



INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Topic Learning Objectives:

Upon Completion of this unit, students will be able to:

- Obtain inverse Laplace transform of rational functions.
- Solve ordinary linear differential equations

Definition

Let $L\{f(t)\} = F(s)$, then $f(t)$ is defined as the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s)$ and is denoted by $L^{-1}\{F(s)\}$. Thus $L^{-1}\{F(s)\} = f(t)$.

Linearity Property

Let $L^{-1}\{F(s)\} = f(t)$ and $L^{-1}\{G(s)\} = g(t)$ and a and b be any two constants,
Then $L^{-1}[a F(s) + b G(s)] = a L^{-1}\{F(s)\} + b L^{-1}\{G(s)\}$

Table of Inverse Laplace Transforms

$F(s)$	$f(t) = L^{-1}\{F(s)\}$
$\frac{1}{s}, s > 0$	1
$\frac{1}{s-a}, s > a$	e^{at}
$\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}, s > 0$	$\cos at$
$\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}, s > 0$	$\frac{\sin at}{a}$
$\frac{1}{s^2-a^2}, s > a $	$\frac{\sin h at}{a}$
$\frac{s}{s^2-a^2}, s > a $	$\cos h at$
$\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}, s > 0$ $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$	$\frac{t^n}{n!}$
$\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}, s > 0$ $n \neq -1, -2, -3, \dots$	$\frac{t^n}{\Gamma(n+1)}$



Examples

1. Find the inverse Laplace transforms of the following:

$$(i) \frac{1}{2s-5} \quad (ii) \frac{s+b}{s^2+a^2} \quad (iii) \frac{2s-5}{4s^2+25} + \frac{4s-9}{9-s^2}$$

Solution:

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

$$(ii) L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+b}{s^2+a^2}\right\} = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}\right\} + b L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2+a^2}\right\} = \cos at + \frac{b}{a} \sin at$$

$$(iii) L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s-5}{4s^2+25} + \frac{4s-9}{9-s^2}\right] = \frac{2}{4} L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s-\frac{5}{2}}{s^2+\frac{25}{4}}\right\} - 4 L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s-\frac{9}{2}}{s^2-9}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos \frac{5t}{2} - \sin \frac{5t}{2} \right] - 4 \left[\cos h3t - \frac{3}{2} \sin h3t \right]$$

Shifting property [Evaluation of $L^{-1}[F(s-a)]$]

If $L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)$, then $L^{-1}[F(s-a)] = e^{at}L^{-1}[F(s)] = e^{at}f(t)$

Examples:

1. Evaluate : $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{3s+1}{(s+1)^4}\right\}$.

Solution:

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

Using the formula

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^{n+1}}\right\} &= \frac{t^n}{n!} \quad \text{and taking } n=2 \text{ and } 3, \text{ we get} \\ &= \frac{3e^{-t} t^2}{2} - \frac{e^{-t} t^3}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Evaluate : $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+2}{s^2-2s+5}\right\}$.



Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Given } &= L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s+2}{(s-1)^2 + 4} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(s-1)+3}{(s-1)^2 + 4} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s-1}{(s-1)^2 + 4} \right\} + 3L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-1)^2 + 4} \right\} \\ &= e^t L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} \right\} + 3e^t L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 + 4} \right\} \\ &= e^t \cos 2t + \frac{3}{2} e^t \sin 2t\end{aligned}$$

3. Evaluate : $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s+1}{s^2 + 3s + 1} \right\}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Given } &= 2L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\left(s + \frac{3}{2}\right) - 1}{\left(s + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 5/4} \right\} = 2 \left[L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\left(s + \frac{3}{2}\right)}{\left(s + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 5/4} \right\} - L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\left(s + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 5/4} \right\} \right] \\ &= 2 \left[e^{\frac{-3t}{2}} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^2 - 5/4} \right\} - e^{\frac{-3t}{2}} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2 - 5/4} \right\} \right] \\ &= 2e^{\frac{-3t}{2}} \left[\cos h \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} t - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \sin h \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} t \right].\end{aligned}$$

4. Evaluate : $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s^2 + 5s - 4}{s^3 + s^2 - 2s} \right\}$.

Solution:

$$\text{We have } \frac{2s^2 + 5s - 4}{s^3 + s^2 - 2s} = \frac{2s^2 + 5s - 4}{s(s^2 + s - 2)} = \frac{2s^2 + 5s - 4}{s(s+2)(s-1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+2} + \frac{C}{s-1} \quad ----- \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Then } 2s^2 + 5s - 4 = A(s+2)(s-1) + B s (s-1) + Cs (s+2)$$

For $s = 0$, $A = 2$, for $s = 1$, $C = 1$ and for $s = -2$, $B = -1$.

Using these values in (1),

$$L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2s^2 + 5s - 4}{s^3 + s^2 - 2s} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s} \right\} - L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s+2} \right\} + L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s-1} \right\} = 2 - e^{-2t} + e^t$$

5. Use the method of partial fractions to find the time signals corresponding to the Laplace transform function



$$F(s) = \frac{4s+5}{(s+1)^2 + (s+2)}$$

Solution:

Consider

$$\frac{4s+5}{(s+1)^2 + (s+2)} = \frac{A}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{B}{s+1} + \frac{C}{s+2}$$

$$\text{Then } 4s+5 = A(s+2) + B(s+1)(s+2) + C(s+1)^2$$

$$\text{For } s = -1, A = 1, \text{ for } s = -2, C = -3$$

Comparing the coefficients of s^2 to get $B + C = 0$ so that $B = 3$.

Using these values in (1) to get

$$\frac{4s+5}{(s+1)^2 + (s+2)} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{3}{(s+1)} - \frac{3}{s+2}$$

Hence

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

5. Evaluate : $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s^3}{s^4 - a^4}\right\}$.

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \frac{s^3}{s^4 - a^4} = \frac{A}{s-a} + \frac{B}{s+a} + \frac{Cs+D}{s^2+a^2} \quad \text{-----} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Hence, } s^3 = A(s+a)(s^2+a^2) + B(s-a)(s^2+a^2) + (Cs+D)(s^2-a^2)$$

For $s = a, A = \frac{1}{4}$, for $s = -a, B = \frac{1}{4}$, comparing the constant terms to get

$$D = a, (A-B) = 0,$$

Comparing the coefficients of s^3 to get $1 = A + B + C$ and so $C = \frac{1}{2}$.

Using these values in (1),

$$\frac{s^3}{s^4 - a^4} = \frac{1}{4}\left[\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s+a}\right] + \frac{1}{2}\frac{s}{s^2+a^2}$$

Taking inverse transforms,

$$L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s^3}{s^4 - a^4}\right\} = \frac{1}{4}[e^{at} + e^{-at}] + \frac{1}{2}\cos at = \frac{1}{2}[\cos hat + \cos at]$$

6. Evaluate : $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^4 + s^2 + 1}\right\}$.

Solution:



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider, } \frac{s}{s^4 + s^2 + 1} &= \frac{s}{(s^2 + s + 1) + (s^2 - s + 1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2s}{(s^2 + s + 1)(s^2 - s + 1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(s^2 + s + 1) - (s^2 - s + 1)}{(s^2 + s + 1)(s^2 - s + 1)} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{(s^2 - s + 1)} - \frac{1}{(s^2 + s + 1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{(s - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} - \frac{1}{(s + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{s^4 + s^2 + 1} \right\} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{\frac{t}{2}} L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + \frac{3}{4}} \right) - e^{-\frac{t}{2}} L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + \frac{3}{4}} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{\frac{t}{2}} \frac{\sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} - e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \frac{\sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t \right) \sin h \left(\frac{t}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Inverse transform of logarithmic and trigonometric functions

If $L[tf(t)] = F(s)$ then $L[tf(t)] = L^{-1} \left[-\frac{d}{ds} F(s) \right] = tf(t)$

In general, $L^{-1} \left[(-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s) \right] = t^n f(t)$

Examples

1. Evaluate $L^{-1} \left\{ \log \left(\frac{s+a}{s+b} \right) \right\}$.

Let $F(s) = \log \left(\frac{s+a}{s+b} \right) = \log(s+a) - \log(s+b)$

Then $-\frac{d}{ds} F(s) = -\left[\frac{1}{s+a} - \frac{1}{s+b} \right]$

$L^{-1} \left[-\frac{d}{ds} F(s) \right] = -[e^{-at} - e^{-bt}]$

Or $t f(t) = e^{-bt} - e^{-at}$. Thus $f(t) = \frac{e^{-bt} - e^{-at}}{b}$.



2. Evaluate $L^{-1}\left\{\tan^{-1}\frac{a}{s}\right\}$.

$$\text{Let } F(s) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{s}\right)$$

$$\text{Then } -\frac{d}{ds}F(s) = \left[\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}\right] \text{ or } L^{-1}\left[-\frac{d}{ds}F(s)\right] = \sin at \quad \text{so that}$$

$$\text{or } t f(t) = \sin at, \quad f(t) = \frac{\sin at}{a}.$$

Inverse transform of $\frac{F(s)}{s}$

$$\text{Since } L\int_0^t f(t)dt = \frac{F(s)}{s}, \text{ we have } L^{-1}\left[\frac{F(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t f(t)dt$$

Examples

$$1. \text{ Evaluate } L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s(s^2 + a^2)}\right].$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2} \text{ so that } f(t) = L^{-1}F(s) = \frac{\sin at}{a}$$

$$\text{Then } L^{-1} = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + a^2)} = L^{-1}\left[\frac{F(s)}{s}\right] = \int_0^t \frac{\sin at}{a} dt = \frac{(1 - \cos at)}{a^2}$$

$$2. \quad L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2(s+a)^2}\right].$$

$$L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s+a)^2}\right\} = te^{-at}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2(s+a)^2}\right\} &= \frac{1}{a^2} \int_0^t \left[1 - e^{-at} (1 + at) \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{a^3} \left[at \left(1 + e^{-at} \right) + 2 \left(e^{-at} - 1 \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Inverse Laplace transform of F(s) using Convolution theorem



If $L^{-1}[F(s)] = f(t)$ and $L^{-1}[G(s)] = g(t)$, then
 $L^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = \int_0^t f(u)g(t-u)du = f(t) * g(t)$

This expression is called the convolution theorem for inverse Laplace transform.

Examples:

Employ convolution theorem to evaluate the following:

1. $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)} \right\}$.

Solution:

Let $F(s) = \frac{1}{s+a}$, $G(s) = \frac{1}{s+b}$

Taking inverse transform, we get $f(t) = e^{-at}$, $g(t) = e^{-bt}$

By convolution theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)} \right\} &= \int_0^t e^{-a(t-u)} e^{-bu} du = e^{-at} \int_0^t e^{(a-b)u} du \\ &= e^{-at} \left[\frac{e^{(a-b)t} - 1}{a-b} \right] = \frac{e^{-bt} - e^{-at}}{a-b}. \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

Let $F(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}$, $G(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$, then $f(t) = \frac{\sin at}{a}$, $g(t) = \cos at$

By convolution theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} \right\} &= \int_0^t \frac{1}{a} \sin a(t-u) \cos au du \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \int_0^t \frac{\sin at + \sin(at-2au)}{2} du, \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[u \sin at - \frac{\cos(at-2au)}{-2a} \right]_0^t = \frac{t \sin at}{2a}. \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

Let $F(s) = \frac{1}{s-1}$, $G(s) = \frac{s}{s^2+1}$

Then $f(t) = e^t$, $g(t) = \sin t$



$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s-1)(s^2+1)}\right\} &= \int_0^t e^{t-u} \sin u \, du = e^t \left[\frac{e^{-u}}{2} (-\sin u - \cos u) \right] \\ &= \frac{e^t}{2} [e^{-t}(-\sin t - \cos t) - (-1)] = \frac{1}{2} [e^t - \sin t - \cos t] \end{aligned}$$

Exercise:

By employing convolution theorem evaluate the following:

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

4. $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{(s^2+a^2)(s^2+b^2)}\right\}, a \neq b.$

2. $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{(s+2)(s^2+9)}\right\}.$

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

3. $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2}\right\}.$

6. $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{4s+5}{(s-1)^2(s+2)}\right\}.$

Answers:

- (ii) $\frac{1}{13}(2\cos 3t + 3\sin 3t - 2e^{-2t})$ (iii) $\frac{1}{2a^3}(\sin at - at \cos at)$ (iv) $\frac{1}{a^2-b^2}(\cos bt - \cos at)$
 (v) $\frac{1}{4}(e^{-2t}(t+1) + t - 1)$

Laplace Transform Method for Differential equations

As noted earlier Laplace transform technique is employed to solve initial-value problems. The solution of such a problem is obtained by using the Laplace Transform of the derivatives of function and then the inverse Laplace Transform.

The following are the expressions for the derivatives derived earlier.

$$L[f'(t)] = sL[f(t)] - f(0)$$

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

$$L[f'''(t)] = s^3L[f(t)] - s^2f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$$

Examples

1. $y'' + 2y' - 3y = \sin t, \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0$

Solution:

Taking the Laplace transform of the given equation,



$$[s^2 L y(t) - s y(o) - y'(o)] + 2[s L y(t) - y(o)] - 3 L y(t) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

Using the given conditions, to get

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

Using the given condition, this becomes

$$(s+1)L y(t) - 2 = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \text{ so that } L y(t) = \frac{2s^2 + 4s + 3}{(s+1)^3}$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform, we get

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= L^{-1} \frac{2s^2 + 4s + 3}{(s+1)^3} \\ &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{2(s+1-1)^2 + 4(s+1-1)+3}{(s+1)^3} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^3} \right] = \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} (t^2 + 4) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-1)(s+3)(s^2 + 1)} \right] = L^{-1} \left[\frac{A}{s-1} + \frac{B}{s+3} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + 1} \right] \\ &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{s-1} - \frac{1}{40} \frac{1}{s+3} + \frac{-\frac{s}{10} - \frac{1}{5}}{s^2 + 1} \right] \text{ (method of partial fractions)} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} e^t - \frac{1}{40} e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{10} (\cos t + 2 \sin t). \end{aligned}$$

2. Employ Laplace Transform method to solve the integral equation.

$$f(t) = 1 + \int_0^t f(u) \sin(t-u) du$$

Solution:



Taking Laplace transform of the given equation, we get

$$L f(t) = \frac{1}{s} + L \int_0^t f(u) \sin(t-u) du$$

By using convolution theorem here

$$L f(t) = \frac{1}{s} + Lf(t) \cdot L \sin t = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{L f(t)}{s^2 + 1} \text{ Thus}$$

$$L f(t) = \frac{s^2 + 1}{s^3} \quad \text{or} \quad f(t) = L^{-1}\left(\frac{s^2 + 1}{s^3}\right) = 1 + \frac{t^2}{2}.$$

3. A particle is moving along a path satisfying, the equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dx}{dt} + 25x = 0$ where x denotes the displacement of the particle at time t . If the initial position of the particle is at $x = 20$ and the initial speed is 10, find the displacement of the particle at any time t using Laplace transforms.

Solution:

Given equation may be rewritten as

$$x''(t) + 6x'(t) + 25x(t) = 0$$

Here the initial conditions are $x(0) = 20$, $x'(0) = 10$.

Taking the Laplace transform of the equation, we get

$$L\{x(t)\}[s^2 + 6s + 25] - 20s - 130 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad L\{x(t)\} = \frac{20s + 130}{s^2 + 6s + 25}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{20s + 130}{(s+3)^2 + 16}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{20(s+3) + 70}{(s+3)^2 + 16}\right] \\ &= 20 L^{-1}\frac{s+3}{(s+3)^2 + 16} + 70 L^{-1}\frac{1}{(s+3)^2 + 16} \\ &= 20 e^{-3t} \cos 4t + 35 \frac{e^{-3t} \sin 4t}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

4. A voltage Ee^{-at} is applied at $t = 0$ to a circuit of inductance L and resistance R . Show that the

$$\text{current at any time } t \text{ is } \frac{E}{R - aL} \left[e^{-at} - e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} \right].$$

Solution:

The circuit is an LR circuit. The differential equation with respect to the circuit is

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E(t)$$



Here, L denotes the inductance, i denotes current at any time t and E(t) denotes the E.M.F.
It is given that $E(t) = E e^{-at}$. With this, we have

Thus, we have

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = Ee^{-at} \text{ or } Li'(t) + R i(t) = Ee^{-at}$$

Taking Laplace transform both sides to get

$$L[L\{i'(t)\}] + R[L\{i(t)\}] = E L\{e^{-at}\}$$

$$L[sL\{i(t)\} - i(0)] + R[L\{i(t)\}] = E \frac{1}{s+a}$$

$$\text{Since } i(0) = 0, \quad L\{i(t)\}[sL + R] = \frac{E}{s+a} \text{ or}$$

$$L\{i(t)\} = \frac{E}{(s+a)(sL+R)}$$

$$\text{Taking inverse transform } L^{-1}\{i(t)\} = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{E}{(s+a)(sL+R)}\right\}$$

$$= \frac{E}{R-aL} \left[L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+a}\right\} - L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{sL+R}\right\} \right]$$

$$\text{Thus } i(t) = \frac{E}{R-aL} \left[e^{-at} - e^{-\frac{Rt}{L}} \right].$$

5. Mass spring damper system can be modeled using Newton's and Hooke's law. The differential equation representing this system is $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dx}{dt} + 25x = 4 \sin \omega t$ with initial conditions $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$.

Solution:

Given equation may be rewritten as

$$x''(t) + 6x'(t) + 25x(t) = 4 \sin \omega t$$

Here the initial conditions are $x(0) = 20$, $x'(0) = 10$.

Taking the Laplace transform of the equation, we get

$$L\{x(t)\}[s^2 + 6s + 25] = \frac{4\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \text{ or } L\{x(t)\} = \frac{4\omega}{(s^2 + \omega^2)(s^2 + 6s + 25)}$$

On resolving into partial fractions (with $\omega = 2$) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{8}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 6s + 25)}\right] = L^{-1}\left[\frac{As + B}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + 6s + 25}\right] \\ &= \frac{4}{195} [7 \sin 2t - 4 \cos 2t] + \frac{2}{195} [e^{-3t} (8 \cos 4t - \sin 4t)]. \end{aligned}$$



Exercise:

Employ Laplace transform method to solve the following initial value problems.

- (i) $y'' + 5y' + 6y = e^{-2t}$, $y(0) = y'(0) = 1$
- (ii) $y''' + 2y'' - y' - 2y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 2 = y''(0)$
- (iii) $y'' + 2y' + 5y = e^{-t} \sin t$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$.

Answers:

- (i) $3e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} + te^{-2t}$
- (ii) $\frac{1}{3}e^{-2t} + \frac{5}{3}e^{-t} - e^t$
- (iii) $\frac{1}{3}e^{-t}(\sin t + \sin 2t)$

Video links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MXMDrs6ZmA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnnnv4wt-Lw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-zd-T17uiE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7nzLD3t4Uc>