

# AMATH 351 Homework 8: Laplace Transform

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**Exercise 1: Calculation of Laplace transform.** By using the definition of Laplace transform, prove that the Laplace transforms of hyperbolic cosine and sine are

$$\mathcal{L}[\cosh(at)] = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}[\sinh(at)] = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$$

Hint: Perform integration by parts twice as we did for the Laplace transforms of  $\cos(\omega t)$  and  $\sin(\omega t)$ . Note that  $(\cosh(at))' = \sinh(at)$ ,  $(\sinh(at))' = \cosh(at)$ , and  $\cosh(0) = 1$ ,  $\sinh(0) = 0$ .

**Laplace transform of  $\cosh(at)$ :**

To find the Laplace transform of  $\cosh(at)$ , we will make use of two facts; the first of those facts being that  $\cosh(at) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{at} + e^{-at})$ , and the second of those facts being that  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st}dt$ . Using both of these facts we will now solve the following integral

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[\cosh(at)] &= \int_0^\infty \cosh(at)e^{-st}dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2}(e^{at} + e^{-at})e^{-st}dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{at-st}dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-at-st}dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{(-s+a)t}dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{(-s-a)t}dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{(-s+a)t}}{-s+a} \right]_0^\infty + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{(-s-a)t}}{-s-a} \right]_0^\infty \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{-s+a} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{-s-a} \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} \left( \frac{-s-a-s+a}{(-s+a)(-s-a)} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{2} \left( \frac{-2s}{s^2 - a^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus as shown above, the Laplace transform of  $\cosh(at)$  is  $\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$ .

**Laplace transform of  $\sinh(at)$ :**

To find the Laplace transform of  $\sinh(at)$ , we will make use of two facts; the first of those facts being that

$\sinh(at) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{at} - e^{-at})$ , and the second of those facts being that  $\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st}dt$ . Using both of these facts we will now solve the following integral

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}[\cosh(at)] &= \int_0^\infty \sinh(at)e^{-st}dt \\
&= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2}(e^{at} - e^{-at})e^{-st}dt \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{at-st}dt - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-at-st}dt \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{(-s+a)t}dt - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{(-s-a)t}dt \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{(-s+a)t}}{-s+a} \right]_0^\infty - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{(-s-a)t}}{-s-a} \right]_0^\infty \\
&= \frac{-1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{-s+a} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{-s-a} \\
&= \frac{-1}{2} \left( \frac{-s-a+s-a}{(-s+a)(-s-a)} \right) \\
&= \frac{-1}{2} \left( \frac{-2a}{s^2-a^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{a}{s^2-a^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus as shown above, the Laplace transform of  $\sinh(at)$  is  $\frac{a}{s^2-a^2}$ .

**Exercise 2: Calculation of inverse Laplace transform.** Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following functions

1.  $\frac{4}{s(s+3)}$

Let  $Y(s) = \frac{4}{s(s+3)}$ . Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{4}{s(s+3)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+3}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $4 = A(s+3) + Bs \implies 4 = As + 3A + Bs$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A + B = 0$  and  $3A = 4$ . We can easily solve this system by noticing that  $A = \frac{4}{3} \implies B = -\frac{4}{3}$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$  and  $B$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{s} - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{s+3}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \frac{4}{3}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s}\right] - \frac{4}{3}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+3}\right] = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3}e^{-3t}$ . Hence we can see that the inverse Laplace transform of  $Y(s) = \frac{4}{s(s+3)}$  is  $y(t) = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3}e^{-3t}$ .

2.  $\frac{2}{3s+5}$

Let  $Y(s) = \frac{2}{3s+5} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{s+\frac{5}{3}}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \frac{2}{3}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+\frac{5}{3}}\right] = \frac{2}{3}e^{-\frac{5}{3}t}$ . Hence we can see that the inverse Laplace transform of  $Y(s) = \frac{2}{3s+5}$  is  $y(t) = \frac{2}{3}e^{-\frac{5}{3}t}$ .

3.  $\frac{s+3}{s^2+2s+2}$

Let  $Y(s) = \frac{s+3}{s^2+2s+2} = \frac{s+1+2}{(s+1)^2+1} = \frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+1} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s+1}{(s+1)^2+1}\right] + 2\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)^2+1}\right] = e^{-t}\cos(t) + 2e^{-t}\sin(t)$ . Hence we can see that the inverse Laplace transform of  $Y(s) = \frac{s+3}{s^2+2s+2}$  is  $y(t) = e^{-t}\cos(t) + 2e^{-t}\sin(t)$ .

4.  $\frac{2s+1}{(s-1)(s-2)}$

Let  $Y(s) = \frac{2s+1}{(s-1)(s-2)}$ . Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{2s+1}{(s-1)(s-2)} = \frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s-2}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $2s+1 = A(s-2) + B(s-1) \implies 2s+1 = As-2A+Bs-B$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A+B=2$  and  $-2A-B=1$ . Isolating  $B$  in the top equation we obtain  $B=2-A$ , plugging this into the bottom equation we see  $-2A-2+A=1 \implies A=-3$  and hence  $B=5$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$  and  $B$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = -3\cdot\frac{1}{s-1} + 5\cdot\frac{1}{s-2}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = -3\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-1}\right] + 5\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-2}\right] = -3e^t + 5e^{2t}$ . Hence we can see that the inverse Laplace transform of  $Y(s) = \frac{2s+1}{(s-1)(s-2)}$  is  $y(t) = -3e^t + 5e^{2t}$ .

**Exercise 3: First-order ODEs.** Using Laplace transform, find the solution to the IVPS:

1.  $y' = -y + e^{-2t}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s)$ . We will start off by taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE

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

Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{s+3}{(s+2)(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+2}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $s+3 = A(s+2) + B(s+1) \implies s+3 = As+2A+Bs+B$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A+B=1$  and  $2A+B=3$ . Isolating  $B$  in the top equation we obtain  $B=1-A$ , plugging this into the bottom equation we see  $2A+1-A=3 \implies A=2$  and hence  $B=-1$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$  and  $B$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = 2\cdot\frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = 2\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+1}\right] - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+2}\right] = 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$ . Hence we can see that the solution to our ODE is  $y(t) = 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$ .

2.  $y' = -y + t^2$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s)$ . We will start off by taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE

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

Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{2}{s^3(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s^3} + \frac{D}{s+1}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $2 = As^2(s+1) + Bs(s+1) + C(s+1) + Ds^3 \implies 2 = As^3 + As^2 + Bs^2 + Bs + Cs + C + Ds^3$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A + D = 0$ ,  $A + B = 0$ ,  $B + C = 0$ , and  $C = 2$ . From those equations we can see that  $B = -2$ ,  $A = 2$ ,  $C = 2$ , and  $D = -2$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s^3} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[2 \cdot \frac{1}{s} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s^3} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1}\right] = 2 - 2t + t^2 - 2e^{-t}$ . Hence we can see that the solution to our ODE is  $y(t) = 2 - 2t + t^2 - 2e^{-t}$ .

$$3. \quad y' + 4y = 2 + 3t, \quad y(0) = 0,$$

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s)$ . We will start off by taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE

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

Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{2s+3}{s^2(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s+2}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $2s+3 = As(s+2) + B(s+2) + cs^2 \implies 2s+3 = As^2 + 4As + Bs + 4B + cs^2$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A + C = 0$ ,  $4A + B = 2$ , and  $4B = 3$ . Hence we can see that  $B = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $A = \frac{5}{16}$ , and  $C = -\frac{5}{16}$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = \frac{5}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{5}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{s+2}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{5}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{5}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{s+2}\right] = \frac{5}{16} + \frac{3}{4}t - \frac{5}{16}e^{-2t}$ . Hence we can see that the solution to our ODE is  $y(t) = \frac{5}{16} + \frac{3}{4}t - \frac{5}{16}e^{-2t}$ .

and the general solution of the ODE:

$$4. \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2y + 2e^{-3t}.$$

Hint: For question 4, treat  $y(0)$  that appears in the transformed equation as one undetermined coefficient;  $y(0) = c$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s)$  and  $y(0) = c$ . We will start off by taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y'] &= 2\mathcal{L}[y] + 2\mathcal{L}[e^{-3t}] \\ sY(s) - y(0) &= 2Y(s) + \frac{2}{s+3} \\ sY(s) - 2Y(s) &= c + \frac{2}{s+3} \\ (s-2)Y(s) &= \frac{c(s+3) + 2}{s+3} \\ Y(s) &= \frac{cs + 3c + 2}{(s-2)(s+3)}\end{aligned}$$

Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{cs+3c+2}{(s-2)(s+3)} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s+3}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $cs + 3c + 2 = A(s+3) + B(s-2) \implies cs + 3c + 2 = As + 3A + Bs - 2B$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A + B = c$  and  $3A - 2B = 3c + 2$ . Isolating  $A$  in the top equation we obtain  $A = c - B$ , plugging this into the bottom equation we see  $3c - 3B - 2B = 3c + 2 \implies B = -\frac{2}{5}$  and hence  $A = c + \frac{2}{5}$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$  and  $B$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = (c + \frac{2}{5}) \cdot \frac{1}{s-2} - \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{s+3}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[(c + \frac{2}{5}) \cdot \frac{1}{s-2} - \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{s+3}\right] = (c + \frac{2}{5})e^{2t} - \frac{2}{5}e^{-3t}$ . Hence we can see that the solution to our ODE is  $y(t) = (c + \frac{2}{5})e^{2t} - \frac{2}{5}e^{-3t}$ .

**Exercise 4: Second-order ODEs.** Using Laplace transform, find the solution to the IVPs:

$$1. \quad y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 2,$$

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s)$ . We will start off by taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y''] + 3\mathcal{L}[y'] + 3\mathcal{L}[y] &= \mathcal{L}[0] \\ s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 3sY(s) - 3y(0) + 2Y(s) &= 0 \\ (s^2 + 3s + 2)Y(s) - s - 2 - 3 &= 0 \\ (s^2 + 3s + 2)Y(s) &= s + 5 \\ Y(s) &= \frac{s+5}{s^2+3s+2} \\ Y(s) &= \frac{s+5}{(s+1)(s+2)}\end{aligned}$$

Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{s+5}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+2}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $s + 5 = A(s+2) + B(s+1) \implies 2 + 5 = As + 2A + Bs + B$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A + B = 1$ ,  $2A + B = 5$ . Isolating  $A$  in the top equation we obtain  $A = 1 - B$ , plugging this into the bottom equation we see  $2 - 2B + B = 5 \implies B = -3$  and hence  $A = 4$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{s+2}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[4 \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{s+2}\right] = 4e^{-t} - 3e^{-2t}$ . Hence we can see that the solution to our ODE is  $y(t) = 4e^{-t} - 3e^{-2t}$ .

$$2. \quad y'' + y = t, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 1,$$

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s)$ . We will start off by taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE

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

Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2}\right] = t$  Hence we can see that the solution to our ODE is  $y(t) = t$ .

$$3. \quad y'' - 3y' + 2y = 4t + e^{3t}, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0,$$

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s)$ . We will start off by taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y''] - 3\mathcal{L}[y'] + 2\mathcal{L}[y] &= 4\mathcal{L}[t] + 2\mathcal{L}[e^{3t}] \\ s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) - 3sY(s) + 3y(0) + 2Y(s) &= \frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s-3} \\ (s^2 - 3s + 2)Y(s) &= \frac{4(s-3) + s^2}{s^2(s-3)} \\ Y(s) &= \frac{4(s-3) + s^2}{s^2(s-3)(s^2 - 3s + 2)} \\ Y(s) &= \frac{(s-2)(s+6)}{s^2(s-3)(s-1)(s-2)} \\ Y(s) &= \frac{s+6}{s^2(s-1)(s-3)}\end{aligned}$$

Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{s+6}{s^2(s-1)(s-3)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s-1} + \frac{D}{s-3}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $s+6 = As(s-1)(s-3) + B(s-1)(s-3) + Cs^2(s-3) + Ds^2(s-1) \implies s+6 = A(s^3 - 4s^2 + 3s) + B(s^2 - 4s + 3) + C(s^3 - 3s^2) + D(s^3 - s^2) \implies As^3 - 4As^2 + 3As + Bs^2 - 4Bs + 3B + Cs^3 - 3Cs^2 + Ds^3 - Ds^2$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A + C + D = 0$ ,  $-4A + B - 3C - D = 0$ ,  $3A - 4B = 1$ , and  $3B = 6$ . Hence we can see that  $B = 2$  and  $A = 3$ . We now have to solve the following system of equations for  $C$  and  $D$ ,  $C + D = -3$  and  $-3C - D = 10$ . Isolating  $D$  in the first equation we obtain  $D = -C - 3$ , plugging this into the second equation we see  $-3C + C + 3 = 10 \implies C = -\frac{7}{2}$  and hence  $D = \frac{1}{2}$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{s} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-3}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[3 \cdot \frac{1}{s} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-3}\right] = 3 + 2t - \frac{7}{2}e^t + \frac{1}{2}e^{3t}$ . Hence we can see that the solution to our ODE is  $y(t) = 3 + 2t - \frac{7}{2}e^t + \frac{1}{2}e^{3t}$ .

$$4. \quad y'' + 4y' + 4y = t, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Let  $\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = Y(s)$ . We will start off by taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the ODE

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

Using the partial fractions decomposition of the previous rational function we can see that  $\frac{1}{s^2(s+2)^2} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{C}{s+2} + \frac{D}{(s+2)^2}$ . Clearing the denominators we get the result  $1 = As(s+2)^2 + B(s+2)^2 + Cs^2(s+2) + Ds^2 \implies 1 = A(s^3 + 4s^2 + 4s) + B(s^2 + 4s + 4) + Cs^3 + 2Cs^2 + Ds^2 \implies 1 = As^3 + 4As^2 + 4As + Bs^2 + 4Bs + 4B + Cs^3 + 2Cs^2 + Ds^2$ . Matching the coefficients of the powers of  $s$  on both sides of the equation leads us to solving the following series of equations:  $A + C = 0$ ,  $4A + B + 2C + D = 0$ ,  $4A + 4B = 0$ , and  $4B = 1$ . Hence we can see that  $B = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $A = -\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $C = \frac{1}{4}$ , and lastly  $D = \frac{1}{4}$ . Plugging in our values of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  into the equation of  $Y(s)$  we obtain  $Y(s) = \frac{-1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}$ . Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides we obtain  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{-1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{s+2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+2)^2}\right] = \frac{-1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}t + \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{4}te^{-2t}$ . Hence we can see that the solution to our ODE is  $y(t) = \frac{-1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}t + \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{4}te^{-2t}$ .