

Solution Guide for
Homework #4

#2.11.5

Find the solution of the following initial-value problem:

$$y'' + y = \begin{cases} \cos t & , 0 \leq t \leq \pi/2 \\ 0 & , \pi/2 \leq t < \infty \end{cases}; \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -1$$

Solution:

→ Taking the Laplace transform of the l.h.s. we get:

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' + y\} = \mathcal{L}\{y''\} + \mathcal{L}\{y\} = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - sy(0) - y'(0) +$$

$$+ \mathcal{L}\{y\} = (s^2 + 1) \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 3s + 1 \quad \text{- by Lemma 4 (p. 229).}$$

→ Taking the Laplace transform of the r.h.s. we get:
 (noticing that r.h.s. = $\cos t (1 - H_{\pi/2}(t))$)

$$\mathcal{L}\{\text{r.h.s.}\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos t - \cos t H_{\pi/2}(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} - \mathcal{L}\{\cos t H_{\pi/2}(t)\} =$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} - \mathcal{L}\{\sin(t + \pi/2) H_{\pi/2}(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} + \mathcal{L}\{\sin(t - \pi/2)\}.$$

$$\cdot H_{\pi/2}(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos t\} + e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} + e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} -$$

by proposition 3.

→ Therefore, we have:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\text{l.h.s.}\} = \mathcal{L}\{\text{r.h.s.}\} \Leftrightarrow (s^2+1) \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 3s + 1 = \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{e^{-\frac{\pi s}{2}}}{s^2+1} \quad (1)$$

as $s^2+1 > 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{s}{(s^2+1)^2} + \frac{e^{-\frac{\pi s}{2}}}{(s^2+1)^2} + 3 \frac{s}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s^2+1}, \text{ and}$$

$$\left(\frac{s}{(s^2+1)^2} + \frac{e^{-\frac{\pi s}{2}}}{(s^2+1)^2} + 3 \frac{s}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s^2+1} \right) + e^{-\frac{\pi s}{2}}.$$

by Proposition 1

$$\left(\frac{s^2+1}{(s^2+1)^2} - \frac{s^2}{(s^2+1)^2} \right) + \mathcal{L}\{3\cos t - \sin t\} = \mathcal{L}\left\{ \frac{t}{2} \sin t + 3\cos t - \sin t \right\} +$$

$$+ e^{-\frac{\pi s}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} + \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{s}{s^2+1} \right) \right) \stackrel{\text{by Proposition 1}}{=} \mathcal{L}\left\{ \frac{t}{2} \sin t + 3\cos t - \sin t \right\} +$$

$$+ e^{-\frac{\pi s}{2}} \mathcal{L}\left\{ \frac{\sin t}{2} - t \cdot \frac{\cos t}{2} \right\} \stackrel{\text{by Property 3}}{=} \mathcal{L}\left\{ \frac{t}{2} \sin t + 3\cos t - \sin t \right\} +$$

$$+ \mathcal{L}\left\{ H_{\frac{\pi}{2}}(t) \cdot \left(\frac{\sin(t-\frac{\pi}{2})}{2} - (t-\frac{\pi}{2}) \cos \frac{\cos(t-\frac{\pi}{2})}{2} \right) \right\} =$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\left\{ \frac{t}{2} \sin t + 3\cos t - \sin t - \frac{1}{2} H_{\frac{\pi}{2}}(t) \left(\cos t + (t-\frac{\pi}{2}) \sin t \right) \right\}.$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Hence, } y(t) = \frac{t}{2} \sin t + 3\cos t - \sin t - \frac{1}{2} H_{\frac{\pi}{2}}(t) \left(\cos t + (t-\frac{\pi}{2}) \sin t \right).$$

$$\underline{\text{Answer}}: y(t) = \frac{t}{2} \sin t + 3\cos t - \sin t - \frac{1}{2} H_{\frac{\pi}{2}}(t) \left(\cos t + (t-\frac{\pi}{2}) \sin t \right).$$

#12.12.7

Solve the given initial-value problem:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + y = e^{-t} + 3\delta(t-3); \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 3.$$

Solution:

→ Taking the Laplace transform of L.h.s we get:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + y\right\} = s^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - sy(0) - y'(0) + 2s \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 2y(0) + \mathcal{L}\{y\} = (s^2 + 2s + 1) \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 3 = (s+1)^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 3$$

→ Taking the Laplace transform of r.h.s. we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t} + 3\delta(t-3)\} &= \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}\} + \mathcal{L}\{3\delta(t-3)\} = \\ &= \frac{1}{s+1} + 3 \cdot e^{-3s}, \quad s > -1 \end{aligned}$$

→ Therefore, we have:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\text{l.h.s.}\} = \mathcal{L}\{\text{r.h.s.}\} \Leftrightarrow (s+1)^2 \mathcal{L}\{y\} - 3 = \frac{1}{s+1} + 3e^{-3s} \Leftrightarrow$$

for $s > -1$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \frac{1}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{3e^{-3s}}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{3}{(s+1)^2}, \quad \text{where}$$

$$\frac{1}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{3e^{-3s}}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{3}{(s+1)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) - 3e^{-3s} \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) -$$

~~for s=1~~

$$- 3 \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{s+1} \right) = \mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t} \right\} + 3e^{-3s} \mathcal{L} \left\{ t e^{-t} \right\} + 3 \mathcal{L} \left\{ t e^{-t} \right\} =$$

$$= \mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t} + 3t e^{-t} \right\} + \mathcal{L} \left\{ 3H_3(t) \cdot (t-3) e^{3-t} \right\} =$$

$$= \mathcal{L} \left\{ e^{-t} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + 3t + 3H_3(t)(t-3)e^3 \right) \right\}$$

→ Hence, $y(t) = e^{-t} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + 3t + 3H_3(t)(t-3)e^3 \right)$

Answer: $y(t) = e^{-t} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} + 3t + 3H_3(t)(t-3)e^3 \right)$

#2.13.11

Use Theorem 9 to invert the Laplace transform:

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

Solution:

→ $\frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2} = \frac{1}{s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} = \frac{d}{ds} \left(-\frac{1}{s} \right) \cdot \frac{d}{ds} \left(-\frac{1}{s+1} \right) =$

$$= \frac{d}{ds} (\mathcal{L}\{-1\}) \cdot \frac{d}{ds} (\mathcal{L}\{t e^{-t}\}) = \mathcal{L}\{t\} \cdot \mathcal{L}\{t e^{-t}\} =$$

$$= \mathcal{L} \{ t * te^{-t} \} - \text{by Theorem 9.}$$

$$\rightarrow t * te^{-t} = \int_0^t (t-u) ue^{-u} du = t \int_0^t ue^{-u} du + \\ + (ue^{-u})|_0^t - 2 \int_0^t ue^{-u} du = (t-2) \int_0^t ue^{-u} du + t^2 e^{-t} =$$

$$= (t-2) \left((ue^{-u})|_0^t + \int_0^t e^{-u} du \right) + t^2 e^{-t} = (t-2)(-te^{-t} -$$

$$- e^{-t} + 1) + t^2 e^{-t} = te^{-t} + 2e^{-t} + t - 2 =$$

$$= e^{-t}(t+2) + (t-2).$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Hence, } \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s^2(s+1)^2} \right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ \mathcal{L} \{ e^{-t}(t+2) + (t-2) \} \} = \\ = e^{-t}(t+2) + (t-2).$$

Answer: $e^{-t}(t+2) + (t-2)$