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Tips:

- Always define your symbolic variables with **syms**.
- Use **laplace()** and **ilaplace()** for forward and inverse transforms.
- **subs()** is used to substitute initial conditions after taking the Laplace transform.
- Use **solve()** to isolate the Laplace domain function.
- Always simplify the final result with **simplify()** or **pretty()** for readability.
- Use **fplot()** or **ezplot()** to plot the result.

Problem List of

1. Solve following 1st order Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE) using

Laplace transformation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = 2, \quad y(0) = 1$$

and plot it:

Algorithm:

START Algorithm_FirstOrderODE

1. DEFINE symbolic variables $y(t)$, Y , s
2. DEFINE ODE: $dy/dt + 4y = 2$
3. APPLY Laplace transform to ODE
4. SUBSTITUTE initial condition $y(0) = 1$

5. SOLVE for $Y(s)$ in Laplace domain

6. APPLY inverse Laplace transform to get $y(t)$
7. SIMPLIFY the solution
8. PLOT $y(t)$ vs t
9. DISPLAY solution

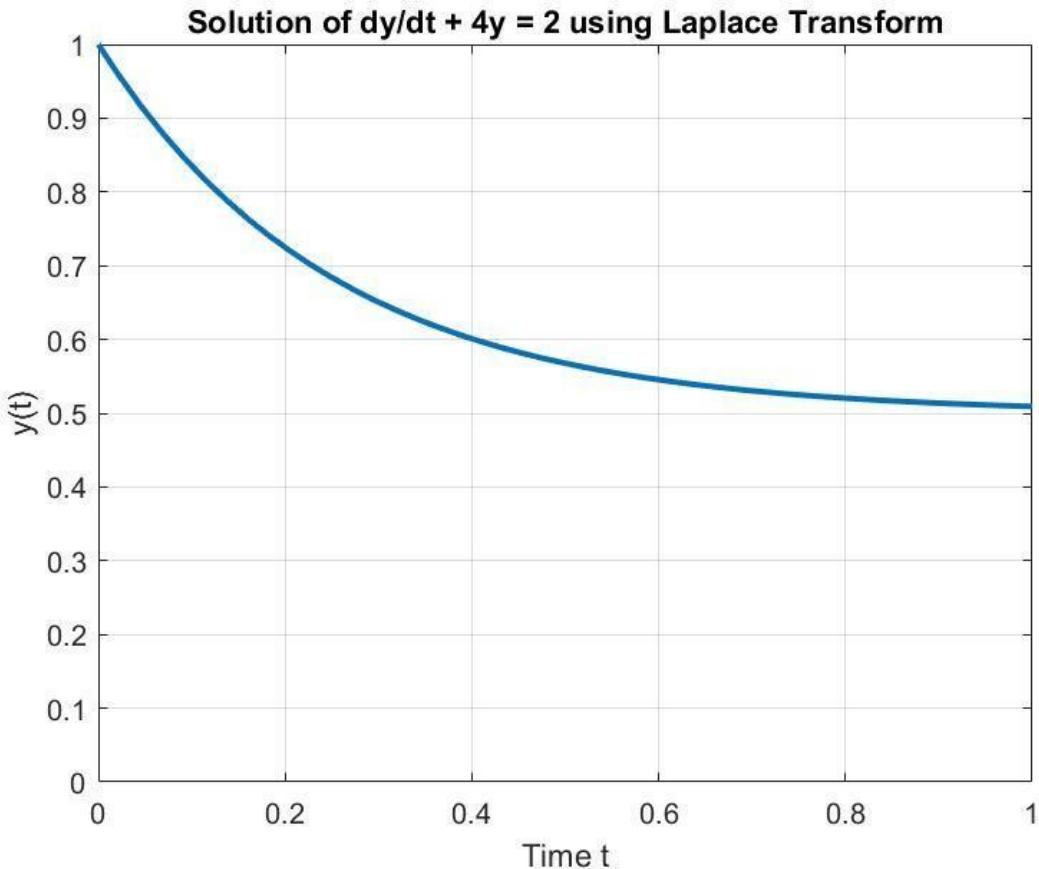
END Algorithm_FirstOrderODE

Mathematical Steps:

1. $L\{dy/dt\} = sY - y(0)$
2. $L\{4y\} = 4Y$
3. $L\{2\} = 2/s$
4. Solve: $(sY - 1) + 4Y = 2/s$
5. $Y(s) = (s + 2)/(s(s + 4))$

6. Partial fractions: $Y(s) = 1/(2s) + 1/(2(s+4))$

7. $y(t) = 1/2 + (1/2)e^{-4t}$



MATLAB CODE:

```
syms y(t) Y s
```

```
% Define the ODE
```

```
Dy = diff(y, t); ode =
```

```
Dy + 4*y == 2;
```

```
% Take Laplace Transform of both sides
```

```
L_ode = laplace(ode, t, s);
```

```
% Substitute initial condition y(0) = 1
```

```
L_ode_sub = subs(L_ode,
laplace(y(t), t, s), Y);
```

```
L_ode_sub = subs(L_ode_sub, y(0),
```

```
1);
```

```
% Solve for Y (Laplace of y)
```

```
Y_sol = solve(L_ode_sub, Y); %
```

```
Take inverse Laplace to find y(t)
```

```
y_sol = ilaplace(Y_sol, s, t);
```

```
% Simplify and display result
```

```
y_simplified = simplify(y_sol);
```

```
disp('Solution y(t):');
```

```
pretty(y_simplified)
```

```
% Optional: Plot the result
```

```
fplot(y_simplified, [0, 5], 'LineWidth',
```

```
2); xlabel('Time  
t');  
ylabel('y(t)');
```

2. Solve following 2nd order Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE) using Laplace transformation and plot it:
- | | |
|--|--|
| $y''+3y'+2y=0$ with initial conditions:
$y(0)=4, y'(0)=0$ | 5. FORM equation: $(s^2Y - 4s) + 3(sY - 4) + 2Y = 0$ |
|--|--|

Algorithm:

START

1. DEFINE symbolic variables $y(t)$,

1. Characteristic equation: $r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0$
2. Roots: $r = -1, -2$
3. $Y(s) = (4s + 12)/((s+1)(s+2))$
4. Partial fractions: $Y(s) = 8/(s+1) - 4/(s+2)$
5. $y(t) = 8e^{-t} - 4e^{-2t}$

Y, s

2. DEFINE ODE: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$

3. DEFINE initial conditions:

$y(0)=4, y'(0)=0$

4. APPLY Laplace transform:

$$\begin{aligned}- L\{y''\} &= s^2Y - s*y(0) - y'(0) \\ - L\{y'\} &= sY - y(0) \\ - L\{y\} &= Y\end{aligned}$$

6. SOLVE for $Y(s)$

7. APPLY inverse Laplace transform 8. SIMPLIFY $y(t)$

9. PLOT solution

END

Algorithm_SecondOrderHomogeneous

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MATLAB CODE:

```
% Define symbolic variables
syms y(t) Y s
% Define the differential equation
Dy = diff(y, t);
D2y = diff(y, t, 2);
% Original ODE
ode = D2y + 3*Dy +
2*y == 0;
% Initial conditions
cond1 =
y(0) == 4;
cond2 = Dy(0) == 0;
%
Solve using dsolve (symbolic solver)
```

Mathematical Steps:

```

sol = dsolve(ode, [cond1, cond2]); %
Display solution disp('Solution y(t):');
pretty(sol)

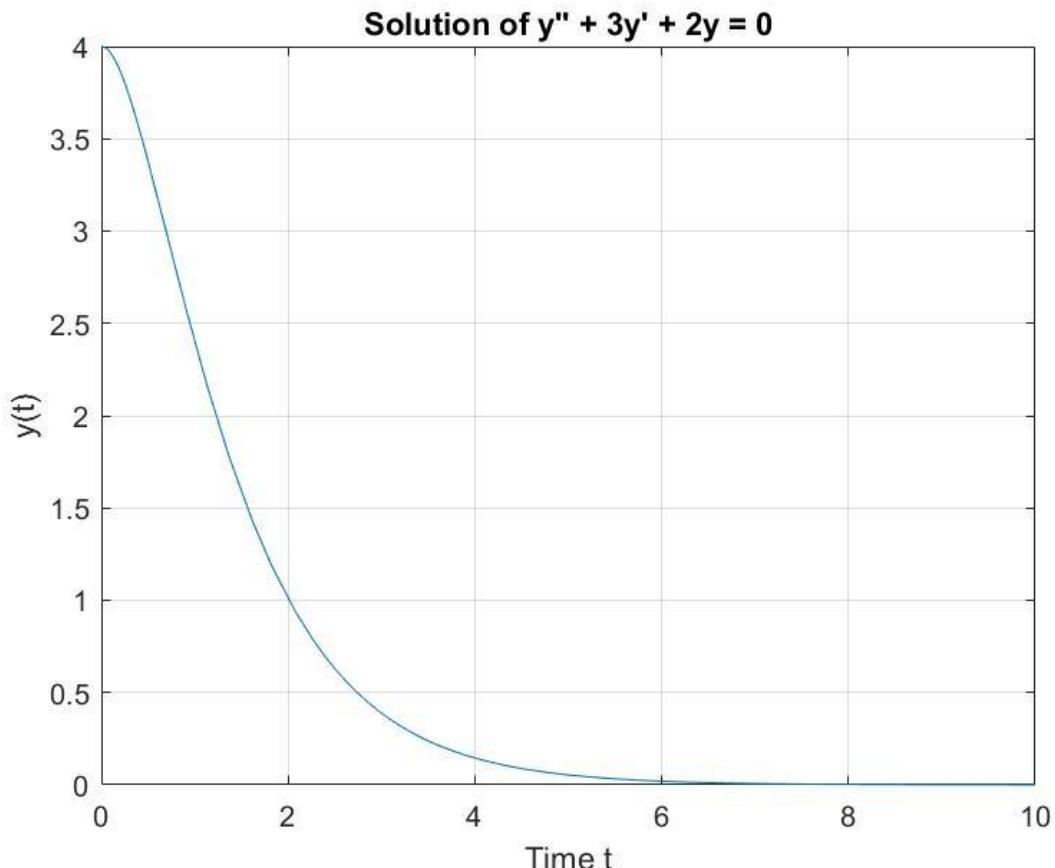
```

```

fplot(sol, [0, 10]) grid on
title('Solution of y''' + 3y'' + 2y =
0') xlabel('Time t') ylabel('y(t)')

```

% To plot this solution we use
following code of MATLAB



3. Solve following 2nd order Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE) using Laplace transformation and plot it: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{-t}$, initial condition $y(0)=4$, $y'(0)=5$

Algorithm:

START

1. DEFINE symbolic variables $y(t)$, Y , s

2. DEFINE ODE: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$

3. DEFINE initial conditions:
 $y(0)=4$, $y'(0)=0$

4. APPLY Laplace transform:

$$- L\{y''\} = s^2 Y - s*y(0) - y'(0)$$

$$- L\{y'\} = sY - y(0)$$

$$- L\{y\} = Y$$

Mathematical Steps:

5. FORM equation: $(s^2 Y - 4s) + 3(sY - 4) + 2Y = 0$

6. SOLVE for $Y(s)$

7. APPLY inverse Laplace transform

8. SIMPLIFY $y(t)$

9. PLOT solution

END

Algorithm_SecondOrderHomogeneo

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1. Characteristic equation: $r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0$

2. Roots: $r = -1, -2$

3. $Y(s) = (4s + 12)/((s+1)(s+2))$

4. Partial fractions: $Y(s) = 8/(s+1) - 4/(s+2)$

5. $y(t) = 8e^{-t} - 4e^{-2t}$

MATLAB CODE:

```

clear all;
% Consider the initial value
problem
%  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{-t}$ ,  $y(0)=4$  ,
 $y'(0)=5$ 

% Define the necessary
symbolic variables: syms s t
Y

% Define the right-hand side
function and find its Laplace
transform:
f = exp(-t); F
=
laplace(f,t,s);

% Find the Laplace transform of
y'(t) :
Y1 = s * Y - y(0)
Y1 = s * Y - 4;

% Find the Laplace transform of
y''(t) :
Y2 = s * Y1 - y'(0)
Y2 = s * Y1 - 5;

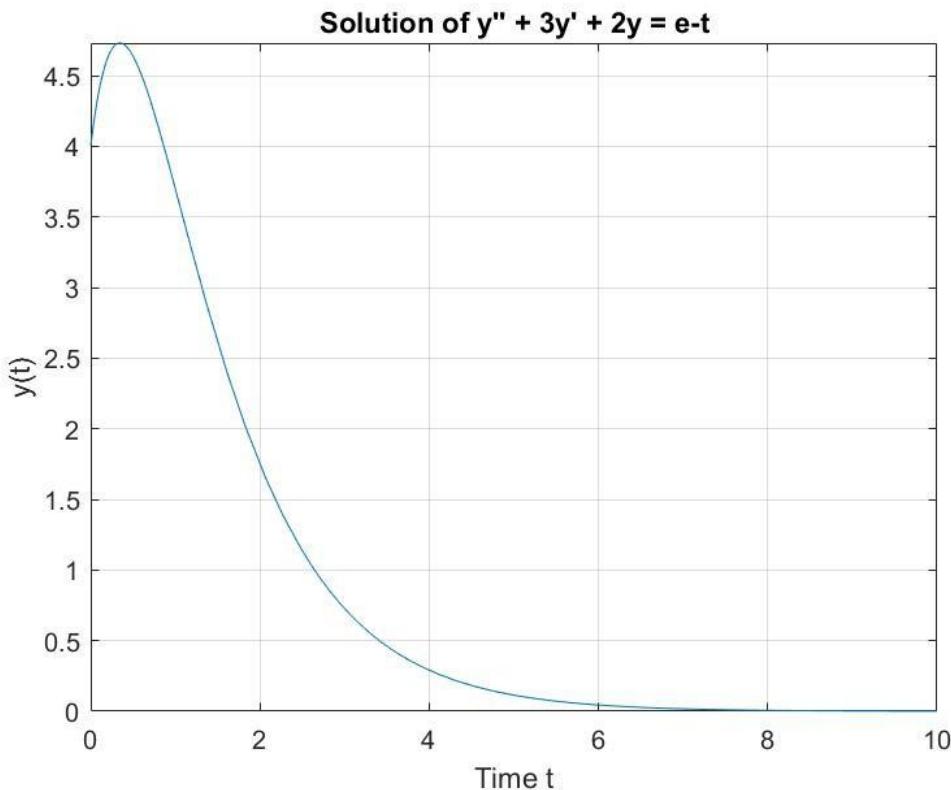
% Set the Laplace transform of the left
hand side minus
% the right hand side to zero and solve for
Y:
Sol = solve(Y2 + 3*Y1 + 2*Y - F, Y);

% Find the inverse Laplace transform
of the solution: sol = ilaplace(Sol,s,t);

% Display solution disp('Solution
y(t):');

pretty(sol) %To plot this
solution we use following code
of MATLAB
fplot(sol, [0, 10]) grid
on
title('Solution of  $y''' + 3y'' + 2y = e^{-t}$ ')
xlabel('Time t')
ylabel('y(t)')

```



4. Use the Laplace transform to find the unique solution $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y' = 2$. If $\boxed{y(0)=1, y'(0)=0}$, find the solution of this equation.

Algorithm

START

1. DEFINE symbolic variables

2. DEFINE ODE: $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$

3. DEFINE IC: $y(0)=1$, $y'(0)=0$

4. DIRECT Laplace formulation:

$$- Y_{\text{eq}} = s^2Y - s - (sY - 1) - 2Y = 0$$

5. SOLVE for $Y(s)$

6. INVERSE Laplace to get $y(t)$ 7.

PLOT solution

END Algorithm_SecondOrderZeroRHS

MATLAB CODE:

```
syms Y s t
```

```
% Define Laplace transform of y(t) as
Y(s)
```

```
% Laplace of y'' - y' - 2y = 0 (s^2*y-
sy(0)y'(0)-(sy-y(0))-2y=0)...y(0)=1
```

```
% & y'(0)=0;
```

```
Y_eq = s^2*Y - s*1 - 0 - (s*Y - 1) -
2*Y
```

```
== 0;
```

```
% Solve for Y(s)
```

```

Y_s = solve(Y_eq, Y); %

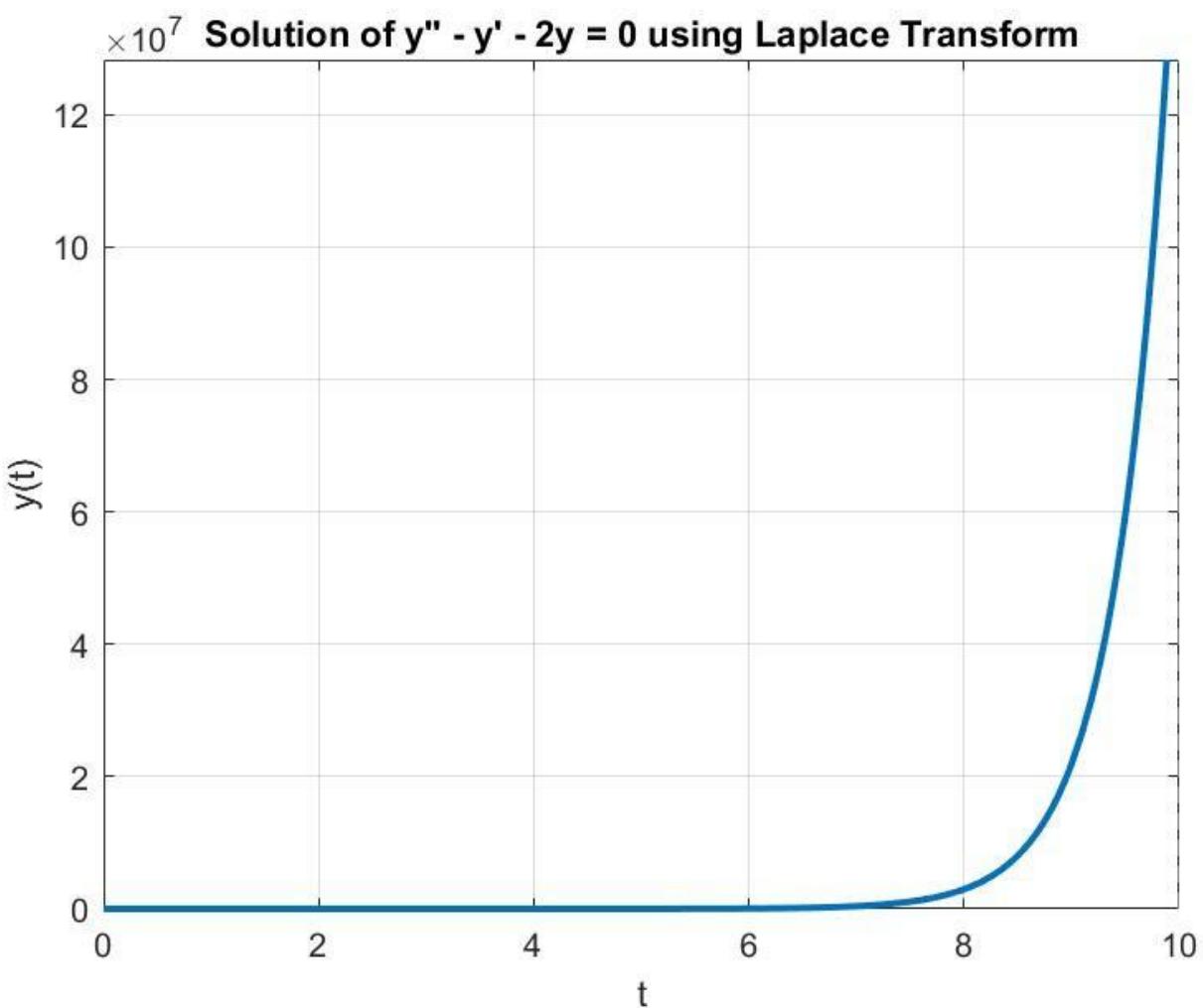
Inverse Laplace to get

y(t) y_t = ilaplace(Y_s, s,
t);

% Display the solution

disp('Solution y(t):'); pretty(y_t)

```



5. Find solution of $y'' = 6 - 2x$ with initial conditions: $y(0)=1$, $y'(0)=4$

Algorithm

START

1. DEFINE symbolic variables

2. DEFINE ODE: $y'' = 6 - 2x$ 3. DEFINE IC: $y(0)=1$, $y'(0)=4$ 4. FIND Laplace of RHS: $L\{6-2x\}$ 5. APPLY Laplace to LHS: $L\{y''\} = s^2Y - s - 4$ 6. SOLVE: $s^2Y - s - 4 = L\{6-2x\}$ 7. INVERSE Laplace for $y(x)$ 8. PLOT $y(x)$ vs x

END Algorithm_PolynomialODE

MATLAB CODE:

% Define symbolic variables

% Laplace transform of $y'' = 6 - 2x$

syms Y s x

% $L\{y''\} = s^2Y(s) - s*y(0) - y'(0)$ % Define Laplace transform of RHS: $L\{6 - 2x\}$ LHS = $s^2Y - s*y0 - dy0;$ F = laplace($6 - 2*x$, x,% Solve for $Y(s)$

s); % Initial conditions

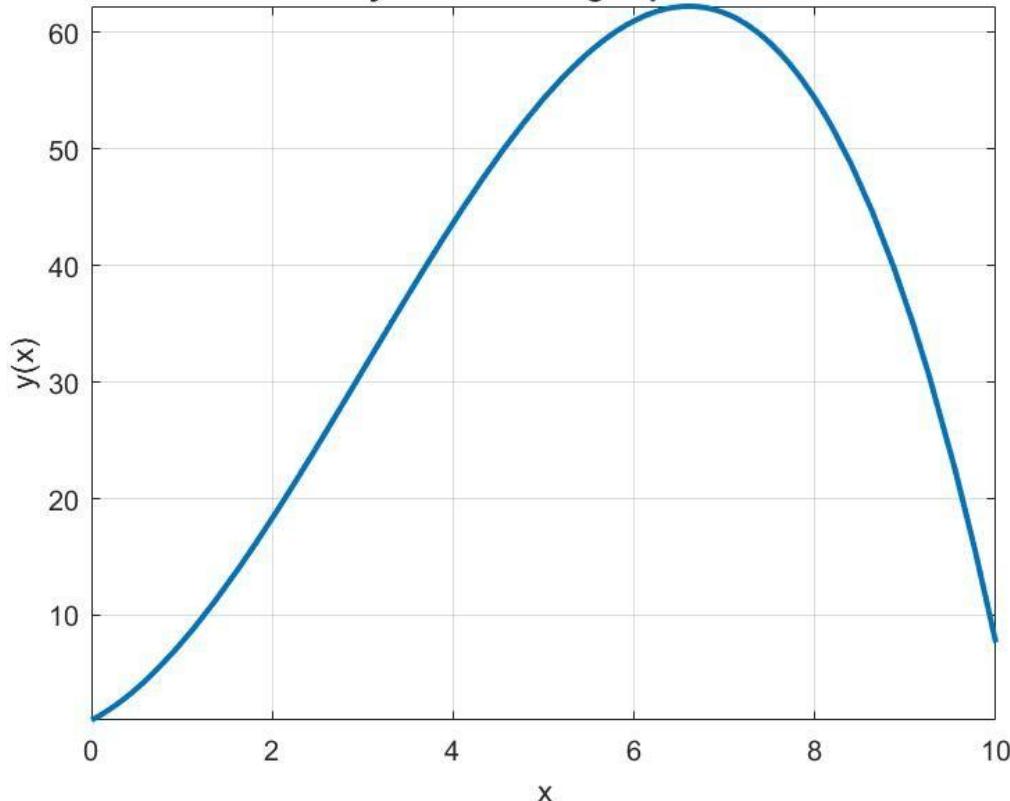
Ysol = solve(LHS == F, Y);

y0 = 1; dy0 = 4;

% Inverse Laplace to get $y(x)$

ySol(x) = ilaplace(Ysol, s, x);

ySol = simplify(ySol); % Display

Solution of $y'' = 6 - 2x$ using Laplace Transform

the solution disp('Solution y(x)
using Laplace transform:')

```
disp(ySol)
```

```
% Plot the solution over [0, 10]
fplot(ySol, [0, 10], 'LineWidth', 2)
grid on xlabel('x') ylabel('y(x)')
title('Solution of y''' = 6 - 2x using Laplace
Transform')
```

6. Find solution of $y'' - 6y' + 15y = 2\sin(3t)$, with initial conditions: $y(0) = -1, y'(0) = -4$,
and plot it Algorithm:

START

1. DEFINE symbolic variables

2. DEFINE ODE: $y'' - 6y' + 15y = 2\sin(3t)$

3. DEFINE IC: $y(0) = -1, y'(0) = 4$

4. FIND Laplace of RHS: $L\{2\sin(3t)\} = 6/(s^2+9)$

5. APPLY Laplace to LHS:

$$-L\{y''\} = s^2Y + s - 4$$

$$-L\{y'\} = sY + 1$$

$$-L\{y\} = Y$$

6. FORM equation: $(s^2Y + s - 4) - 6(sY + 1) + 15Y = 6/(s^2+9)$

7. SOLVE for $Y(s)$

8. INVERSE Laplace for $y(t)$

solution

END Algorithm_SinusoidalForcing

MATLAB CODE:

```
% Define symbolic variables
```

```
syms Y s t
```

```
% Define Laplace transform of RHS
```

```
F = laplace(2*sin(3*t), t,
```

```
s); % Define initial
```

```
conditions y0 = -1; dy0 =
```

```
4;
```

```
% Laplace transform of the differential
equation
```

```
% L{y''} = s^2*Y - s*y(0) - y'(0)
```

```
% L{y'} = s*Y - y(0)
```

```
% L{y} = Y
```

```
LHS = s^2*Y - s*y0 - dy0 - 6*(s*Y - y0) +
15*Y;
```

```
% Solve for Y(s)
```

```
Ysol = solve(LHS == F, Y); %
```

```
Inverse Laplace to get y(t) ySol =
```

```
ilaplace(Ysol, s, t); ySol =
```

```
simplify(ySol); % Display the
```

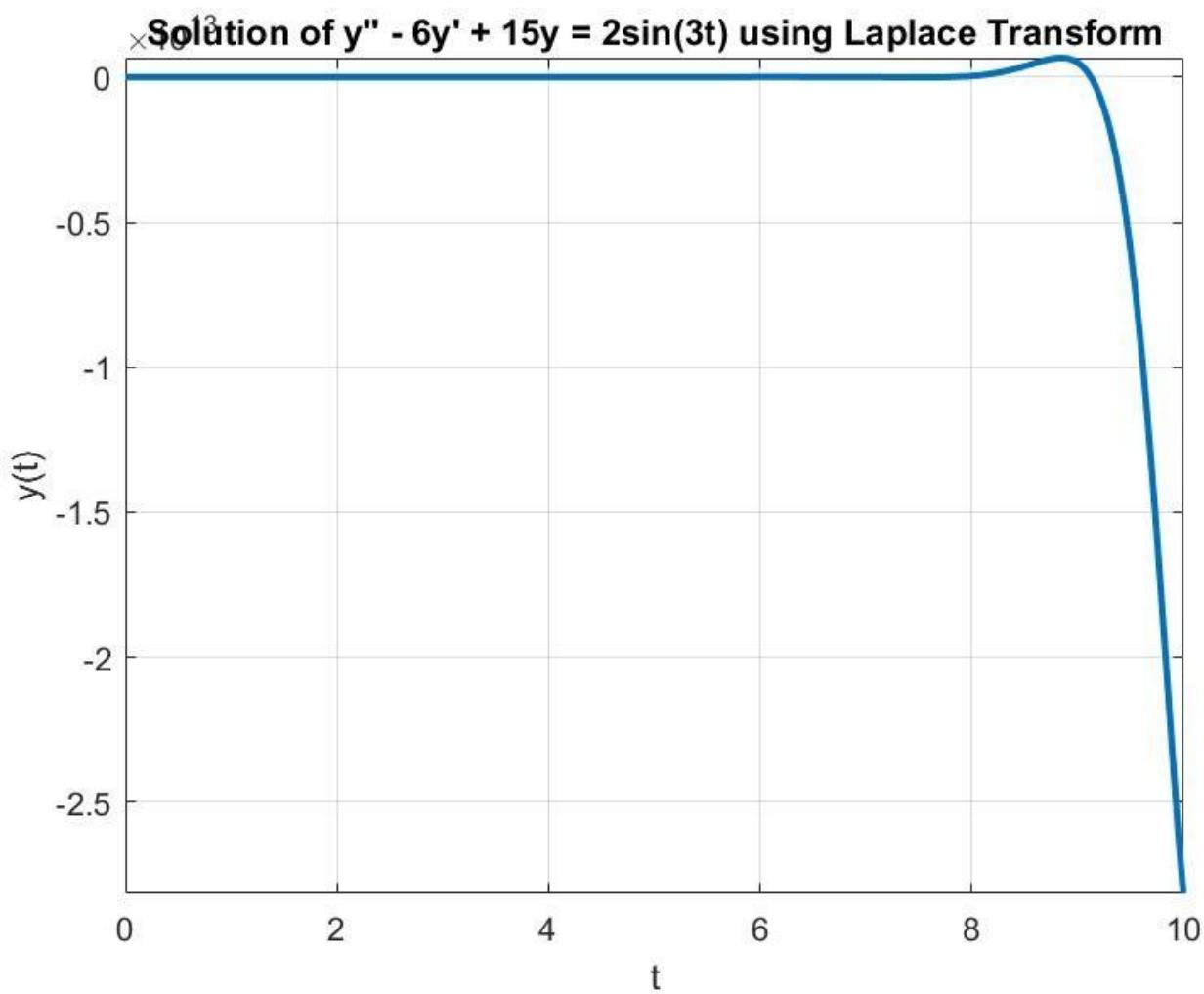
```
solution disp('Solution y(t) using
```

```
Laplace transform:') disp(ySol)
```

```
% Plot the solution over [0, 10] fplot(ySol,
[0, 10], 'LineWidth', 2) grid on xlabel('t')
```

```
ylabel('y(t)') title('Solution of y''' - 6y' +
```

```
15y = 2sin(3t) using Laplace Transform')
```



Fourier transform using MATLAB

- The Fourier Transform is a mathematical technique that **transforms a function of time (or space) into a function of frequency**.
- It is a way to **break down complex signals into** their basic building blocks — **sine and cosine waves of various frequencies**.
- The **Inverse Fourier Transform** is the process of **converting a signal from the frequency domain back to the time domain**. It's like unmixing the frequencies to reconstruct the original signal.
- If the Fourier Transform breaks a signal down into its sine and cosine components (i.e., analyzes *what frequencies are present*), then the Inverse Fourier Transform tells you *how to put them back together* to recreate the original signal.
- **fft (x)** → Transforms from **time to frequency**
- **ifft (X)** → Transforms from **frequency to time** ◦ Here bold f indicates **Fast Fourier transform**, a fast calculation technique. You will learn about it in Digital Signal Processing.

7. Construct a complex signal of frequency $f_1=50$ Hz, $f_2=100$ Hz and $f_3=200$ Hz and Amplitude $A_1=A_2=A_3=1$ using Fourier Transformation technique. Plot its time domain and frequency domain

4. CREATE composite signal: sum of 3 sine waves

5. PLOT time domain signal

6. APPLY FFT to signal

7. COMPUTE frequency axis

8. COMPUTE single-sided amplitude spectrum

9. PLOT frequency spectrum

END

```
pi/4; phi3
= pi/2; %
Time-
domain
signal
signal =
A1*sin(2*
pi*f1*t +
phi1) +
...
A2*sin(2*pi*f2*t + phi2) + ...
A3*sin(2*pi*f3*t + phi3);
```

```
% Plot the time-domain signal
figure; plot(t, signal);
title('Time-Domain Signal');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude');
```

```
% Compute the FFT (Fast Fourier
Transform)
```

Algorithm:

START

1. SET parameters: $F_s=1000$ Hz, $T=1/F_s$, $L=1000$

2. CREATE time vector t

3. DEFINE frequencies: $f_1=50$ Hz, $f_2=100$ Hz, $f_3=200$ Hz

```
% Solution
% Parameters
Fs = 1000; % Sampling
frequency (Hz)
T = 1/Fs; % Sampling period
(s)
L = 1000; % Length of signal
t = (0:L-1)*T; % Time vector
```

```
% Construct a complex signal (sum
of sine waves) f1 = 50; %
Frequency 1 (Hz) f2 = 100;
% Frequency 2 (Hz) f3 = 200;
% Frequency 3 (Hz)
```

```
% Amplitudes and phases
A1 = 1;
A2 = 0.5;
A3 = 0.8;
phi1 = 0;
phi2 =
```

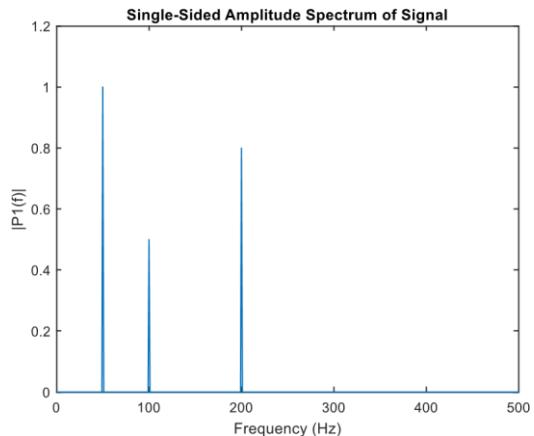
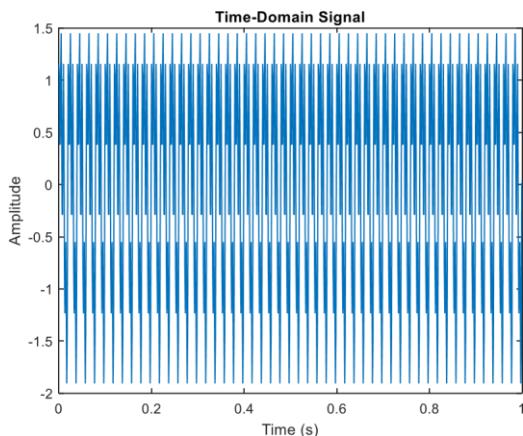
```

Y = fft(signal);

% Compute frequency axis f
= Fs*(0:(L/2))/L;
P1 = P2(1:L/2+1); % Single-sided
spectrum
P1(2:end-1) = 2*P1(2:end-1);

% Plot the frequency domain
representation
    
```

% Compute magnitude
 $P2 = \text{abs}(Y/L);$ % Two-sided
spectrum
figure; plot(f,
P1);
title('Single-Sided Amplitude
Spectrum of Signal');
xlabel('Frequency (Hz)');
ylabel('|P1(f)|');



8. Write MATLAB code is used to plot the square wave function along with the Fourier sine series in order to compare the accuracy and error between the approximation and the actual function. [Use the equation $F(x) = 4/\pi \sum_{j=odd}^{\infty} 1/j \sin(j\pi x)$]

Algorithm:

START

1. SET N = 500 points 6. END FOR

2. CREATE x from -1 to 1 7. PLOT Fourier approximation vs actual square wave
3. DEFINE square wave: $f = \text{sign}(x)$

4. INITIALIZE sum = zeros

- ADD term: $(4/\pi)*\sin(j\pi x)/j$

8. VARY M to see convergence

END

5. FOR $j = 1, 3, 5, \dots, M$

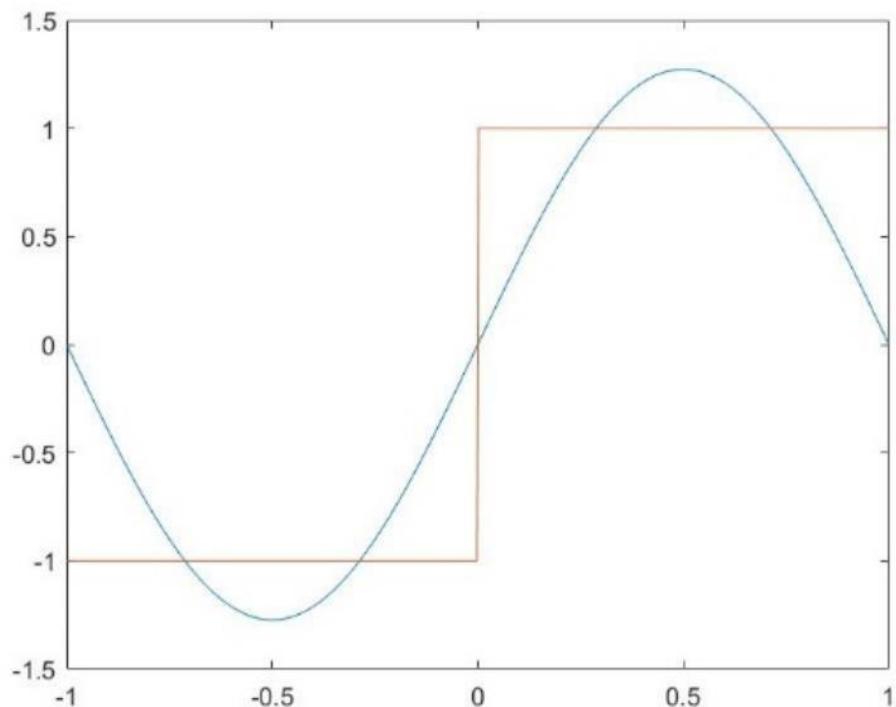
MATLAB CODE:

```
clc;
clear all;
N = 500; %Number of oints
plotted x = linspace(-1,1,N); f =
sign(x); sum = 0.* x;
M = 1;
```

% number of coefficients.

Varing M you can draw
different waves

```
for j = 1:2:M sum = sum +
4/pi*sin(j*pi*x)/j; end plot(x,
sum) hold on plot(x,f) hold on
```



9. Convolute two simple signals of unit step and exponential decay:

- $x(t) = u(t) \rightarrow$ unit step function
- $h(t) = e^{-t} \rightarrow$ exponential decay starting at $t=0$

We'll compute: $y(t)=x(t)*h(t)$

3. PERFORM convolution: $y = \text{conv}(x,h)*dt$

4. CREATE output time vector

5. PLOT all three signals:

- Input $x(t)$
- Impulse response $h(t)$
- Output $y(t)$

% Create new time vector

for output t_conv =

0:0.01:(2*max(t)); % Plot

the signals and their

convolution subplot(3,1,1);

plot(t, x, 'LineWidth', 2);

title('x(t) = u(t)'); xlabel('t');

ylabel('x(t)'); grid on;

subplot(3,1,2); plot(t, h,

'LineWidth', 2); title('h(t) = e^{-t}u(t)');

xlabel('t'); ylabel('h(t)');

Algorithm:

START

1. DEFINE time axis: $t = 0$ to 10

2. DEFINE signals:

- $x(t) =$ unit step function

- $h(t) = e^{-t}$

MATLAB CODE:

```
% Time axis t = 0:0.01:10; % simulate
continuous time
```

```
% Define signals x = ones(size(t)); %
```

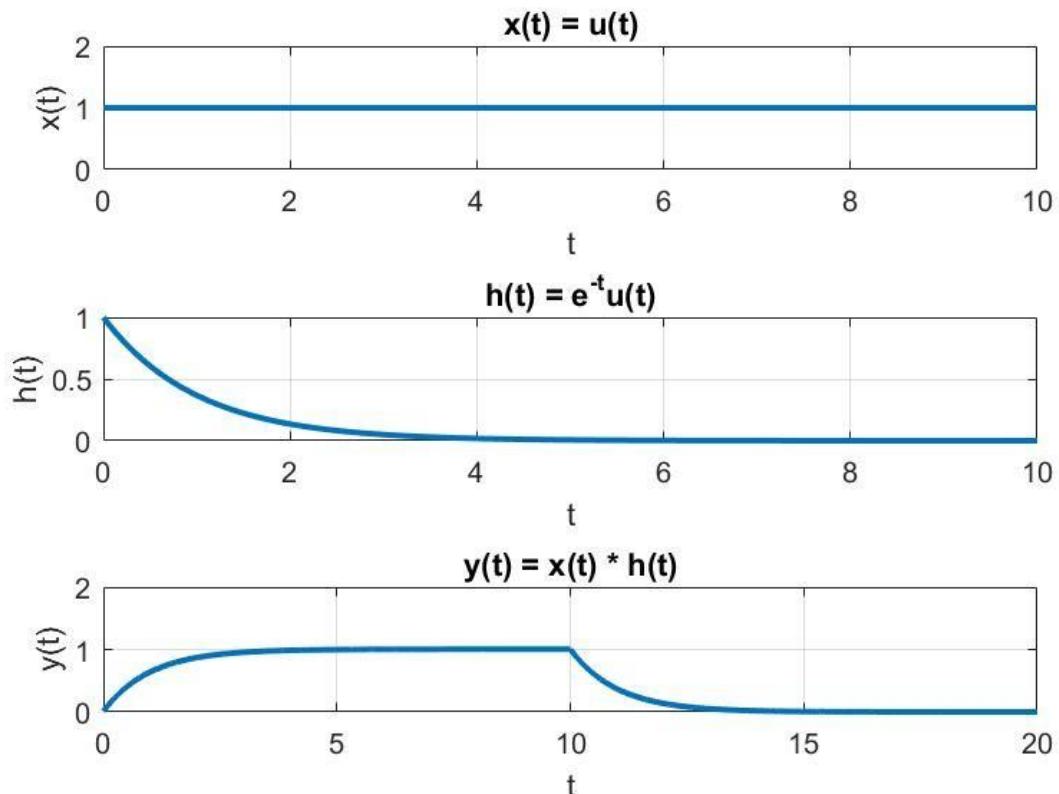
```
x(t) = u(t) h = exp(-t); % h(t) =
```

```
e^{-t} * u(t)
```

```
% Perform convolution
```

```
% multiply by dt to
approximate continuous
convolution y = conv(x, h) *
0.01;
```

```
grid on; subplot(3,1,3); plot(t_conv, y,  
'LineWidth', 2); title('y(t) = x(t) * h(t)');  
xlabel('t'); ylabel('y(t)'); grid on;
```



Laplace transform

- **Laplace transform** is named in honour of the great French mathematician, Pierre Simon De Laplace (1749-1827). Like all transforms, the Laplace transform changes one signal into another according to some fixed set of rules or equations. **The best way to convert differential equations into algebraic equations** is the use of Laplace transformation.
- **Laplace transformation plays a major role in control system engineering.** To analyze the control system, Laplace transforms of different functions have to be carried out. Both the properties of the Laplace transform and the inverse Laplace transformation are used in analyzing the dynamic control system.
- The **Laplace transform** is a powerful mathematical tool used in engineering, physics, and control theory. It transforms a given function of time $f(t)$ into a function of a complex variable s . It is particularly useful for solving linear differential equations.
- The **Laplace transform** $L\{f(t)\}$ of a function $f(t)$ is defined as:
$$L[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st}dt$$

where: $f(t)$ is the time-domain function (i.e., a function of t),
 s is a complex number, $s=\sigma+j\omega$, where σ and ω are real numbers, $F(s)$ is the transformed function in the s -domain (the Laplace domain).
- The **inverse Laplace transform** is used to recover the original time-domain function from its Laplace transform. The formula of the inverse Laplace transform is typically:
$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)$$
- There are various methods to compute the inverse Laplace transform, such as:
 - Partial Fraction Decomposition
 - Residue Theorem
 - Inverse Transform Tables
- **Applications:** Laplace transforms are commonly used in:
 - Solving **differential equations**, especially for systems of differential equations.
 - **Control theory**, where the Laplace transform is used to analyze and design systems.
 - **Signal processing**, particularly in analyzing systems in the frequency domain.
- Before we start with the definition of the Laplace transform we need to get another definition.
- A function is called **piecewise continuous** on an interval if the interval can be broken into a finite number of subintervals on which the function is continuous on each open subinterval (*i.e.* the subinterval without its endpoints) and has a finite limit at the endpoints of each subinterval. Below is a sketch of a piecewise continuous function.

