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The convolution theorem:

If $L^{-1}\{f(s)\} = F(t)$ and $L^{-1}\{g(s)\} = G(t)$, then

$$L^{-1}\{f(s)g(s)\} = \int_0^t F(u)G(t-u)du = F * G$$

OR

The convolution theorem can be re-written as

$$L\left\{\int_0^t F(u)G(t-u)du\right\} = L\{F(t) * G(t)\} = L\{F(t)\} \cdot L\{G(t)\}$$

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1. Find $L^{-1}[\log \frac{s+1}{s+2}]$
2. Find $L^{-1}[\log \frac{s^2+1}{s(s+1)}]$
3. **Find** $L^{-1}[\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{s^2}]$
4. Find $L^{-1}[\frac{1}{(s^2+a^2)^2}]$

Solution of IVP(ODE) using Laplace transform

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Laplace transform technique is a very useful and simple tool to solve initial value problems, that is to obtain the solution of differential equation subjected to initial conditions. It transforms the ODE in t domain to an algebraic equation in Laplace transform domain which is solved by straight forward manipulations. The initial conditions are also used while taking Laplace transform. Then finally taking inversion of the Laplace transforms, we can get the solution to the original problem in t domain.

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Example 1:

Solve $(D^2 + 4)y = t$ given that $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ and $D \equiv \frac{d}{dt}$.

Sol: Given that

$$y''(t) + 4y(t) = t$$

and $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$.

Taking Laplace transform, we get

$$\begin{aligned} L\{y''(t)\} + 4L\{y(t)\} &= L\{t\} \\ \Rightarrow s^2 L\{y(t)\} - sy(0) - y'(0) + 4L\{y(t)\} &= 1/s^2 \\ \Rightarrow (s^2 + 4)L\{y(t)\} &= 1/s^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{y(t)\} = \frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 4)}$$

Taking inverse Laplace transform, **we get final solution as**

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 4)}\right\} = \frac{1}{4}L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 4}\right\} = \frac{1}{4}\left(t - \frac{\sin 2t}{2}\right)$$

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Example 2:

Solve $(D^2 + 1)y = 6 \cos 2t$, if $y = 3$, $Dy = 1$, when $t = 0$.

Ans: ????

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Sol: We have

$$y''(t) + y(t) = 6 \cos 2t$$

and $y(0) = 3$, $y'(0) = 1$.

Taking Laplace transform of (7.3), we get

$$L\{y''(t)\} + L\{y(t)\} = 6L\{\cos 2t\}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 L\{y(t)\} - sy(0) - y'(0) + L\{y(t)\} = \frac{6s}{(s^2 + 4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 L\{y(t)\} - 3s - 1 + L\{y(t)\} = \frac{6s}{(s^2 + 4)}$$

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$$L\{y(t)\} = \frac{3s+1}{(s^2+1)} + \frac{6s}{(s^2+4)(s^2+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{y(t)\} = 5\frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{s^2+1} - 2\frac{s}{s^2+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = L^{-1}\left\{5\frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{s^2+1} - 2\frac{s}{s^2+4}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = 5 \cos t + \sin t - 2 \cos 2t$$

This is the final solution of the Initial value problem.

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Example 3:

Solve $\left[tD^2 + (1 - 2t)D - 2 \right] y = 0$ when $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 2$.

Sol: Given that

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

Taking Laplace transform of both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} L\{ty''\} + L\{y'\} - 2L\{ty'\} - 2L\{y\} &= 0 \\ \text{i.e., } -\frac{d}{ds}L\{y''\} + L\{y'\} + 2\frac{d}{ds}L\{y'\} - 2L\{y\} &= 0 \\ \text{i.e., } -\frac{d}{ds}\left[s^2L\{y\} - sy(0) - y'(0)\right] + sL\{y\} \\ &\quad - y(0) + 2\frac{d}{ds}[s\bar{y} - y(0)] - 2\bar{y} = 0 \\ \text{i.e., } -\frac{d}{ds}\left[s^2\bar{y} - s - 2\right] + s\bar{y} - 1 + 2\frac{d}{ds}[s\bar{y} - 1] - 2\bar{y} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $L\{y\} = \bar{y}(s)$.

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Hence, we get

$$\begin{aligned}(s^2 - 2s) \frac{d\bar{y}}{ds} &= s\bar{y} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d\bar{y}}{\bar{y}} + \frac{ds}{(s-2)} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \log \bar{y} + \log(s-2) &= \log C \\ \Rightarrow \bar{y} &= \frac{C}{(s-2)}\end{aligned}\tag{3.1}$$

Taking inverse Laplace transform of both sides, **we get the solution as**

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= CL^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s-2)} \right\} = Ce^{2t} \\ \Rightarrow y(t) &= e^{2t}, \text{ (as } y(0) = 1)\end{aligned}$$

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Exercise:

- 1 Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = e^t$ with $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$.
- 2 Solve: $t\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dt} + ty = \cos t$ with $y(0) = 1$.

ANS?????