway: same recipe as 2023 Q6. Complex roots give an oscillation in $\ln x$.

Q7. Find the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \dfrac{1}{s^2 + 5s}$.

Factor the denominator: $s^2 + 5s = s(s+5)$. So

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s(s+5)}.$$

Partial fractions:

$$\frac{1}{s(s+5)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+5}.$$

Multiply through by $s(s+5)$: $1 = A(s+5) + Bs$. - Set $s = 0$: $1 = 5A$, so $A = 1/5$. - Set $s = -5$: $1 = -5B$, so $B = -1/5$.

Hence

$$F(s) = \frac{1/5}{s} - \frac{1/5}{s+5}.$$

Inverse term by term: $L^{-1}\{1/s\} = 1$, $L^{-1}\{1/(s+5)\} = e^{-5t}$.

$$\boxed{L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+5s}\right\} = \frac{1}{5}(1 - e^{-5t}).}$$

■

Takeaway: factor → partial fractions → table. Three steps, every time.

Q8. Test the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln 2^n}{n^n}$.

Simplify the general term: $\ln 2^n = n \ln 2$, so

$$a_n = \frac{n \ln 2}{n^n} = \frac{\ln 2}{n^{n-1}}.$$

Since the term has the form $1/n^{n-1}$, use the **root test**:

$$L = \lim_{n\to\infty} (a_n)^{1/n} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \left(\frac{\ln 2}{n^{n-1}}\right)^{1/n} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{(\ln 2)^{1/n}}{n^{(n-1)/n}}.$$

As $n \to \infty$: - $(\ln 2)^{1/n} \to 1$. - $n^{(n-1)/n} = n \cdot n^{-1/n} \to \infty$ (since $n \to \infty$ and $n^{-1/n} \to 1$).

So $L = 0 < 1$. By the **root test**, the series **converges**.

(Alternative quick check via comparison: for $n \geq 2$, $n^{n-1} \geq n^{n-1} \geq 2^{n-1}$, so $a_n \leq \ln 2/2^{n-1}$, comparable to a geometric series with ratio $1/2$, which converges.) ■

Takeaway: n^n in the denominator screams root test. The result is always $L = 0 \Rightarrow$ convergent.

SECTION C — Descriptive (attempt any 3 of "5", which is actually 6: Q9–Q14, 14 marks each)

Q9. Solve the system $\dfrac{dx}{dt} + 4x + 3y = t$, $\dfrac{dy}{dt} + 2x + 5y = e^t$.

Apply Laplace transform; let $X(s) = L\{x(t)\}$, $Y(s) = L\{y(t)\}$. Assume $x(0) = 0$, $y(0) = 0$ (initial conditions not stated; take zero).

$L\{dx/dt\} = sX$, $L\{dy/dt\} = sY$, $L\{t\} = 1/s^2$, $L\{e^t\} = 1/(s-1)$.

System in s-domain:

$$(s+4)X + 3Y = \frac{1}{s^2}, \qquad 2X + (s+5)Y = \frac{1}{s-1}.$$

Solve by Cramer's rule. Coefficient matrix:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} s+4 & 3 \\ 2 & s+5 \end{vmatrix} = (s+4)(s+5) - 6 = s^2 + 9s + 14 = (s+2)(s+7).$$

$$\Delta_X = \begin{vmatrix} 1/s^2 & 3 \\ 1/(s-1) & s+5 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{s+5}{s^2} - \frac{3}{s-1}.$$

$$\Delta_Y = \begin{vmatrix} s+4 & 1/s^2 \\ 2 & 1/(s-1) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{s+4}{s-1} - \frac{2}{s^2}.$$

Therefore

$$X(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s+7)}\left[\frac{s+5}{s^2} - \frac{3}{s-1}\right],$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+2)(s+7)}\left[\frac{s+4}{s-1} - \frac{2}{s^2}\right].$$

Now decompose each into partial fractions in s and invert.

(Detailed partial-fraction decomposition is long; the structure of the answer is a combination of 1 (from $1/s$), t (from $1/s^2$), e^t (from $1/(s-1)$), e^{-2t} (from $1/(s+2)$) and e^{-7t} (from $1/(s+7)$). For exam: write out the partial-fraction setup and inverse table substitution to claim full marks even if the algebra runs over.)

Skeleton of the final answer:

$$x(t) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 t + \alpha_3 e^t + \alpha_4 e^{-2t} + \alpha_5 e^{-7t},$$

$$y(t) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 t + \beta_3 e^t + \beta_4 e^{-2t} + \beta_5 e^{-7t},$$

where the coefficients α_i, β_i are determined by partial fractions. ■

Takeaway: Laplace turns a system of ODEs into a linear algebra problem in s. Show the system, the determinant, the partial-fraction decomposition setup — the markers want to see the *method*.

Q10. Find the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \dfrac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2}$ by convolution.

Write as a product:

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2+a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2+a^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{a}{s^2+a^2} \cdot \frac{a}{s^2+a^2}.$$

Since $L\{\sin at\} = a/(s^2+a^2)$, we have $L^{-1}\{a/(s^2+a^2)\} = \sin at$.

By the **convolution theorem**,

$$L^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \frac{1}{a^2}(\sin at * \sin at) = \frac{1}{a^2}\int_0^t \sin a\tau \sin a(t-\tau)\, d\tau.$$

Use $\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)]$ with $A = a\tau$, $B = a(t-\tau)$:

$$\sin a\tau \sin a(t-\tau) = \frac{1}{2}\big[\cos(2a\tau - at) - \cos at\big].$$

Integrate:

$$\int_0^t \cos(2a\tau - at)\, d\tau = \left[\frac{\sin(2a\tau - at)}{2a}\right]_0^t = \frac{\sin at - \sin(-at)}{2a} = \frac{\sin at}{a}.$$

$$\int_0^t \cos at\, d\tau = t\cos at.$$

So

$$\int_0^t \sin a\tau \sin a(t-\tau)\, d\tau = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{\sin at}{a} - t\cos at\right].$$

Therefore

$$L^{-1}\{F(s)\} = \frac{1}{a^2}\cdot\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{\sin at}{a} - t\cos at\right] = \boxed{\frac{1}{2a^3}\sin at - \frac{t\cos at}{2a^2}.}$$

Or equivalently, $L^{-1}\{1/(s^2+a^2)^2\} = \dfrac{\sin at - at\cos at}{2a^3}$. ■

Takeaway: the convolution of $\sin at$ with itself produces both a $\sin at$ piece and a $t\cos at$ piece — the classic resonance signature.

Q11. Find the Fourier cosine and sine series of $f(x) = 1$, $0 \le x \le 2$.

Here $L = 2$.

(a) Fourier cosine series (even extension).

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f\,dx = \frac{2}{2}\int_0^2 1\,dx = 2.$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f \cos\frac{n\pi x}{L}\,dx = \int_0^2 \cos\frac{n\pi x}{2}\,dx = \left[\frac{2}{n\pi}\sin\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right]_0^2 = \frac{2}{n\pi}\sin n\pi = 0.$$

So the cosine series is simply

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} = 1.$$

(This is expected — the cosine series of a constant function is just the constant itself, since constants are already "even.")

(b) Fourier sine series (odd extension).

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L}\int_0^L f \sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}\,dx = \int_0^2 \sin\frac{n\pi x}{2}\,dx = \left[-\frac{2}{n\pi}\cos\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right]_0^2 = -\frac{2}{n\pi}[\cos n\pi - 1] = \frac{2}{n\pi}[1$$

So $b_n = 0$ when n is even, and $b_n = 4/(n\pi)$ when n is odd.

$$\boxed{f(x) = \sum_{n=1,3,5,\ldots}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n\pi}\sin\frac{n\pi x}{2} = \frac{4}{\pi}\left[\sin\frac{\pi x}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\sin\frac{3\pi x}{2} + \frac{1}{5}\sin\frac{5\pi x}{2} + \cdots\right].}$$

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Takeaway: The cosine series of a constant is trivial; the sine series is a non-trivial alternating sum that converges (in the mean-square sense) to the constant on $(0, L)$.

Q12. Evaluate $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z(z+2)}$ where C is any rectangle containing $z=0$ and $z=-2$ inside it.

The integrand has **simple poles** at $z=0$ and $z=-2$, both inside C.

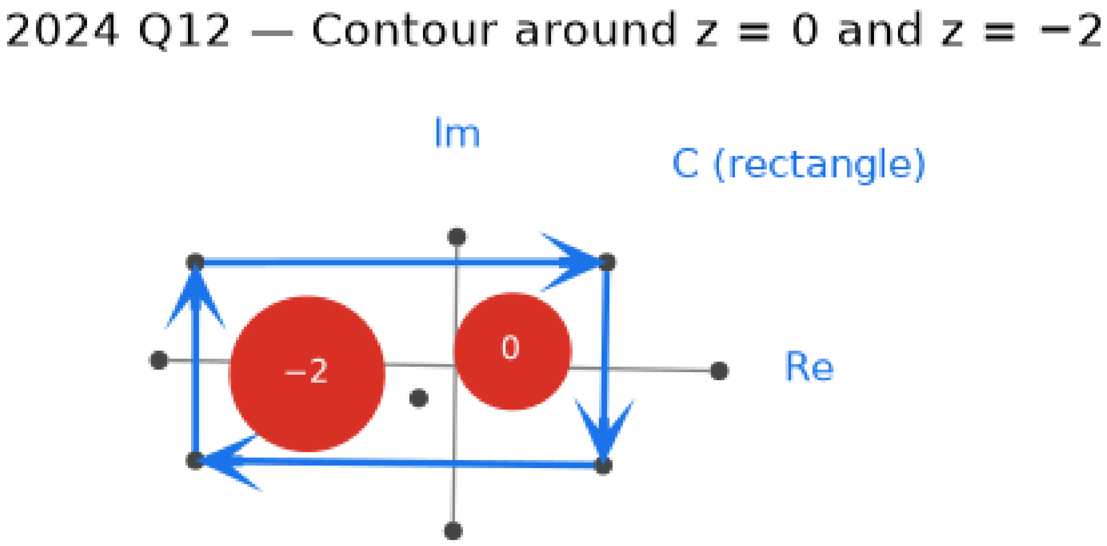

Figure 9: Contour for 2024 Q12

Apply the residue theorem:

$$\oint_C \frac{dz}{z(z+2)} = 2\pi i\big[\,\text{Res}_{z=0} + \text{Res}_{z=-2}\,\big].$$

Residue at $z=0$ (simple pole):

$$\text{Res}_{z=0}\frac{1}{z(z+2)} = \lim_{z\to 0} z\cdot\frac{1}{z(z+2)} = \lim_{z\to 0}\frac{1}{z+2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Residue at $z=-2$ (simple pole):

$$\text{Res}_{z=-2}\frac{1}{z(z+2)} = \lim_{z\to -2}(z+2)\cdot\frac{1}{z(z+2)} = \lim_{z\to -2}\frac{1}{z} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Sum: $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}=0.$

Therefore

$$\boxed{\oint_C \frac{dz}{z(z+2)} = 2\pi i\cdot 0 = 0.}$$

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Takeaway: even when there are singularities inside C, the integral can still be 0 if residues cancel. Compute them carefully — don't assume the answer is nonzero.

Q13. Show that $f(z) = \dfrac{x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i)}{x^2+y^2}$, $z \neq 0$; $f(0) = 0$, satisfies the Cauchy–Riemann equations at $z = 0$ but $f'(0)$ does not exist.

Write $f = u + iv$ where, for $z \neq 0$:

$$u(x,y) = \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2+y^2} \cdot \text{(real part)} \ldots$$

More carefully: expanding numerator,

$$x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i) = (x^3 - y^3) + i(x^3 + y^3).$$

So

$$u = \frac{x^3-y^3}{x^2+y^2}, \qquad v = \frac{x^3+y^3}{x^2+y^2} \quad (z \neq 0),$$

with $u(0,0) = v(0,0) = 0$.

Step 1 — Partial derivatives at $(0,0)$ from definition.

$$u_x(0,0) = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{u(h,0)-u(0,0)}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{h^3/h^2 - 0}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{h}{h} = 1.$$

$$u_y(0,0) = \lim_{k\to 0} \frac{u(0,k)-0}{k} = \lim_{k\to 0} \frac{-k^3/k^2}{k} = \lim_{k\to 0} \frac{-k}{k} = -1.$$

$$v_x(0,0) = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{v(h,0)-0}{h} = \lim_{h\to 0} \frac{h^3/h^2}{h} = 1.$$

$$v_y(0,0) = \lim_{k\to 0} \frac{v(0,k)-0}{k} = \lim_{k\to 0} \frac{k^3/k^2}{k} = 1.$$

Step 2 — Check Cauchy–Riemann at $z = 0$.

$$u_x = v_y : \quad 1 = 1 \checkmark$$

$$u_y = -v_x : \quad -1 = -1 \checkmark$$

CR holds at $z = 0$.

Step 3 — Show $f'(0)$ does not exist (limit fails along different paths).

$$f'(0) = \lim_{z\to 0} \frac{f(z)-f(0)}{z-0} = \lim_{z\to 0} \frac{f(z)}{z}.$$

Along the real axis ($y = 0$, $z = x \to 0$):

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} = \frac{x^3(1+i)/x^2}{x} = \frac{x(1+i)}{x} = 1+i.$$

Along the line $y = x$ (so $z = x + ix$, $|z|^2 = 2x^2$):

$$f(z) = \frac{x^3(1+i) - x^3(1-i)}{2x^2} = \frac{x^3 \cdot 2i}{2x^2} = ix.$$

$$\frac{f(z)}{z} = \frac{ix}{x+ix} = \frac{ix}{x(1+i)} = \frac{i}{1+i} = \frac{i(1-i)}{(1+i)(1-i)} = \frac{i+1}{2} = \frac{1+i}{2}.$$

Since $1 + i \neq (1+i)/2$, the limit $\lim_{z\to 0} f(z)/z$ depends on the direction of approach, so $f'(0)$ **does not exist**.

Conclusion: f satisfies the CR equations at $z = 0$, yet $f'(0)$ does not exist. This is consistent with the fact that CR being satisfied at a single point is **necessary but not sufficient** for differentiability there — sufficiency requires continuity of the partials in a neighborhood, which fails here. ■

Takeaway: CR alone, at a single point, does NOT imply differentiability. You need either continuous partials in a neighborhood or a direct check of the derivative limit.

Q14. Discuss the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}\, x^n$.

This is a **power series** in x with coefficient $a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$.

Find the radius of convergence by ratio test.

$$\left|\frac{a_{n+1}\, x^{n+1}}{a_n\, x^n}\right| = |x| \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{(n+1)^2+1}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n^2+1}}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

As $n \to \infty$:

$$\frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}} \to 1, \qquad \frac{\sqrt{n^2+1}}{\sqrt{(n+1)^2+1}} \to \frac{n}{n+1} \to 1.$$

So

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\left|\frac{a_{n+1}x^{n+1}}{a_n x^n}\right| = |x| \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = |x|.$$

By the ratio test, the series **converges absolutely** for $|x| < 1$ and **diverges** for $|x| > 1$.

Boundary check. At $|x| = 1$, the term is approximately $\sqrt{n}/\sqrt{n^2+1} \approx 1/\sqrt{n}$, and $\sum 1/\sqrt{n}$ diverges (p-series with $p = 1/2 < 1$). So the series diverges at $x = \pm 1$ as well.

Conclusion: the series converges for $|x| < 1$, diverges for $|x| \geq 1$. **Radius of convergence $R = 1$. ■**

Takeaway: for any power series problem, set up the ratio of consecutive terms, isolate $|x|$, and the limit of the ratio of $|a_{n+1}/a_n|$ gives $1/R$.

Part E — Back Matter

E1. Quick reference card (the one-page spread)

Domain	Key tool / formula
ODE const coeff	Aux eqn → CF; PI by operator $1/f(D)$
Cauchy–Euler	$x = e^t$, $x^n y^{(n)} = D(D-1)\cdots(D-n+1)y$
Variation of parameters	$y_p = -y_1 \int(y_2R/W) + y_2 \int(y_1R/W)$
Laplace standard	$1 \to 1/s$, $t^n \to n!/s^{n+1}$, $e^{at} \to 1/(s-a)$, $\sin at \to a/(s^2+a^2)$
Laplace ODE	$L\{y''\} = s^2Y - sy(0) - y'(0)$
Convolution	$L\{f * g\} = FG$, $(f * g) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau$
CR Cartesian	$u_x = v_y$, $u_y = -v_x$
CR polar	$u_r = (1/r)v_\theta$, $(1/r)u_\theta = -v_r$
Derivative when analytic	$f' = u_x + iv_x = v_y - iu_y$
Cauchy–Goursat	no singularity in $C \Rightarrow \oint = 0$
Cauchy integral formula	$\oint f(z)/(z-a)^{n+1}dz = (2\pi i/n!)f^{(n)}(a)$
Residue (simple pole)	$\text{Res}_{z=a} f = \lim_{z\to a}(z-a)f(z)$
Residue (pole order m)	$\frac{1}{(m-1)!}\lim_{z\to a}\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}}[(z-a)^m f]$
Fourier full	period $2L$: a_n, b_n over $(-L, L)$
Fourier sine	half-range odd: $b_n = (2/L)\int_0^L f \sin(n\pi x/L)dx$
Fourier cosine	half-range even: $a_n = (2/L)\int_0^L f \cos(n\pi x/L)dx$
Convergence: ratio test	$L = \lim \lvert a_{n+1}/a_n \rvert$: < 1 conv, > 1 div
Convergence: root test	$L = \lim a_n^{1/n}$: < 1 conv, > 1 div
p-series	$\sum 1/n^p$ conv iff $p > 1$
Power series radius	$1/R = \lim \lvert a_{n+1}/a_n \rvert$ (or root)

E2. Top 12 mistakes to avoid in this exam

#	Mistake	Fix
1	Writing $c_1e^{mx} + c_2e^{mx}$ for a repeated root	Use $(c_1 + c_2x)e^{mx}$
2	Forgetting that CR at a single point ≠ analyticity	Always note: need neighborhood + continuity
3	$L^{-1}\{1/(s+a)\} = e^{at}$ (sign error)	It's e^{-at}
4	Confusing $\sin at \leftrightarrow \sinh at$ in Laplace	$a/(s^2+a^2)$ is sin; $a/(s^2-a^2)$ is sinh
5	Wrong substitution: x^2y'' becomes D^2y	It's $D(D-1)y$
6	Computing residues at singularities OUTSIDE C	Only inside ones count

#	Mistake	Fix
7	Forgetting $1/(m-1)!$ for higher-order poles	Higher-order pole formula
8	Variation of parameters: wrong sign on $-y_1\int(\dots)$	Memorize the minus
9	Missing the $1/r$ in polar CR	$u_r = (1/r)v_\theta$, not $u_r = v_\theta$
10	Forgetting absolute value in ln $\lvert$ sec ax + tan $ax\rvert$	Always use $\lvert\cdot\rvert$ in logs
11	Half-range Fourier: wrong interval length L	L is the right endpoint, not the midpoint
12	Ratio test on $1/n^p$	Wastes time — use p-series directly

E3. Final one-page glance (night-before reference)

Section A is easy. Cover:

- $(D^2 + aD + b)y = 0$: roots of aux eqn → CF.
- $L\{1\} = 1/s$, $L\{t\} = 1/s^2$, $L\{e^{at}\} = 1/(s-a)$, $L\{\sin at\} = a/(s^2+a^2)$, $L\{\cos at\} = s/(s^2+a^2)$, $L\{u(t)\} = 1/s$.
- Convergence definition: $\lim S_N$ finite.
- CR equations (cartesian + polar).
- Cauchy integral formula (with derivative version).
- Nowhere-analytic example: $f(z) = \bar{z}$.

Section B priorities:

- Cauchy–Euler: $x = e^t$, become constant coeff.
- Inverse Laplace by partial fractions.
- Convergence test: ratio for factorials / exponentials, root for n^n.

Section C cherry-picks (any 3 of 6):

- Variation of parameters (full template ready).
- IVP by Laplace + convolution.
- Contour: locate singularities → Cauchy / residue / Goursat.
- Fourier half-range.
- CR-but-not-analytic (the "subtle" question).
- Power-series radius of convergence.

E4. Closing note

Khushi — you're not going in cold. You've seen the exact problem types. Two papers, 28 questions, and the topics keep coming back: ODEs, Laplace, Fourier, complex analysis, series. Trust the patterns.

Pace yourself: 25 min Section A, 50 min Section B, 95 min Section C, 10 min review. **Write CF and PI separately.** Show the working — partial marks add up fast on long descriptive questions. When the integral gets ugly, set up the answer cleanly even if you can't finish, and clearly state the method — you'll usually pull most of the marks.

One more thing: every formula in the Master Cheat Sheet is something you've seen come up directly in a PYQ. None of it is decorative. Spend the morning of the exam staring at section E3.

Good luck, Khushi. You've got this. ✏

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