

## Application of Laplace Transform to solution of differential equation

- (1) Solve  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + y = 0$  under the conditions that  
 $y = 1, \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$  when  $t = 0$ .

Ans: We have

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' + y = 0$$

Taking Laplace transform of both sides

$$\therefore L\{y''\} + L\{y\} = L\{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 L\{y\} - py(0) - y'(0) + L\{y\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 + 1) L\{y\} - p \times 1 - 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 + 1) L\{y\} = p$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{y\} = \frac{p}{p^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{p}{p^2 + 1}\right\} = \cos t$$

$\therefore y = \cos t$  is required solution

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- (2) Solve:  $(D^2 + m^2)x = a \cos nt$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$  are finite when  $t = 0$ ,  $n \neq m$ .

Ans:

We have

$$(D^2 + m^2)x = a \cos nt$$

$$\Rightarrow D^2x + m^2x = a \cos nt$$

$$\Rightarrow x'' + m^2x = a \cos nt$$

where  $x$

Taking Laplace transform on both side

$$L\{x''\} + m^2 L\{x\} = a L\{\cos nt\}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 L\{x\} - px(0) - x'(0) + m^2 L\{x\} = a \frac{p}{p^2 + n^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 + m^2) L\{x\} - px_0 - x_1 = \frac{ap}{p^2 + n^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 + m^2) L\{x\} = \frac{ap}{p^2 + n^2} + px_0 + x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{x\} = \frac{ap}{(p^2 + n^2)(p^2 + m^2)} + \frac{p}{p^2 + m^2} x_0 + \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2} x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2 + n^2)(p^2 + m^2)} \right\} + x_0 L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2 + m^2} \right\} + x_1 L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2 + n^2)(p^2 + m^2)} \right\} + x_0 \cos mt + x_1 \frac{\sin mt}{m} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

For  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2 + n^2)(p^2 + m^2)} \right\}$

$$L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2 + n^2)(p^2 + m^2)} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2 + n^2} \cdot \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2} \right\}$$

$$= L^{-1} \{ f(p) \cdot g(p) \}$$

where  $f(p) = \frac{p}{p^2 + n^2}$ ,  $g(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2}$

$$\therefore L^{-1} \{ f(p) \} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2 + n^2} \right\} = \cos nt$$

and  $L^{-1}\{g(p)\} = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{p^2+m^2}\right\} = \frac{1}{m} \sin mt$

Hence by convolution theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{-1}\left\{\frac{p}{(p^2+n^2) \cdot \frac{1}{(p^2+m^2)}}\right\} &= \int_0^t \cos nx \cdot \frac{1}{m} \sin m(t-x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \int_0^t \cos nx \cdot \sin(mt-nx) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2m} \int_0^t 2 \cos nx \cdot \sin(mt-nx) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2m} \int_0^t \left\{ \sin(nx+mt-nx) - \sin(nx-nx-mt+mx) \right\} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2m} \int_0^t \left[ \sin\{mt-x(m-n)\} - \sin\{x(m+n)-mt\} \right] dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \frac{-\cos\{mt-x(m-n)\}}{-(m-n)} \right]_0^t \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \frac{-\cos\{x(m+n)-mt\}}{(m+n)} \right]_0^t \\
 &= \frac{1}{2m(m-n)} \left[ \cos(mt-mt+nt) - \cos mt \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2m(m+n)} \left[ \cos(mt+nt-mt) - \cos mt \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2m(m-n)} \left[ \cos nt - \cos mt \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2m(m+n)} \left[ \cos nt - \cos mt \right] \\
 &= \frac{(\cos nt - \cos mt)}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{(m-n)} + \frac{1}{(m+n)} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2+n^2} \cdot \frac{1}{p^2+m^2} \right\} &= \frac{\cos nt - \cos mt}{2m} \left[ \frac{m+y^2+m-y^2}{m^2-n^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{\cos nt - \cos mt}{2ny^2} \cdot \frac{2my^2}{m^2-n^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(m^2-n^2)} \cos nt - \frac{1}{(m^2-n^2)} \cos mt
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  (10) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore x &= a \left[ \frac{1}{(m^2-n^2)} \cos nt - \frac{1}{(m^2-n^2)} \cos mt \right] \\
 &\quad + x_0 \cos mt + x_1 \frac{\sin mt}{m} \\
 &= x_0 \cos mt + x_1 \frac{1}{m} \sin mt + \frac{a}{(m^2-n^2)} \cos nt \\
 &\quad - \frac{a}{(m^2-n^2)} \cos mt.
 \end{aligned}$$

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3) Solve:  $(D+2)^2 y = 4e^{-2t}$ ,  $y(0) = -1$  and  $y'(0) = 4$

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D+2)^2 y &= 4e^{-2t} \\
 \Rightarrow (D^2 + 4D + 4)y &= 4e^{-2t} \\
 \Rightarrow D^2 y + 4Dy + 4y &= 4e^{-2t} \\
 \Rightarrow y'' + 4y' + 4y &= 4e^{-2t}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $y'' = D^2 y = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$

Taking Laplace transform of both side, we get

$$\therefore L\{y''\} + 4L\{y'\} + 4L\{y\} = 4L\{e^{2t}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 L\{y\} - p y(0) - y'(0) + 4[p L\{y\} - y(0)] + 4L\{y\} = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{p+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 + 4p + 4) L\{y\} - p y(0) - y'(0) - 4 y(0) = \frac{4}{p+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 + 4p + 4) L\{y\} - p \times (-1) - 4 - 4 \times (-1) = \frac{4}{p+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 + 4p + 4) L\{y\} + p - 4 + 4 = \frac{4}{p+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 + 4p + 4) L\{y\} = \frac{4}{p+2} - p = \frac{4 - p^2 - 2p}{p+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{y\} = \frac{4 - p^2 - 2p}{(p+2)(p^2 + 4p + 4)}$$

$$= \frac{4 - p^2 - 2p}{(p+2)^3} = \frac{-\{p^2 + 2p - 4\}}{(p+2)^3}$$

$$= - \frac{\{p^2 + 2 \cdot p \cdot 2 + 4 - 2p - 8\}}{(p+2)^3}$$

$$= - \frac{\{(p+2)^2 + 2p + 8\}}{(p+2)^3}$$

$$= - \frac{(p+2)^2 + 2(p+2) + 4}{(p+2)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = L^{-1} \left[ \frac{-(p+2)^2 + 2(p+2) + 4}{(p+2)^3} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{-2t} L^{-1} \left[ \frac{-p^2 + 2p + 4}{(p+2)^3} \right]$$

[By shifting theorem]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore y &= e^{2t} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{4}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{2}{p^2} \right\} \\
 &= e^{2t} \left\{ 4 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} - 1 + 2 \frac{t}{1!} \right\} \\
 &= e^{2t} \left\{ \frac{4t^2}{2} - 1 + 2t \right\} \\
 &= e^{2t} \{ 2t^2 + 2t - 1 \} \quad \text{Ans.}
 \end{aligned}$$

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④ Solve  $(D^2 - 2D + 2)y = 0$ ,  $y = Dy = 1$  when  $t = 0$

Ans.

We have,

$$(D^2 - 2D + 2)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D^2 y - 2Dy + 2y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0 \quad \text{where } D \equiv \frac{d}{dt}$$

Taking Laplace transform of both sides, we get

$$\therefore L\{y''\} - 2L\{y'\} + 2L\{y\} = L\{0\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow p^2 L\{y\} - p y(0) - y'(0) - 2p L\{y\} + 2L\{y\} &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow p^2 L\{y\} - p y(0) - y'(0) - 2p L\{y\} + 2L\{y\} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 - 2p + 2)L\{y\} - p y(0) - y'(0) + 2y(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2 - 2p + 2)L\{y\} = p + 1 - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{y\} = \frac{p-1}{p^2 - 2p + 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{y\} = \frac{p-1}{p^2 - 2 \cdot p \cdot i + i^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p-1}{(p-i)^2 + 1} \right\}$$



$$\Rightarrow y = e^t L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2+1} \right\} \quad \left\{ \text{By shifting theorem} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^t \cos t$$

which is the required solution.

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(5) Solve:  $(D^2+9)y = \cos 2t$  if  $y(0)=1$ ,  $y(\frac{\pi}{2})=-1$

We have,

$$(D^2+9)y = \cos 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow D^2y + 9y = \cos 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' + 9y = \cos 2t$$

Taking Laplace transform on both side, we get

$$\therefore L\{y''\} + 9L\{y\} = L\{\cos 2t\}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 L\{y\} - py(0) - y'(0) + 9L\{y\} = \frac{p}{p^2+2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2+9)L\{y\} - p \times 1 - A = \frac{p}{p^2+4} \quad \left\{ \text{let } y'(0)=A \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2+9)L\{y\} - p - A = \frac{p}{p^2+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p^2+9)L\{y\} = \frac{p}{p^2+4} + p + A$$

$$\Rightarrow L\{y\} = \frac{p}{(p^2+4)(p^2+9)} + \frac{p}{p^2+9} + \frac{A}{p^2+9}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2+4)(p^2+9)} \right\} + L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2+9} \right\} + A L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p^2+9} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2+4)(p^2+9)} \right\} + \cos 3t + A \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t$$

For  $L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2+4)(p^2+9)} \right\}$

$$L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2+4)(p^2+9)} \right\} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2+4} \cdot \frac{1}{p^2+9} \right\}$$

$$= L^{-1} \{ f(p) \cdot g(p) \}$$

where  $f(p) = \frac{p}{p^2+4}$ ,  $g(p) = \frac{1}{p^2+9}$

$$\therefore L^{-1} \{ f(p) \} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{p^2+4} \right\} = \cos 2t$$

$$\text{and } L^{-1} \{ g(p) \} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p^2+9} \right\} = \frac{1}{3} \sin 3t$$

Hence by convolution theorem we have,

$$L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{p}{(p^2+4)(p^2+9)} \right\} = \int_0^t \cos 2x \cdot \frac{1}{3} \sin 3(t-x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int_0^t 2 \cos 2x \cdot \sin(3t-3x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int_0^t \{ \sin(2x+3t-3x) - \sin(2x-3t+3x) \} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int_0^t \{ \sin(3t-x) - \sin(5x-3t) \} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{-\cos(3t-x)}{+1} + \frac{\cos(5x-3t)}{5} \right]_0^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \cos 2t + \frac{\cos 2t}{5} - \cos 3t + \frac{\cos 3t}{5} \right]$$



$$\therefore L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{P}{(P^2+4)(P^2+9)} \right\} = \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{6 \cos 2t}{5} - \frac{6 \cos 3t}{5} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \cos 2t - \frac{1}{5} \cos 3t$$

$\therefore$  (1) becomes

$$y = \frac{1}{5} \cos 2t - \frac{1}{5} \cos 3t + \cos 2t + \frac{A}{3} \sin 3t$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \cos 2t + \frac{4}{5} \cos 2t + \frac{A}{3} \sin 3t \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Since  $y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$

Putting  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  in (2)

$$\therefore -1 = \frac{1}{5} \cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{4}{5} \cos\left(2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{A}{3} \sin\left(3 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 = -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{5} \times 0 + \frac{A}{3} \times (-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A}{3} = -\frac{1}{5} + 1 = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{12}{5}$$

$\therefore$  (2) becomes

$$y = \frac{1}{5} \cos 2t + \frac{4}{5} \cos 2t + \frac{12}{15} \sin 3t$$

which is the required solution.

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Solve:  $(D+1)^2 y = t$  given that  $y = -3$  when  $t=0$ ,  $y = -1$  when  $t=1$

We have,