

Assignment 5

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Question 1

Use Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem

$$4y'' + y = g(t), y(0) = 3, y'(0) = -7$$

Solution 1

Take the Laplace transform of all the terms and plug in the initial conditions to obtain

$$4(s^2 Y(s) - 3s + 7) + Y(s) = G(s)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s) &= \frac{12s - 28}{4(s^2 + \frac{1}{4})} + \frac{G(s)}{4(s^2 + \frac{1}{4})} \\ &= \frac{3s}{s^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2} - 14 \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2} + \frac{1}{2} G(s) \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{s^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$y(t) = 3 \cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) - 14 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

So, once we decide on a $g(t)$ all we need to do is to evaluate the integral and we'll have the solution.**Question 2**Calculate the Laplace transform of $f(t) = \sin(\omega t + \theta)$ **Solution 2**

$$L[f(t)] = L[\sin(\omega t + \theta)] = L[\sin(\omega t)]\cos(\theta) + L[\cos(\omega t)]\sin(\theta)$$

Then

$$L[\sin(\omega t)] = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

Similarly,

$$L[\cos(\omega t)] = \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$$

Therefore,

$$L[f(t)] = \frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2} \cos(\theta) + \frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2} \sin(\theta)$$

Question 3

If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, prove that $L[\frac{f(t)}{t}] = \int_s^{+\infty} F(u)du$

Solution 3

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \\ \int_s^{+\infty} F(u) du &= \int_s^{+\infty} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-ut} f(t) dt du \\ \int_s^{+\infty} F(u) du &= \int_0^{+\infty} \left(\int_s^{+\infty} e^{-ut} du \right) f(t) dt \\ \int_s^{+\infty} F(u) du &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-st}}{t} f(t) dt \\ \int_s^{+\infty} F(u) du &= L\left[\frac{f(t)}{t}\right] \end{aligned}$$

Question 4

If $L[f(t)] = F(s)$, calculate the laplace transform of $\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$

Solution 4

Let $g(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$, then $g(0) = 0$

We have known $L[g'(t)] = sL[g(t)] - g(0) = sL[g(t)]$

So $L[g(t)] = \frac{1}{s} L[g'(t)] = \frac{1}{s} L[f(t)] = \frac{1}{s} F(s)$

Question 5

If $f'(t) + \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau = 1$ and $f(0) = 1$, use Laplace transform to get $f(t)$

Solution 5

$$\begin{aligned} L[f'(t) + \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau] &= L[1] \\ sF(s) - f(0) + \frac{1}{s} F(s) &= \frac{1}{s} \\ F(s) &= \frac{1+s}{s^2+1} \\ f(t) &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2+1} + \frac{s}{s^2+1}\right] = \sin(t) + \cos(t) \end{aligned}$$

Question 6

Find the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{2s+1}{s^2+6s+13}$

Solution 6

By observation,

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

Since

$$L[\sin(2t)] = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4}, L[\cos(2t)] = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

and

$$L[e^{-3t}f(t)] = F(s+3),$$

we have

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = e^{-3t} \left(2 \cos(2t) - \frac{5}{2} \sin(2t) \right).$$

Question 7

Find the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2+2s+2)^2}$

Hint: $\sin(\alpha)\sin(\beta) = -\frac{1}{2}(\cos(\alpha + \beta) - \cos(\alpha - \beta))$

Solution 7

$$\begin{aligned} L[f(t)] &= \frac{1}{(s^2 + 2s + 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{((s+1)^2 + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 1} \\ \therefore L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)^2 + 1}\right] &= e^{-t}\sin(t) \\ \therefore f(t) &= e^{-t}\sin(t) * e^{-t}\sin(t) \\ &= \int_0^t e^{-\tau}\sin(\tau)e^{-(t-\tau)}\sin(t-\tau)d\tau \\ &= e^{-t} \int_0^t \sin(\tau)\sin(t-\tau)d\tau \\ &= \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \int_0^t (\cos(2\tau - t) - \cos(t))d\tau \\ &= \frac{e^{-t}}{2} (\sin(t) - t\cos(t)) \end{aligned}$$

Question 8

Find the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2} + \frac{e^{-3s}}{s-4}$ and write it as a right continuous piecewise-defined function.

Solution 8

The inverse Laplace transforms of $1/s^2$ and $1/(s-4)$ are t and e^{4t} , respectively. Thus, the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} L^{-1}[F(s)] &= L^{-1}\left[e^{-s}\frac{1}{s^2}\right] + L^{-1}\left[e^{-3s}\frac{1}{s-4}\right] \\ &= u_1(t)(t-1) + u_3(t)e^{4t-12} \end{aligned}$$

On the interval $[0, 1)$, both $t-1$ and e^{4t-12} are off. On the interval $[1, 3)$, only $t-1$ is on. On the interval $[3, \infty)$, both $t-1$ and e^{4t-12} are on. Thus,

$$L^{-1}[F(s)] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ t-1 & \text{if } 1 \leq t < 3 \\ t-1 + e^{4t-12} & \text{if } 3 \leq t < \infty \end{cases}.$$

Question 9

Use the Laplace transform to solve the following initial value problem:

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

where

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ t & \text{if } 1 \leq t < \infty \end{cases}.$$

Solution 9

Since $t \geq 0$, we first rewrite $f(t)$ as $f(t) = u_1(t)(t - 1) + u_1(t)$. Thus, its Laplace transform is

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

Let $Y(s) = L[y(t)]$ where $y(t)$ is the solution to the differential equation. Obviously, we can apply the Laplace transform to the differential equation and conclude

$$sY(s) - 1 + 2Y(s) = e^{-s} \left(\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \right).$$

Solving for $Y(s)$ gives

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s+2} + e^{-s} \frac{s+1}{s^2(s+2)}.$$

A partial fraction decomposition gives

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

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= L^{-1}[Y(s)] \\ &= L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+2}\right] + \frac{1}{4}L^{-1}\left[e^{-s}\frac{1}{s}\right] + \frac{1}{2}L^{-1}\left[e^{-s}\frac{1}{s^2}\right] - \frac{1}{4}L^{-1}\left[e^{-s}\frac{1}{s+2}\right] \\ &= e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{4}u_1(t) + \frac{1}{2}u_1(t)(t-1) - \frac{1}{4}u_1(t)e^{-2t+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating this piecewise gives

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-2t} & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{4}(2t-1) - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t+2} & \text{if } 1 \leq t < \infty \end{cases}.$$

Question 10

Use Laplace transform to solve the following initial value problem

$$y' - y = \int_0^t (t - \lambda)e^{\lambda} d\lambda, \quad y(0) = -1$$

Solution 10

Note that $y' - y = t * e^t$. Taking Laplace transform of both sides we find $sY(s) - (-1) - Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s-1}$. This implies that $Y(s) = -\frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{1}{s^2(s-1)^2}$. Using partial fractions decomposition we can write

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

Thus,

$$Y(s) = -\frac{1}{s-1} + \frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{2}{s-1} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2} = \frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{3}{s-1} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}.$$

Finally,

$$y(t) = 2 + t - 3e^t + te^t, t \geq 0$$

Question 11

Use Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' + y = \delta(t-2), \quad y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1, 0 \leq t \leq 6.$$

Graph the solution on the indicated interval.

Solution 11

Taking Laplace transform of both sides to obtain

$$s^2Y - 1 + 2sY + Y = e^{-2s}$$

Solving for $Y(s)$ we find

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{e^{-2s}}{(s+1)^2}$$

Therefore,

$$y_1(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}\right] = te^{-t}$$

$$y_2(t) = L^{-1}\left[\frac{e^{-2s}}{(s+1)^2}\right] = (t-2)e^{-(t-2)}u_2(t)$$

$$y(t) = y_1(t) + y_2(t) = te^{-t} + (t-2)e^{-(t-2)}u_2(t)$$

