

- (1) "Use Laplace transforms to solve for  $y$ , where  $y'' + y = \sin(t)$ ;  $y(0) = 1$ ;  $y'(0) = 2$ ."

Apply the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{y'' + y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{\sin(t)\} \\ \mathcal{L}\{y''\} + \mathcal{L}\{y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{\sin(t)\} \\ (s^2 Y - s y(0) - y'(0)) + Y &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\end{aligned}$$

Use the given initial conditions and solve for  $Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(s^2 Y - s \cdot 1 - 2) + Y &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}; \\ (s^2 + 1) Y - (s + 2) &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}; \\ (s^2 + 1) Y &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + s + 2; \\ Y &= \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{2}{s^2 + 1}\end{aligned}$$

Invert the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{2}{s^2 + 1}\right\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + 1}\right\} + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\right\} \\ &= \frac{\sin(t) - t \cos(t)}{2} + \cos(t) + 2\sin(t) \\ &= \frac{5}{2}\sin(t) + \cos(t) - \frac{1}{2}t \cos(t).\end{aligned}$$

- (2) "Use Laplace transforms to solve for  $y$ , where  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = t^2 e^{2t}$ ;  $y(0) = 0$ ;  $y'(0) = 0$ ."

Apply the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{y'' - 4y' + 4y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{t^2 e^{2t}\} \\ \mathcal{L}\{y''\} - 4\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + 4\mathcal{L}\{y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{t^2\}_{s \rightarrow s-2} \\ (s^2 Y - s y(0) - y'(0)) - 4(sY - y(0)) + 4Y &= \left[\frac{2!}{s^3}\right]_{s \rightarrow s-2}\end{aligned}$$

Use the given initial conditions and solve for  $Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(s^2 - 4s + 4) Y &= \frac{2}{(s-2)^3} \\ (s-2)^2 Y &= \frac{2}{(s-2)^3} \\ Y &= \frac{2}{(s-2)^5}\end{aligned}$$

Invert the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{(s-2)^5} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{4!}{(s-2)^5} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} t^4 e^{2t} \end{aligned}$$


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- (3) "Evaluate  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ , where  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 2 & t < 3 \\ -2 & 3 \leq t \end{cases}$ ."

Rewrite in terms of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

$$f(t) = 2 - 4\mathcal{U}(t-3)$$

Apply the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}\{2 - 4\mathcal{U}(t-3)\} \\ &= 2\mathcal{L}\{1\} - 4\mathcal{L}\{\mathcal{U}(t-3)\} \\ &= 2 \cdot \mathcal{L}\{1\} - 4e^{-3s}\mathcal{L}\{1\} \\ &= (2 - 4e^{-3s})\mathcal{L}\{1\} \\ &= \frac{2 - 4e^{-3s}}{s} \end{aligned}$$


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- (4) "Evaluate  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ , where  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < \frac{3\pi}{2} \\ \sin(t) & \frac{3\pi}{2} \leq t \end{cases}$ ."

Rewrite in terms of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \sin(t)\mathcal{U}\left(t - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= -\cos\left(t - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)\mathcal{U}\left(t - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Apply the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}\left\{-\cos\left(t - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)\mathcal{U}\left(t - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)\right\} \\ &= -e^{-\frac{3\pi}{2}s}\mathcal{L}\{\cos(t)\} \\ &= -e^{-\frac{3\pi}{2}s} \cdot \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \\ &= -\frac{se^{-\frac{3\pi}{2}s}}{s^2 + 1} \end{aligned}$$


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- (5) "Use Laplace transforms to solve for  $y$ , where  $y'' + 4y = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 0 & 1 \leq t \end{cases}$ ;  $y(0) = 0$ ;  $y'(0) = -1$ ."

Rewrite in terms of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

$$y'' + 4y = 1 - \mathcal{U}(t-1).$$

Apply the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{y'' + 4y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{1 - \mathcal{U}(t-1)\} \\ \mathcal{L}\{y''\} + 4\mathcal{L}\{y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{1\} - \mathcal{L}\{\mathcal{U}(t-1)\} \\ (s^2 Y - sy(0) - y'(0)) + 4Y &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s}\end{aligned}$$

Use the given initial values and solve for  $Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(s^2 Y + 1) + 4Y &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s} \\ (s^2 + 4)Y + 1 &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s} \\ (s^2 + 4)Y &= \frac{1}{s} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s} - 1 \\ Y &= \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 4)} - \frac{e^{-s}}{s(s^2 + 4)} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 4}\end{aligned}$$

Decompose  $\frac{1}{s(s^2+4)}$  into partial fractions.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bs + C}{s^2 + 4} &= \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 4)} \\ A(s^2 + 4) + (Bs + C)s &= 1 \\ (A + B)s^2 + Cs + 4A &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Break this into three equations.

$$\begin{aligned}A + B &= 0 & C &= 0 & 4A &= 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} + B &= 0 & \leftarrow & & A &= \frac{1}{4} \\ B &= -\frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

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

Substitute into the expression for  $Y$ , then invert the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}Y &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right) - \frac{1}{4} e^{-s} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{1}{4} e^{-s} \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right) - \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) - \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right) - \frac{1}{4} e^{-s} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{1}{4} e^{-s} \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right) \\ y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) - \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right) - \frac{1}{4} e^{-s} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) + \frac{1}{4} e^{-s} \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \right\} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \right\} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right\} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-s} \cdot \frac{1}{s} \right\} + \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-s} \cdot \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) - \frac{1}{4} \cos(2t) - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{U}(t-1) + \frac{1}{4} \cos(2(t-1)) \mathcal{U}(t-1) \\ &= \frac{1 - 2 \sin(2t) - \cos(2t)}{4} + \frac{(\cos(2(t-1)) - 1)}{4} \mathcal{U}(t-1)\end{aligned}$$

- (6) "Use Laplace transforms to solve for  $y$ , where  $y'' + 2y' + y = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t < 3 \\ 2(t-3) & 3 \leq t \end{cases}$ ;  $y(0) = 2$ ;  $y'(0) = 1$ ."

Rewrite in terms of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

$$y'' + 2y' + y = 2(t-3)\mathcal{U}(t-3)$$

Take the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{y'' + 2y' + y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{2(t-3)\mathcal{U}(t-3)\} \\ \mathcal{L}\{y''\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + \mathcal{L}\{y\} &= 2e^{-3s}\mathcal{L}\{t\} \\ (s^2Y - sy(0) - y'(0)) + 2(sY - y(0)) + Y &= 2e^{-3s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} \\ (s^2 + 2s + 1)Y - (s+2)y(0) - y'(0) &= 2e^{-3s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2}\end{aligned}$$

Use the given initial values and solve for  $Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(s^2 + 2s + 1)Y - (s+2) \cdot 2 - 1 &= 2e^{-3s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} \\ (s+1)^2 Y &= -2e^{-3s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} + 2(s+2) + 1 \\ Y &= 2e^{-3s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2} + 2 \cdot \frac{s+2}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \\ &= 2e^{-3s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Decompose  $\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2}$  into partial fractions.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s+1} + \frac{D}{(s+1)^2} &= \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2} \\ As(s+1)^2 + B(s+1)^2 + Cs^2(s+1) + Ds^2 &= 1 \\ (A+C)s^3 + (2A+B+C+D)s^2 + (A+2B)s + B &= 1\end{aligned}$$

This gives the system of equations

$$A + C = 0; 2A + B + C + D = 0; A + 2B = 0; B = 1.$$

Eliminating  $B$  we get

$$A + C = 0; 2A + C + D = -1; A = -2.$$

Eliminating  $A$  we get

$$C = 2; C + D = 3.$$

Eliminating  $C$  we get

$$D = 1.$$

So in fact

$$Y = 2e^{-3s} \left( -2 \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}.$$

Invert the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ 2e^{-3s} \left( -2 \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right\} \\ &= 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s+1} \right\} + 3\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right\} - 4\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-3s}}{s} \right\} + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-3s}}{s^2} \right\} + 4\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-3s}}{s+1} \right\} + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-3s}}{(s+1)^2} \right\} \\ &= 2e^{-t} + 3e^{-t}t - 4\mathcal{U}(t-3) + 2(t-3)\mathcal{U}(t-3) + 4e^{-(t-3)}\mathcal{U}(t-3) + 2e^{-(t-3)}(t-3)\mathcal{U}(t-3) \\ &= (3t-2)e^{-t} + 2(t-5 + (2t-1)e^{-(t-3)})\mathcal{U}(t-3)\end{aligned}$$


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(7) "Use Laplace transforms to solve for  $y$ , where  $y'' + y = \sin(t) + \delta(t - \pi)$ ;  $y(0) = 0$ ;  $y'(0) = 0$ ."

Apply the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{y'' + y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{\sin(t) + \delta(t - \pi)\} \\ \mathcal{L}\{y''\} + \mathcal{L}\{y\} &= \mathcal{L}\{\sin(t)\} + \mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - \pi)\} \\ (s^2 Y - s y(0) - y'(0)) + Y &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + e^{-\pi s}\end{aligned}$$

Use the given initial values and solve for  $Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}s^2 Y + Y &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + e^{-\pi s} \\ (s^2 + 1) Y &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + e^{-\pi s} \\ Y &= \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2} + e^{-\pi s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\end{aligned}$$

Invert the Laplace transform.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-\pi s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\right\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\right\}_{t \rightarrow t - \pi} \mathcal{U}(t - \pi) \\ &= \frac{\sin(t) - t \cos(t)}{2} + \sin(t - \pi) \mathcal{U}(t - \pi) \\ &= \frac{\sin(t) - t \cos(t)}{2} - \sin(t) \mathcal{U}(t - \pi)\end{aligned}$$


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