



SOLVING DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS BY USING LAPLACE TRANSFORM TECHNIQUE

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS OF DERIVATIVES

If $L[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s)$ then $L[f^n(t)] = s^n \bar{f}(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - s^{n-3} f''(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$

In Particular, for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$

i) If $L[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s)$ then $L[f'(t)] = s\bar{f}(s) - f(0)$

ii) If $L[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s)$ then $L[f''(t)] = s^2 \bar{f}(s) - s f(0) - f'(0)$

iii) If $L[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s)$ then $L[f'''(t)] = s^3 \bar{f}(s) - s^2 f(0) - s f'(0) - f''(0)$

iv) If $L[f(t)] = \bar{f}(s)$ then $L[f^{iv}(t)] = s^4 \bar{f}(s) - s^3 f(0) - s^2 f'(0) - s f''(0) - f'''(0)$

Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = e^{-t}$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$ by using Laplace transforms.

(VTU 2006, 2011)

Solution: Given, $y'' + 4y' + 4y = e^{-t}$

Taking Laplace Transform on both side

$$L[y''] + 4L[y'] + 4L[y] = L[e^{-t}]$$

$$\Rightarrow [s^2 \bar{y}(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)] + 4[s\bar{y}(s) - y(0)] + 4\bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow [s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s(0) - (0)] + 4[s\bar{y}(s) - (0)] + 4\bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$s^2 \bar{y}(s) + 4s\bar{y}(s) + 4\bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\bar{y}(s)[s^2 + 4s + 4] = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$L[f'(t)] = s\bar{f}(s) - f(0)$$

$$L[f''(t)] = s^2 \bar{f}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$L[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$$

$$\bar{y}(s) \left[(s+2)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)^2}$$

we have, $y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\bar{y}(s) \right]$

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)^2} \right]$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{(s+2)} + \frac{C}{(s+2)^2} \right]$$

$$1 = A(s+2)^2 + B(s+1)(s+2) + C(s+1)$$

$$\text{Put } s = -1 \Rightarrow 1 = A(1) \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\text{Put } s = -2 \Rightarrow 1 = C(-1) \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$\text{Put } s = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = 4A + 2B + C \Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{-1}{(s+2)} + \frac{-1}{(s+2)^2} \right]$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s+1} \right] - L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)} \right] - L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s+2)^2} \right]$$

$$y(t) = e^{-t} - e^{-2t} - te^{-2t}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s-a} \right] = e^{at}$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-a)^n} \right] = \frac{e^{at} t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dt} + 9y = 12t^2 e^{-3t}$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$ by using Laplace transforms.

(VTU 2005)

Solution:

Given, $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 12t^2 e^{-3t}$

Taking Laplace Transform on both side

$$L[y''] + 6L[y'] + 9L[y] = L[12t^2 e^{-3t}]$$

$$\Rightarrow [s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s y(0) - y'(0)] + 6[s \bar{y}(s) - y(0)] + 9\bar{y}(s) = 12 \left(\frac{2}{(s+3)^3} \right)$$

$$[s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s(0) - (0)] + 6[s \bar{y}(s) - (0)] + 9\bar{y}(s) = \frac{24}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$s^2 \bar{y}(s) + 6s \bar{y}(s) + 9\bar{y}(s) = \frac{24}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$\bar{y}(s)[s^2 + 6s + 9] = \frac{24}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$L[f'(t)] = s\bar{f}(s) - f(0)$$

$$L[f''(t)] = s^2 \bar{f}(s) - s f(0) - f'(0)$$

$$L[e^{at} t^n] = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$$

$$y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$$

$$\bar{y}(s) \left[(s+3)^2 \right] = \frac{24}{(s+3)^3}$$

$$\bar{y}(s) = \frac{24}{(s+3)^5}$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1}[\bar{y}(s)]$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{24}{(s+3)^3} \right]$$

$$y(t) = 24e^{-3t} \frac{t^4}{4!}$$

$$y(t) = e^{-3t} t^4$$

$$L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-a)^{n+1}} \right] = \frac{e^{at} t^n}{n!}$$

Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 1 - e^{2t}$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 1$ by using Laplace transforms.

(VTU 2004)

Solution:

Given, $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 1 - e^{2t}$

Taking Laplace Transform on both side

$$L[y''] - 3L[y'] + 2L[y] = L[1 - e^{2t}]$$

$$L[f'(t)] = s\bar{f}(s) - f(0)$$

$$L[f''(t)] = s^2\bar{f}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s y(0) - y'(0) \right] - 3 \left[s \bar{y}(s) - y(0) \right] + 2 \bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$\left[s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s(1) - (1) \right] - 3 \left[s \bar{y}(s) - (1) \right] + 2 \bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s - 1 - 3s \bar{y}(s) + 3 + 2 \bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$\bar{y}(s) \left[s^2 - 3s + 2 \right] = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s-2} + s - 2$$

$$y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

$$\bar{y}(s) \left[(s-1)(s-2) \right] = \frac{s-2-s+s(s-2)^2}{s(s-2)}$$

$$\bar{y}(s) = \frac{-2+s(s^2+4-2s)}{s(s-1)(s-2)^2} = \frac{s^3-2s^2+4s-2}{s(s-1)(s-2)^2}$$

we have, $y(t) = L^{-1}[\bar{y}(s)]$

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^3 - 2s^2 + 4s - 2}{s(s-1)(s-2)^2}\right]$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{(s-1)} + \frac{C}{(s-2)} + \frac{D}{(s-2)^2}\right]$$

$$s^3 - 2s^2 + 4s - 2 = A(s-1)(s-2)^2 + Bs(s-2)^2 + Cs(s-1)(s-2) + Ds(s-1)$$

$$\text{Put } s = 0 \Rightarrow -2 = A(-1)(4) \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Put } s = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = B(1)(1) \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$$\text{Put } s = 2 \Rightarrow 6 = D(2)(1) \Rightarrow D = 3$$

$$\text{Put } s = -1 \Rightarrow -9 = -18A - 9B - 6C + 2D \Rightarrow C = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore \quad y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{1/2}{s} + \frac{1}{(s-1)} + \frac{5/2}{(s-2)} + \frac{3}{(s-2)^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad y(t) = \frac{1}{2} L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) + L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s-1} \right) + \frac{5}{2} L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s-2} \right) + 3 L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{(s-2)^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad y(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1) + e^t + \frac{5}{2}e^{2t} + 3(te^{2t})$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad y(t) = \frac{1}{2} + e^t + \frac{5}{2}e^{2t} + 3te^{2t}$$

Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dt} - 3y = \sin t$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$ by using Laplace transforms.

(VTU 2004)

Solution:

Given, $y'' + 2y' - 3y = \sin t$

Taking Laplace Transform on both side

$$L[y''] + 2L[y'] - 3L[y] = L[\sin t]$$

$$L[f'(t)] = s\bar{f}(s) - f(0)$$

$$L[f''(t)] = s^2\bar{f}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow [s^2\bar{y}(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)] + 2[s\bar{y}(s) - y(0)] - 3\bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$[s^2\bar{y}(s) - s(0) - (0)] + 2[s\bar{y}(s) - (0)] - 3\bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$$

$$s^2\bar{y}(s) + 2s\bar{y}(s) - 3\bar{y}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$\overline{y}(s)[s^2 + 2s - 3] = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$\overline{y}(s)[(s - 1)(s + 3)] = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$\overline{y}(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)(s - 1)(s + 3)}$$

we have, $y(t) = L^{-1}[\overline{y}(s)]$

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)(s - 1)(s + 3)}\right]$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{As + B}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{C}{(s - 1)} + \frac{D}{(s + 3)}\right]$$

$$1 = (As + B)(s - 1)(s + 3) + C(s^2 + 1)(s + 3) + D(s^2 + 1)(s - 1)$$

$$\text{Put } s = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = C(2)(4) \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{Put } s = -3 \Rightarrow 1 = D(10)(-4) \Rightarrow D = -\frac{1}{40}$$

$$\text{Put } s = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = -3B + 3C - D \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{Put } s = -1 \Rightarrow 1 = 4A - 4B + 4C - 4D \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\therefore y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{(-1/5)s + (-1/5)}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{1/8}{(s - 1)} + \frac{-1/40}{(s + 3)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = -\frac{1}{5} L^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \right) - \frac{1}{5} L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right) + \frac{1}{8} L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s - 1} \right) - \frac{1}{40} L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s + 3} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = -\frac{1}{5} \cos t - \frac{1}{5} \sin t + \frac{1}{8} e^t - \frac{1}{40} e^{-3t}$$

Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 4t + e^{3t}$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = -1$ by using Laplace transforms.

(VTU 2013)

Solution:

Given, $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 4t + e^{3t}$

Taking Laplace Transform on both side

$$L[y''] - 3L[y'] + 2L[y] = 4L[t] + L[e^{3t}]$$

$$\Rightarrow [s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s y(0) - y'(0)] - 3[s \bar{y}(s) - y(0)] + 2\bar{y}(s) = 4\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) + \frac{1}{s-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow [s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s(1) - (-1)] - 3[s \bar{y}(s) - (1)] + 2\bar{y}(s) = \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 \bar{y}(s) - s + 1 - 3s \bar{y}(s) + 3 + 2\bar{y}(s) = \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s-3}$$

$$\bar{y}(s)[s^2 - 3s + 2] = \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s-3} + s - 4$$

$$\bar{y}(s)[(s-1)(s-2)] = \frac{4(s-3) + s^2 + (s-4)s^2(s-3)}{s^2(s-3)}$$

$$\bar{y}(s) = \frac{4s - 12 + s^2 + s^4 - 7s^3 + 12s^2}{s^2(s-3)(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{s^4 - 7s^3 + 13s^2 + 4s - 12}{s^2(s-3)(s-1)(s-2)}$$

we have, $y(t) = L^{-1}[\bar{y}(s)]$

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{s^4 - 7s^3 + 13s^2 + 4s - 12}{s^2(s-1)(s-2)(s-3)}\right]$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{(s-1)} + \frac{D}{(s-2)} + \frac{E}{(s-3)}\right]$$

$$\text{Now, } s^4 - 7s^3 + 13s^2 + 4s - 12 = As(s-1)(s-2)(s-3) + B(s-1)(s-2)(s-3) \\ + Cs^2(s-2)(s-3) + Ds^2(s-1)(s-3) + Es^2(s-1)(s-2)$$

$$\text{Put } s = 0 \Rightarrow -12 = -6B \Rightarrow B = 2$$

$$\text{Put } s = 1 \Rightarrow -1 = C(2) \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Put } s = 2 \Rightarrow 8 = D(-4) \Rightarrow D = -2$$

$$\text{Put } s = 3 \Rightarrow 9 = E(18) \Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Put } s = 4 \Rightarrow 20 = 24A + 6B + 32C + 48D + 96E$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 = 24A + 6(2) + 32\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 48(-2) + 96\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Rightarrow 72 = 24A \Rightarrow A = 3$$

$$\therefore y(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{3}{s} + \frac{2}{s^2} + \frac{-1/2}{(s-1)} + \frac{-2}{(s-2)} + \frac{1/2}{(s-3)}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = 3L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) + 2L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-1}\right) - 2L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = 3(1) + 2(t) - \frac{1}{2}(e^t) - 2(e^{2t}) + \frac{1}{2}(e^{3t})$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = 3 + 2t - \frac{1}{2}e^t - 2e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{3t}$$

$$L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-a}\right] = e^{at}$$