

Solved Problems :

1. Using Laplace transform, solve $y' - y = t, y(0) = 0$.

Solution :

$$\text{Given } y' - y = t, y(0) = 0$$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides,

$$L(y') - L(y) = L(t)$$

$$sL(y) - y(0) - L(y) = \frac{1}{s^2}$$

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

$$L(y) = \frac{1}{s^2(s-1)}$$

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

$$y = \int_0^t \int_0^t L^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s-1}\right) dt dt$$

$$y = \int_0^t \int_0^t e^t dt dt$$

$$= \int_0^t [e^t]_0^t dt$$

$$= \int_0^t [e^t - 1]_0^t dt$$

$$= (e^t - t)_0^t$$

$$= e^t - t - 1$$

2. Solve $y'' - 4y' + 8y = e^{2t}, y(0) = 2$ and $y'(0) = -2$.

Solution :

Taking Laplace transforms on the sides of the equation, we get

$$L(y'') - 4L(y') + 8L(y) = L(e^{2t})$$

$$[s^2L(y) - sy(0) - y'(0)] - 4[sL(y) - y(0)] + 8L(y) = \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$\text{i.e., } [s^2 - 4s + 8]L(y) = \frac{1}{s-2} + 2s - 10$$

$$L(y) = \frac{1}{(s-2)(s^2-4s+8)} + \frac{2s-10}{s^2-4s+8}$$

$$= \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{Bs+C}{s^2-4s+8} + \frac{2s-10}{s^2-4s+8}$$

Solving we get $A = \frac{1}{4}$, $B = \frac{-1}{4}$, $C = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{s-2} + \frac{\frac{-1}{4}s + \frac{1}{2}}{s^2 - 4s + 8} + \frac{2s-10}{s^2 - 4s + 8} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{s-2} + \frac{\frac{7}{4}s - \frac{19}{2}}{s^2 - 4s + 8} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{S-2} + \frac{\frac{7}{4}(S-2) - 6}{(S-2)^2 + 4} \\
 y &= \frac{1}{4} L^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s-2} \right) + e^{2t} \left(\frac{\frac{7}{4}s - 6}{s^2 + 4} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} e^{2t} + e^{2t} \left(\frac{7}{4} \cos 2t - 3 \sin 2t \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} e^{2t} (1 + 7 \cos 2t - 12 \sin 2t)
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Use Laplace transform to solve $y' - y = e^t$ given that $y(0) = 1$

Solution:

$$y' - y = e^t$$

Taking Laplace transform on both sides of the equation, we get $y' - y = t, y(0) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [sL(y) - y(0)] - L(y) &= \frac{1}{s-1} \\
 L(y)[s-1] &= \frac{1}{s-1} + 1 \\
 L(y) &= \frac{s}{(s-1)^2} \\
 y &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{s}{(s-1)^2} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{(s-1)+1}{(s-1)^2} \right] \\
 &= L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{s-1} \right] + L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \right] \\
 &= e^t + te^t \\
 &= e^t(1+t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise :

1. Solve $y'' - 4y' + 8y = e^{2t}$, $y(0) = 2$ and $y'(0) = -2$
2. Solve $y'' + 4y = \sin wt$, $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 0$
3. Solve $y'' + y' - 2y = 3 \cos 3t - 11 \sin 3t$, $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 6$
4. Solve $(D^2 + 4D + 13)y = e^{-t} \sin t$, $y = 0$ and $Dy = 0$ at $t = 0$ where $D = \frac{d}{dt}$
5. Solve $(D^2 + 6D + 9)x = 6t^2 e^{-3t}$, $x = 0$ and $Dx = 0$ at $t = 0$.
6. Solve $x'' + 3x' + 2x = 2(t^2 + t + 1)$, $x(0) = 2$, $x'(0) = 0$.
7. Solve $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^t$, $y(0) = y'(0) = 1$.

1. $y = \frac{1}{4} e^{2t} (1 + 7 \cos 2t - 12 \sin 2t)$
2. $y = \frac{1}{8} (\sin 2t - 2t \cos 2t)$
3. $y = \sin 3t - e^{-2t} + e^t$
4. $y = \frac{1}{85} [e^{-t} \{-2 \cos t + 9 \sin t\}] + e^{-2t} \left\{ 2 \cos 3t - \frac{7}{3} \sin 3t \right\}$
5. $x = \frac{1}{2} t^4 e^{-3t}$
6. $x = t^2 - 2t + 3 - e^{-2t}$
7. $y = \frac{1}{25} (13e^{-t} - 10te^{-t} + 12e^{4t})$